

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
 Agenda - July 22nd, 2018, following conclusion of Prelim Session at Age Group State

1. Roll Call, present:

Committee Members		Guests
Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Sydney Pepper (DAQ) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD) Jason Swain (SMAC) Sophie Taylor (GOLD), athlete	Pike Hightower (RAYS) Nick Graves (DYNA) Scot Davis (SA) Mike Radford (ABSC)	Jordan Barry (HLHK) Jabari Kink (HLHK) Brandon Little (HLHK) Jessica Cooper (UN)

2. Approve minutes of [June Meeting](#)

*Moved Sydney; Second by Ryan. No further discussion. **Approved.***

3. Age Group Zone Team updates (Sydney):

Total of 73 applications for 11-14 (Breakdown: 11-12Girls - 20; 11-12Boys - 14; 13-14G - 12; 13-14B - 27).

Very low numbers on some age groups. Nick reminded that part of the goal when switching to a non-refundable application fee was to decrease the number of applications to a certain degree. Still, concerns that this year’s trip price might have kept some potential team members from applying.

4. Meet Review

Jabari: 10&U session moving too fast, there were no breaks between races. Lucas mentioned he tried to talk to officials about pacing the meet and including breaks in between 50s, but that was not followed on Friday. This comes up every year, and we’re always getting bombarded after the first day of 10&U.

Committee decided to add 5min breaks after the 50s during the 10&U sessions. If timelines ever get too long for that session we can review it.

Lucas: concerns over this meet being significantly smaller than in previous years. LSC has a rule that no meets are supposed to be sanctioned during the same weekend as championship meets or meetings, but GRPA meet was sanctioned this year. It seems securing officials for this meet was also difficult due to that conflict.

Nick: doesn’t think we lost that many swimmers to GRPA (Dynamo qualifiers not at meet were either at camp or vacation, not at GRPA);

Scot: agrees with Nick, numbers are just generally down from previous years.

Lucas: different warm-up times for Prelims on Friday and Sat/Sun. Are people still ok with that. Yes

Scot: could review the Sunday warm-up times for 10&U (why is it latter?), and also move start of Finals up to help traveling teams some.

Committee agreed to move Sunday warm-up times for 10&U to 1:00pm (as in Fri/Sat), and also Finals warm-ups and start times on Sunday to 4:30pm/5:30pm.

Lucas: has received complaints from officials regarding the multiple check-in times. Committee would like to keep those as they currently are, as it gives coaches and athletes more flexibility during warm-ups.

Jessica: has received complaints/questions regarding the number of older kids (15&O) on deck during the meet.

Nick: there were some issues with where kids were which created a bottle neck. Dynamo will make sure that 15&O kids who are there to watch/support their teammates stay out of the way of coaches and athletes at the meet.

Committee feels having Seniors to support their younger teammates at the meet is a positive thing for the meet. Will just have to make sure logistics of it is thought through in the future.

5. Old Business

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

The following text should be added to the Age Group State Champs meet information under "Georgia Scratch Rule":

The Georgia Scratch Rule adopted April 18, 2010 and revised on September 12, 2015 is attached and will be in effect with the following modification:

A swimmer who checks-in to swim in the night heat (top 10) of any positive check-in event and fails to compete WILL be barred from his/her next event. In the case that the missed positive check-in event was said swimmer's last event of the meet, a fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed.

*Moved by Sydney; second by pike. No further discussion. **Approved.***

- b. Review team size divisions for State Champs, options

- i. Create a new division for Extra-Large Teams, the divisions would be Small (1-80 athletes), Medium (81-200 athletes), Large (201-450 athletes), Extra Large (451+)
- ii. Keep it as 3 team size divisions, but move the numbers for each division to: Small (1-100 athletes), Medium (101-250 athletes), Large (251+ athletes)
- iii. Keep Team Size Divisions as they currently are (1-80, 81-200, 200+)

*Mike Radford moved to approve option 1. Jason second. **Option 1 Approved.** (7 votes in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention).*

6. New Business

- a. Question brought by SA: if they swam 12&U swimmers on a 14&U relays, could it be recognized as State Record?

Currently State records are recognized as 11-12, 13-14. Questions if SWIMS would be able to easily identify 14&U, 12&U relays instead.

Jessica will check with SWIMS coordinator and get back to committee.

- b. Cuts: when meet was split into single age, the cuts were re-distributed to have even numbers of each age into the meet. Now that the meet has been re-combined into age groups, do we want to go back to weighting cuts to have more of the older ages (12, 14) than the younger ones (11, 13)?

Committee to look at historical number of entries for each event since last change in cuts to determine if some need to be adjusted.

7. Next meeting: conference call on September 5th, 8:35pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm