

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
Agenda - March 28th, 2018, 8:35pm
Phone Call (404-465-2907 or www.uberconference.com/gaswimming)

1. Roll Call, present:

Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Mike Radford (ABSC) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD)	Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), Athlete Sam Wilson (DYNA), Guest
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2. Approve [minutes of February Meeting](#)

Moved by Sydney; Second by Mike

*No further discussion. **Approved***

3. Zone Team updates

Sydney: price for trip was finalized and will be higher than initial estimate (\$875/swimmer) due to travel costs. Senior applications are due Sunday, and at this time there are not enough to fill the whole team. We might need to postpone applications.

Lucas: if you have any kids who might be interested please remind them to apply.

4. Camp updates

[There is a camp page](#) on the Georgia Swimming website with the summary of the camp.

a. Head Coach

We have yet to confirm a head coach. Lucas has contacted someone else early in the week, and if that doesn’t work has another 2-3 names, but any suggestions/contacts would be appreciated at this point.

b. Athletes

Athletes invite went out just over a week ago, and we’re getting a decent amount of registrations so far (around 20). Athletes and families have until April 12th to register, and some might be currently in Spring Break so hopefully we’re getting the minimum number we established to have the camp (40)

c. Staff

Staff applications are also being accepted at this point. There have been at least 8 applications already (camp will have 4 assistant coaches). We’re looking good with regards to staffing the camp.

5. SCY State Meet notes

a. Distance events in Finals, need to flip 11-12 & 13-14

Lucas: there was a mistake in the meet information, which caused 11-12 events to be back to back in finals; will be fixed, but is something to be on lookout for whenever we are having events swam at the end of the Prelims and beginning of Finals (400IMs and 500/400 Free)

b. Review Cuts for 13-14 100IM;

i. Girls had only 27 entries total (15/12)

ii. Boys had 40 entries(17/23)

Lucas: this was the first time this event was part of the meet, so perhaps part of the issue was that the event was not offered in some of the meets mid-season, meaning swimmers had fewer chances to pick up cuts. There might be a natural raise in the number of entries in future years as the event is kept in the meet. Main issue was on the Girls’ side, where there were not enough entries to fill out the evening heats.

Mike: agrees with Lucas that on the Boys’ side we might just need to let it play out for at least another year.

Lucas suggests loosening the cuts on the Girls side by 0.25% for 13yr olds and by 0.5% for 14yr olds (in the past we've been very conservative when loosening cuts). Lucas suggested he should do the math and see what those changes would look like, and then have them approved during the next meeting.

Update: *13yr old cut would change from 1:05.09 to 1:05.29 (4 more swimmers would have made the cut)
14yr old cut would change from 1:03.39 to 1:03.59 (4 more swimmers would have made the cut)*

- c. Review order of events on Sunday (100IM, 50 Free probably not a good combo)
Last day had 100IM and 50Free back to back, both of which are sprint events. It was made worse by the lack of entries in the 13-14 100IM, but many swimmers were back up very quickly after swimming the IM.

Lucas suggests moving the 200fly to follow the IM.

Mike: wonder if just making the adjustments to the cuts of the IM would be enough to mitigate that issue.

Lucas: thinks it would make it a little better, but not sure it would be enough.

Committee voted to move the 200 fly to follow the IM. (see Attachment A for order of events).

- d. Review order of finals swims CBA vs ABC; or come up with process for moving athletes into AB heats early?

Lucas: the rationale for swimming finals with ABC heats is that it allows extra opportunities for filling-in lanes in the case of no-shows (when swimming CBA, after heat C alternates can no longer be added). We used to swim ABC, and most, if not all, mid-season meets still do so. The change to CBA was proposed by Wil Bayer (SA), with the rationale being that at this meet we haven't had no-shows for scoring heats, so it makes sense to swim the championship heat last (as is done at National level meets). Lucas didn't remember even seeing a no-show in a scoring heat since he's been in Georgia (7yrs).

We had a no-show in scoring heats this past meet, so some officials, as well as Pike, have suggested we go back to swimming final heats as CBA, in order to allow heats to be filled.

Mike: if this is the first time in many years that we've had a no show in a scoring heat, it's likely that this year's was a fluke, so perhaps we should just let it play for another few meets unless we get more of those

At this time, still swim finals as CBA; if we get more no shows in scoring heats we'll re-evaluate.

- e. Review positive check-in rule: perhaps a penalty for swimmers checked into Finals heat?

Georgia Swimming Scratch rule regarding positive check-in events interpretation is that, when there is no limit of entries there should be no penalty for checking in and not swimming (since nobody was prevented from swimming due to that check-in); since we have the top heats of timed finals events being swam in Finals, there might be a need to review that interpretation. In this year's meet, in a couple instances swimmers checked-in and were seeded with events in Finals, but no showed during finals.

Mike: thinks that in this case, there should be a penalty as other swimmers who would rather have swam their events in Finals are being barred from doing so due to that check-in.

Jonathan: wonder what would the penalty be (same as no-showing for a Final swimming, swimmer is out of the meet; or just out of next event)?

Lucas: thinks that, unless we were to re-write the positive check-in rules, the penalty would have to be the swimmer is out of his/her next event.

Lucas to submit request to Officials/Tech Planning to review interpretation of rule in this case.

6. Old Business

- a. SCY State meet dates (can stay where it is)

We had some discussion back in November/December about potentially moving the dates for the SCY State Champs, as Tech had asked to have our usual weekend. They just came back to us and said they

will no longer need that weekend, and therefore we could keep the meet where it's been. As the potential move the 1st weekend in March was well received by the committee, is there a preference now that we have the option?

Ryan: having the option, the usual weekend is a better one, as it allows more time between that meet and Age Group Sectionals, for the teams that attend that meet.

Mike: it also allows more time for teams in most Divisions to re-focus and prepare for those meets.

At this point, if given an option, the committee would rather keep the meet in its usual weekend

b. Update on Tech Suit legislation

Legislation we came up with had been sent to Tech Planning, which then also sent it to the BOD. At first, there was a lot of uncertainty in the part of the BOD, especially with regards to the implementation and application of such rule. Members of the BOD reached out to other LSCs which already passed similar legislation asking for feedback on those. All responses received indicated a surprisingly smooth process of implementation in other LSCs, and some going into effect very quickly.

At this point, Lucas has requested we review our proposal to make sure we are in agreement with it. Some questions with regards to what penalty would be imposed if a swimmer competes in a suit not allowed for his/her age. Lucas informs that would likely be the same as any stroke infraction (DQ from the event).

Reminders that, ideally, this will be a lot more about education than policing, and that by spreading this information ahead of time (as well as the rationale for it) we should have very few instances (or, hopefully, none) of swimmers in suits that are not allowed.

Committee unanimously supports the proposal (see Attachment B).

Proposal to be re-sent to Technical Planning for approval during our Spring LSC meetings.

c. LCM State Champs Order of Events

Lucas had sent a proposed new order of events for the LCM Champs. Some discussion on event order on Friday, to avoid 400IM and 200 Free to be back to back in Finals, Mike proposed moving the 100 Breast to beginning of session.

Discussion with regards to the Mixed Medley Relays. Lucas mentioned he had originally come up with this order prior to those being voted down from the SCY meet, so he just kept them there for now, but would be a straightforward change if they were to be removed from this meet as well. Plenty of discussion with regard to options for this relay (make it an exhibition event, non scoring; limit number of relays each swimmer can compete in, etc.). For now Lucas, asked that we just keep in mind that this might be voted down, but we don't have to approve or take it out now.

Some discussion with regards to the 13-14 400 Free. Due to number of events, there is a need for a break in the middle of the session on Sunday Prelims (back to back 11-12 events). Lucas mentioned we could stick the 400 Free there instead (estimates about 50min-1h to run the entire event). Committee favors keeping the 400 Free at the end of Prelims. For the heats that will be swam in Finals, ok to stick them into that slot and not need the 10min break.

For updated proposed Order of Events for the LCM meet check Attachment C

7. New Business

a. LSC "B"-level championship

Tabled.

8. Next meeting: [LSC Spring Meetings](#) (April 21st), 1:30pm ([full schedule here](#)).

Please remember to [RSVP online](#)

Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm.

Attachment A: SCY State Meet Sunday Order of Events

Order of Events

Sunday

Session 7: Preliminary Heats

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
67	11-12	100 IM	68	Prelims	
69	13-14	100 IM	70	Prelims	
71	11-12	200 Fly	72	Prelims	
73	13-14	200 Fly	74	Prelims	
75	11-12	50 Free	76	Timed Finals	1
77	13-14	50 Free	78	Prelims	
79	11-12	50 Breast	80	Prelims	
81	13-14	100 Back	82	Prelims	
83	11-12	100 Back	84	Prelims	
<i>* Break</i>					
85	14&U	200 Medley Relay	86	Timed Finals	5
87	12&U	200 Medley Relay	88	Timed Finals	
<i>* Break</i>					
89	13-14	500 Free	90	Timed Finals	7
91	11-12	500 Free	92	Timed Finals	

Note 1: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals.

Note 5: all heats swam in the morning.

Note 7: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). Events will be seeded fastest to slowest, and all heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender for each age group, which will be contested during finals. During the Preliminary session, events will be swam in event order, with odd heats in the diving well pool and odd heats in the pool by the scoreboard. During finals, 11-12 events will be swam first, then 13-14s.

* Breaks before and after relays will be 3min minimum, and meet re-start time shall be announced at the start of the break.

Session 8: 10&U Timed Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
93	10&U	100 IM	94	Timed Finals	
95	10&U	50 Free	96	Timed Finals	
97	10&U	100 Breast	98	Timed Finals	
99	10&U	50 Fly	100	Timed Finals	
101	10&U	200 Free	102	Timed Finals	
103	10&U	100 Back	104	Timed Finals	
<i>* Break</i>					
105	10&U	200 Medley Relay	106	Timed Finals	

Session 9: Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
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91	11-12	500 Free	92	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	7
89	13-14	500 Free	90	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	
67	11-12	100 IM	68	Finals	
69	13-14	100 IM	70	Finals	
71	11-12	200 Fly	72	Finals	
73	13-14	200 Fly	74	Finals	
75	11-12	50 Free	76	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	1
77	13-14	50 Free	78	Finals	
79	11-12	50 Breast	80	Finals	
81	13-14	100 Back	82	Finals	
83	11-12	100 Back	84	Finals	

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Note 7: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). Events will be seeded fastest to slowest, and all heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender for each age group, which will be contested during finals. During the Preliminary session, events will be swam in event order, with odd heats in the diving well pool and odd heats in the pool by the scoreboard. During finals, 11-12 events will be swam first, then 13-14s.

Attachment B: Georgia Swimming Tech Suit Restrictions

Georgia Swimming Tech Suit Restrictions

Submitted by: Age Group Committee

Effective date: September 1st, 2018

Purpose: the Age Group Committee believes that younger, developmental swimmers should focus on developing technical proficiency, and that the widespread use of tech suits amongst those swimmers carries the risk of shifting that focus into what the swimmers are wearing instead. Furthermore, families of younger swimmers might feel pressured to provide similar suits in order to guarantee their swimmers' competitiveness in the sport, and the increased financial burden of buying tech suits (often costly and not durable) might end up driving families of younger swimmers away from the sport. Thus, the AG Committee proposes the following legislation to be added to the Georgia Swimming Rules and Regulations.

"In all Georgia Swimming Sanctioned or Approved competitions, the use of Tech Suits as defined below will NOT be allowed by any 10&U athletes (whether competing in age-specific or "Open" events). In addition, the use of Tech Suits will NOT be allowed in any 11-12 events, with exception of meets determined as Championship meets by the Technical Planning Committee ([list meets here](#)).

Georgia Swimming defines "Tech Suit" as any suit with bonded or meshed seams and/or kinetic tape. The LSC will publish a list of restricted suits, which shall be updated on a monthly basis, as a resource for swimmers, parents and coaches; however a suit does NOT need to be included on the list in order to be considered a restricted suit.

Restricted Suit List by Manufacturer (include link to website)"

If approved, the above passage should be included in the meet information packet for all Approved or Sanctioned meets for the first year this legislation is effective as means of disseminating information.

Attachment C: LCM State Champs Proposed order of events

Order of Events

Thursday,

Session 1: Timed Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
1	13-14	800 Free		Timed Finals	1
	13-14	1500 Free	2	Timed Finals	
3	11-12	800 Free		Timed Finals	
	11-12	800 Free	4	Timed Finals	

Note 1: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be swam in the same course, fastest to slowest, alternating (1 heat of event #1, 1 heat of event #2, 1 heat of event #3, 1 heat of event #4, etc)

Friday,

Session 2: Preliminary Heats

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
5	11-12	100 Breast	6	Prelims	
7	13-14	100 Breast	8	Prelims	
9	11-12	200 Free	10	Prelims	
11	13-14	200 Free	12	Prelims	
13	11-12	50 Fly	14	Prelims	2
15	13-14	100 Fly	16	Prelims	
17	11-12	200 Back	18	Timed Finals	
* Break					
19	14&U	200 Free Relay	20	Timed Finals	3
21	12&U	200 Free Relay	22	Timed Finals	
* Break					
23	13-14	400 IM	24	Timed Finals	4
25	11-12	400 IM	26	Timed Finals	

Note 2: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals.

Note 3: all heats to be contested during prelims.

Note 4: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender for each age group, which will be contested during finals. During Prelims, event will be swam at the end of the session in event order, with odd heats starting from the dive well side and even heats starting from the scoreboard end; during Finals, events will be swam at the beginning of the session, 11-12s first then 13-14s.

* Breaks before and after relays will be 3min minimum, and meet re-start time shall be announced at the start of the break.

Session 3: 10&U Timed Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
27	10&U	50 Free	28	Timed Finals	
29	10&U	100 Back	30	Timed Finals	
31	10&U	50 Breast	32	Timed Finals	
33	10&U	400 Free	34	Timed Finals	5
* Break					

* Break				
35	10&U	200 Mixed Medley Relay	Timed Finals	

Note 5: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). Events will swim in regular order, slow to fast.

Session 4: Finals

Girls Event #	Age	Event	Boys Event #		Notes
25	11-12	400 IM	26	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	4
23	13-14	400 IM	24	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	
5	11-12	100 Breast	6	Finals	
7	13-14	100 Breast	8	Finals	
9	11-12	200 Free	10	Finals	
11	13-14	200 Free	12	Finals	
13	11-12	50 Fly	14	Finals	2
15	13-14	100 Fly	16	Finals	
17	11-12	200 Back	18	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	
* Break					
37	14&U	400 Medley Relay	38	Timed Finals	6
39	12&U	400 Medley Relay	40	Timed Finals	

Note 6: all 400 Relays will be seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will swim in Finals.

Order of Events

Saturday

Session 5: Preliminary Heats

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
41	13-14	200 Fly	42	Prelims	
43	11-12	100 Fly	44	Prelims	
45	13-14	100 Free	46	Prelims	
47	11-12	50 Free	48	Prelims	
49	13-14	200 Breast	50	Prelims	
51	11-12	200 Breast	52	Timed Final	2
53	13-14	100 Back	54	Prelims	
55	11-12	50 Back	56	Prelims	
* Break					
57	14&U	200 Medley Relay	58	Timed Finals	3
59	12&U	200 Medley Relay	60	Timed Finals	
10-minute Break					
61	11-12	400 Free	62	Timed Finals	7

Note 2: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals.

Note 3: all heats to be contested during prelims.

Note 7: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals. In Prelims, events will be swam last; during Finals, events will be swam at the beginning of the session.

* Breaks before and after relays will be 3min minimum, and meet re-start time shall be announced at the start of the break.

Session 6: 10&U Timed Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
63	10&U	200 IM	64	Timed Finals	
65	10&U	50 Fly	66	Timed Finals	
67	10&U	100 Breast	68	Timed Finals	
69	10&U	100 Free	70	Timed Finals	
* Break					
71	10&U	200 Free Relay	72	Timed Finals	

Session 7: Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		<i>Notes</i>
61	11-12	400 Free	62	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	7
41	13-14	200 Fly	42	Finals	
43	11-12	100 Fly	44	Finals	
45	13-14	100 Free	46	Finals	
47	11-12	50 Free	48	Finals	
49	13-14	200 Breast	50	Finals	

51	11-12	200 Breast	52	Timed Final (Top Heat)	2
53	13-14	100 Back	54	Finals	
55	11-12	50 Back	56	Finals	
* Break					
73	14&U	400 Free Relay	74	Timed Finals	6
75	12&U	400 Free Relay	76	Timed Finals	

Note 2: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals.

Note 6: all 400 Relays will be seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will swim in Finals.

Note 7: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals. During Prelims all heats will be contest at the end of the session; During Finals events will be contested following the 13-14 200 Breast

* Breaks before and after relays will be 3min minimum, and meet re-start time shall be announced at the start of the break.

Order of Events

Sunday

Session 8: Preliminary Heats

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
75	11-12	200 Fly	76	Timed Finals	2
77	13-14	200 Back	78	Prelims	
79	11-12	100 Back	80	Prelims	
<i>10 Minute Break</i>					
81	11-12	50 Breast	82	Prelims	
83	13-14	50 Free	84	Prelims	
85	11-12	100 Free	86	Prelims	
87	13-14	200 IM	88	Prelims	
89	11-12	200 IM	90	Prelims	
<i>* Break</i>					
91	14&U	200 Mixed Medley Relay		Timed Finals	3
92	12&U	200 Mixed Medley Relay		Timed Finals	
<i>* Break</i>					
93	13-14	400 Free	94	Timed Finals	8

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Note 3: all heats to be contested during prelims.

Note 8: events will be deck seeded after positive check-in (see "Check-In"). All heats will be contested during prelims, except the fastest checked-in heat in each gender, which will be contested during finals. During Prelims all heats will be contest at the end of the session; During Finals heats will be swam following the 11-12 100 Back.

Session 6: 10&U Timed Finals

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
95	10&U	200 Free	96	Timed Finals	
97	10&U	50 Back	98	Timed Finals	
99	10&U	100 Fly	100	Timed Finals	
<i>* Break</i>					
101	10&U	200 Medley Relay	102	Timed Finals	

Session 8: Preliminary Heats

<i>Girls Event #</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys Event #</i>		Notes
75	11-12	200 Fly	76	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	2
77	13-14	200 Back	78	Finals	
79	11-12	100 Back	80	Finals	
93	13-14	400 Free	94	Timed Finals (Top Heat)	8

81	11-12	50 Breast	82	Prelims	
83	13-14	50 Free	84	Prelims	
85	11-12	100 Free	86	Prelims	
87	13-14	200 IM	88	Prelims	
89	11-12	200 IM	90	Prelims	

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