

Pandemic Meet Ideas

The ideas and notes below were borne from a meeting/discussion that took place between Matt Baxter and Marcel Da Ponte. It has become very apparent that a dire need exists to:

- a) Get teams to commit to hosting meets post Covid lockdown.
- b) ACTUALLY schedule a series of meets – be it dual/tri/virtual/invitational or trials/finals – as outlined in MESI's alternate meet schedule.
- c) Generate excitement amongst the athletes. In other words, something(a meet/s) to work towards.

Notes:

- Putting realistic meet ideas on the schedule before the end of 2020. The preference would be for 2 meets, one being a trials/finals meet.
- Without having checked with the facilities/teams, we discussed the possibility of a trials/finals meet. The Seals could potentially host the A/B flight trials at their pool(scyc) and then finals would be at Riverton(scm) where MESI records could be broken.
- Could be a 2 x 3 day weekend meet if needs be.
- The trials/finals meet should offer as many events – if not all - as possible.

- Also discussed getting 3-4 dual, but preferably, Tri meets scheduled out for the season. These meets would list the team names. For example: Seals vs LRSC vs KVV Tri Meet.
- Score the meets and possibly limit events per swimmer. Similar to college or HS. So that there's some strategy involve in winning.
- One of the biggest obstacles facing the planning of pandemic meets is not knowing the exact numbers of people/athletes ahead of time. In other words the individual swimmer numbers for the meet.
- Set early entry deadlines for all post lockdown meets. Possibly 1 week in advance of meet date. More paperwork needs to be completed and more time is required to assimilate all that paperwork.
- Dual/Tri meets could be 2 day meets if numbers warrant it.
- We would want to keep the 10 & under session very short, around 60-90 min.
- We could also come up with an a/b event format/template for teams to follow, but that could be adjusted based on time/space constraints and team needs/desires. This would also depend on pool availability for teams to host as well.