

Utah Swimming Swimposium Friday Night Coaches Caucus

Discussion regarding the purpose of the BC Meet.

- Is the intent for it to be a state sponsored last chance meet or is the intention for it to be a season ending meet.
- Concerns over the dates and how they were selected for the SC Age Group State Meet were expressed.
- A request was made for the names on the age group committee that decided the dates. Have coaches been contacted regarding these decisions?

Creation of Senior Circuit

- The BYU/Utah teams are hosting a senior circuit meet together December 5-7.
- Both colleges will bring their redshirt teams.
- Maybe a difficult weekend with a high school invitation, and the DRAT prelims/finals meet.

Long Course State Meet

- July 10-12, 3 day meet format.
- Benefits of the meet offers vacation time for families at the end of summer, does not impact the swimmers heading to higher level national meets.
- Coaches will be able to work longer with kids moving.
- Keeps the meet shorter.
- Moving 10 & unders to timed final and celebrate the kids after each event.
- Concern that we are constantly overwhelming Kearns and the facility.
- A suggestion was made to slow down the Senior standards even more.
- Problem is Utah Swimming is so High school dominated that senior swimmers do not know how to participate in regular USA swimming.

Senior Swimming.

- Goal is to create identity for our senior swimmers.
- Utah Swimming is one of the highest states in USA Swimming with the highest levels of senior BC swimmers.
- The high school model of being a timed finals is not the standard across the country.
- In addition the high school season in Utah is considered too long.
- Athlete Representative, Connor Anderson stated it would be nice to see a shorter high school season.

Concerns/Leagues/Alliances/Closing Thoughts

- Ron Lockwood: explanation of issues—Last summer there was a lot of issues with meets being listed as open but they really were not open meets. There was a lot of controversy as a result of this. As a way to alleviate this situation, a few teams came together and formed alliances for meets. WFFM got together with a group of teams and have set up meets in advance. Other alliances clearly exist. Discussion continued with meets being listed as open or closed with no resolution.

- Utah Swimming is growing and teams may no longer be able to service their entire team at one meet.
- Need to re-evaluate how the senior meets are scheduled.
- Proposal was made for another survey.
- Currently USI does not have enough BB times or better to sustain a stand alone Senior meet.
- Utah Swimming may need to intervene to balance out meets and leagues.