

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee
Agenda - August 21st, 2019, 8:35pm
Phone Call (404-465-2907 or www.uberconference.com/gaswimming)

Meeting called to order at 8:39pm

1. Roll Call, in attendance:

Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair Jason Swaim (SMAC) Ryan L’Roy (GOLD) Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), Athlete	Sarah-Grace Thompson (SA), Athlete Sydney Pepper (DYNA) Mike Radford (ABSC)
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2. Approve [minutes from June meeting](#)

Lucas: there were no athlete reps at the last meeting, so minutes could not be approved.

Moved by Sydney; Second by Ryan.

Approved.

3. Approve minutes from July meeting

Moved by Sydney; Second by Mike

Approved.

4. Old Business

a. Review cuts for SCY State Champs

i. Single Age or Combined Age?

ii. Use previously approved formula or use Target # of swims in SWIMS database?

Lucas: for those who were not present at the July meeting, Wil Bayer (SA) presented a proposal to go back to combined cuts for each age group. Lucas e-mailed those to the Committee.

Jason: sees rationale for going back to combined cuts, as the meet is swam as age groups. Thinks it would be a great way to get more kids from the older ages into the meet. Question on the discussion in July.

Lucas: seems both proposals for cuts have the same intent as growing the meet again. Since we haven’t had time to really look into the combined cuts proposal, just worried it might not really do what’s intended to (potential number of swimmers aging up, or spreading across events).

Ryan: concern with softening the 14yr olds causing a steeper gap between those and the Senior cuts.

Mike: likes the idea of going back to combined cuts, agrees with the rationale behind it, but also agrees with Lucas that at this point it might be safer to go with the Single Age adjusted cuts the committee had been working on, as we have a better idea of what the meet would look like with those.

Mike moves that for the 2019-2020 SCY Season, the committee adopts the adjusted Single Age cuts that been previously distributed with the following amendment: NO cuts will be lowered (cuts will either stay the same or get slower, based on the following formula:

For 11yr olds & 13yr olds (goal 20-25 entries/event):

- **Events with average \leq 19 swimmers: add 0.5%**
- **Events with average \geq 20 swimmers: no changes**

For 12yr olds & 14 yr olds (goal: 30-35 entries/event)

- **Events with average \leq 19 swimmers: add 1.0%**
- **Events with average 20-29 swimmers: add 0.5%**
- **Events with average \geq 30 swimmers: no changes**

Second by Sydney.

Further discussion was to open for comments on the pros/cons of going back to combined cuts in the future at the next meeting, inviting feedback from the LSC, but at this point make the decision so that swimmers and coaches all know what the cuts are for this season. Suggestion that the earliest we could go back to combined cuts would be 2020-2021 season.

Approved.

Jamey Myers (SCAT) joined the call

b. Add a "JO" session in the afternoon of State meets. Format, cuts, other discussion?

Lucas: everyone seemed to be in favor of adding this session when we first discussed it, so Committee needs to decide exactly what to do.

Ryan: are we planning on keeping 10&U in the meet?

Lucas: at this point, we have no idea how large this session would be, so it makes sense to keep 10&U in the meet for now from a financial point of view.

Most in agreement with keeping 10&U for the first year, but also open to taking them out, especially if the JO session grows.

Discussion on which meet would be the best to implement this first.

Jamey: makes sense to start with the SCY meet, as currently there is an entire course not being utilized. Even if the session is too big in the first year (unlikely), meet could go on in one pool while Finals warm-ups or even Finals run in the opposite pool.

Jamey: motion to add a 11-14 "JO" session to the State meet; session to be swam as TF in the afternoon, with same event order as the Prelims/Finals meet; cuts for that session will be 10% off the current State cuts, and swimmers will all still be limited to 3 events/day.

Second by Jason.

No further discussion.

Approved.

Nick Graves (DYNA) joined the call

5. New Business

a. Option to add 15-16 Age Group to LCM Champs?

Lucas: this idea came out of the Senior Committee. In case we would like to discuss bringing in the 15-16 Age Group into the LCM meet.

Concerns with how it would fit into Finals.

Some discussion about adding this age group into the "JO" session, also with cuts 10% off State Champs.

Agreement that it would not be wise to do so in the first year, as we don't know what size that will be.

Suggestion to the Senior committee to consider that possibility during their meet, but that is not up to the Age Group Committee.

Tabled.

6. Next meeting: August 24th, 2019, at LSC Fall Meetings

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm