

IL/MO Area YMCA Swim Committee Minutes

11:00am Saturday, May 4, 2013
Springfield YMCA, Kerasotes Branch
4550 West Iles Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

Rome Yount, Area Chair	Becky Menso, Chicago, Area Officials' Chair	Tom Merlin, Chicago
Todd Mueller, Northwest	Lori Keller, Northwest	Rob Busby, Illini
Sara Payne, Illini	Phil Donelson, Illini	Brian Points, Illini
Ann Jumonville, Town & Country	Darby Btrva, Chicago	Dave Btrva, Area Webmaster
Lori Siegel, Chicago	Dave Hedden, Town and Country, Group Rep	Jeanette Mix, St. Louis

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Officer Reports
 - a) Chair
 - i) Fall minutes approved as corrected
 - ii) Update of Area Roster - send corrected Rosters to Rome by end of May
 - iii) St Louis District
 - (1) John Lynch and Jacques Thro have resigned as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
 - (2) Becky Menso will act as recording secretary for this meeting.
 - (3) The St. Louis District has formerly requested to leave the IL/Mo Area. Motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept.
 - (4) Area account has been moved to the Springfield YMCA to bring management of the account in line with Rules that Govern.
 - iv) 2014 Area Qualifying Times
 - (1) St Louis teams will be removed from results and times adjusted according and presented at the next meeting.
 - b) Committee Reports
 - i) Officials Chair
 - (1) Becky will mail the directions to all officials on how to print their credentials from exchange

(2) Stats on officials at Area Meet

District	Number of Officials	Meet Ref	Ref/Starter	AR	CJ	S/T	Total Sessions
Chicago	19		3	4	5	25	37
Illini	13	4	7		7	11	29
Northwest	8		7		2	3	12
St. Louis	14	4	6	4	2	17	33
Town & Country	1					2	2
None	2		2			2	4

1. When submitting recommended officials, District Chairs need to be mindful of who is actually committed to work.

(3) All Trainings will be listed on website.

<http://www.ilmoymcaswimming.org/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=maysc&stabid=72003>

(4) Becky still needs officials list from all teams in Town and Country and most of Northwest Districts

(5) There is a great need for officials in some districts/teams, if a team can get 4 or more attendees, Becky will facilitate finding a trainer.

ii) Webmaster

(1) Dave Brtva demonstrated the new Area Website

(2) Contact Dave with any Roster changes

(3) Dave will come up screen shots of to convince people to use the website.

(4) Rob and Dave will work off-line on top times

(5) Rome requests that each district work with Dave

iii) Group Representative

(1) Principles is now completely on-line for a fee of \$20, classroom training is available until 12/31/13

(2) Teams needed ISI Approval for meets will need to send the meet packet to the ISI office. Dave Hedden will look into the availability of a template that includes the correct language necessary.

(3) USA Swimming Outreach Membership is now \$10 for any athlete on scholarship or the free lunch program.

(4) Darby Brtva will sanction the Red White and Blue meet this summer

iv) Treasurer

(1) \$3324.98 in account

- 3) Review of Area Championship
 - a)

**DeKalb County Swim Team Profit Statement
2013 IL MO- State Championships**

	Receipts	Expenses	Profit
A. General			
1 Meet Entries			
a State Meet	15,935.50		15,935.50
b Time Trials - Saturday	670.00		670.00
c Time Trials - Sunday	330.00		330.00
2 Supplies			
3 Holiday Inn - Rome Yount		209.82	(209.82)
4 IL MO Area - sanction fee & ISI		199.70	(199.70)
5 Awards		600.00	(600.00)
a Hasty		4,386.02	(4,386.02)
B. Sales/Sponsors			
1 Concessions	8,331.48	2,182.02	6,149.46
2 Heat Sheets/Admissions	16,291.10	273.89	16,017.22
3 Sales - T-shirts	12,380.02	0.00	12,380.02
4 Apparel Commissions - Action Accents	1,072.66	0.00	1,072.66
5 Meet Mobile	564.54	0.00	564.54
6 Bag Tag	523.00	0.00	523.00
C. Other Expenses			
1 Hospitality		1,288.41	(1,288.41)
2 Pool Rental - Kishwaukee YMCA		10,000.00	(10,000.00)
3 Other Supplies (trash bags, rope, tables & chairs, extra guards)		1,625.03	(1,625.03)
TOTALS	56,098.30	20,764.89	35,333.42

- 4) District reports
 - a) Chicago
 - i) Central Lake is now a USA Team with the Vernon Hills Park District
 - ii) Northern Lake is now with the Kenosha YMCA and has petitioned to stay with the IL/Mo Area. WI has no objections per Dave Hedden. No one raised objections to them staying.
 - b) Illini
 - i) Quincy YMCA is back
 - c) Northwest
 - i) Nothing to report
 - d) Town and Country
 - i) Nothing to Report
- 5) Old business
 - a) Tabled Proposed Rule Changes

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES	REASON FOR CHANGE	
<p>Rule 1.A Illinois / Missouri Area and District YMCA Swimming Championships are conducted under the jurisdiction of the YMCA's Illinois Alliance Network and the Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swim Committee ("Area Committee"). These Championships are governed by the current National YMCA "Rules That Govern YMCA Competitive Sports" (published by YMCA of the USA), "YMCA Black Book" (published by the National YMCA Swimming Advisory Committee), these "Rules Governing Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA Swimming Competition" and, to the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the current USA Swimming Technical Rules.</p>	<p>Does the Illinois Alliance of YMCA's have any jurisdiction in regards to how we operate as a committee? In addition, we also should include the YMCA Black Book as one of the rules documents under which we operate.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 2.C The site(s) for the Area Championships shall be designated by the Area Committee. Written applications to host an Area Championship shall be submitted to the Area Chairperson prior to the October business Fall Area Committee meeting of the second preceding year. e.g. applications to host the 2007 Area Championship will be voted on at the October Fall 2005 Area Committee meeting. In the event that no YMCA volunteers to host the Area Championships, the Area Committee shall assign a District to host the meet. Such assignment shall be done on a rotating basis.</p>	<p>For clarity, not all fall meetings are held in October. For consistency, the meetings are referred to as the "Area Committee meetings" in other sections of the rules and not "business meetings"</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 2.E Entry forms for the Area Championships shall be posted on the Area website and sent by regular mail to each Illinois / Missouri Area YMCA competing in swimming and to each Area Committee member by the host YMCA at least one month prior to the Area Championships.</p>	<p>To conform to current practices. It is unnecessary these days to send the meet packet via "regular mail" to each team when email can be used quicker and greener.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 4.A A swimmer must be a YMCA member in good standing for the past 30 days in order to be eligible to participate in YMCA dual, triangular or invitational swim meets; and for the past 90 days to be eligible to participate in District, Area, Regional or National Swimming Championships.</p>	<p>This rule comes from the Rules That Govern. Is it necessary to restate?</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 4.B Except as provided herein, during the competitive short course season, August 15 September 1 – April 30 of the following year, or long course season, May 1 – August</p>	<p>As the rule stands, the short course and long course seasons overlap by</p>	<p>Passed</p>

<p>30 31, any swimmer who, after representing their YMCA in swimming competition represents another organization in open competition, shall be immediately ineligible for participation in the District or Area Championship for that competitive season. (Note: A swimmer may compete in open competition unattached but may not represent any team other than his or her local YMCA at any time during the current season after representing his/her YMCA). This rule shall in no event, however, prohibit an Area swimmer from representing either the state of Illinois or the state of Missouri in a multi-state competition, where such swimmer is clearly representing the state in such competition and not any specific club or association.</p>	<p>15 days in August. Also, for consistency, earlier in the bylaws the short course season was defined as September 1 – April 30. Additionally, August has 31 days.</p>	
<p>Rule 4.C A swimmer must maintain an amateur status during the competitive season.</p>	<p>This rule also comes from the Rules That Govern. Is it necessary to restate?</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 4.D A swimmer, with one exception, must represent his/her association in closed YMCA competition at least three times in the competitive season to be eligible for District and Area Championships. A double dual meet is not acceptable as two meets. Swimmers participating who missed a portion of the YMCA season due to training and competing in high school swimming will be allowed to participate in the District and Area Championships if they have participated in two closed YMCA meets in the competitive season.</p>	<p>To clarify what it means to “participate” in high school swimming. Athletes who attend a high school that does not have a team can still represent their high school at sectional and state meets. This can be misinterpreted as having “participated” in their high school season. However, in the spirit of the rule, considering that these athletes still trained the entire season with their YMCA team, they should still be required to compete in 3 Y meets as they did not miss any time away from their YMCA season and had the same opportunities as all other non-high school swimmers to get their 3 Y meets in.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
<p>Rule 6.B</p>	<p>Housekeeping. It should</p>	<p>Passed</p>

<p>Each District shall be represented at the Area Championships by the first-place finisher in each event at the District Championships. This automatic qualifier shall be in addition to any swimmer(s) who meet or surpass the Illinois Area Qualifying Times in the designated event in the preliminaries or, finals or swim-offs of at the District Championships. Area qualifying times for each event shall be obtained by averaging the 20th fastest 'best time' in the past seven (7) years, eliminating the high and low times, of the consolidated District Championship meets. Further, a time standard may not change by any more than plus/minus 5 seconds from the previous year. Each year, these Rules (including the Illinois Area Qualifying Times for the next season) shall be distributed to Area Committee members no later than July 1.</p>	<p>either state Illinois/Missouri Area Qualifying Times or simply Area Qualifying Times.</p> <p>The second change, adding "swim-offs," adds some clarity to an issue which has come up in the past regarding if a swim-off time counts for qualifying into the Area meet.</p>	
<p>Rule 6.F Area and District Championships shall be deemed to be one series. All competitors who qualify by performance or by finishing first in their event shall be automatically entered in the Area Championships. Any swimmer who swims in a District Championship and by his/her performance qualifies for the Area Championships may not participate in any other swim competition on the day of the Area Championships. If a qualified swimmer participates in any other swim competition on the day of the Area Championships, he/she shall be disqualified from the District Championships in which he/she swam; and such participation, together with all times, awards and points shall be deemed null and void. In such instance, the swimmer cannot use the District and Area Championships as a sanctioned championship meet requirement for YMCA National Championships.</p>	<p>Why should our committee dictate which meets an athlete decides to compete at?</p>	<p>Failed</p>
<p>Rule 6.I Every swimmer who qualifies for his/her District Championship must swim at such meet. If he/she does not swim at such meet, he/she may not swim at any other meet on such date. If any swimmer qualifying for his/her District Championship does not swim in such meet and does swim at another meet on such date, all prior YMCA results during the competitive season shall be null and void.</p>	<p>This rule seems rather fascist. If an athlete elects not to compete at Districts, there are already rules in place barring him/her from participating in the Area meet and, since those 2 meets are the only options for a sanctioned meet, that athlete would also not be eligible for Nationals as a result of that decision. Why shouldn't an athlete be able</p>	<p>Passed</p>

	to make that decision, knowing the consequences, without all of his/her YMCA results be deemed null and void?	
<p>Rule 7.A Fixed fees, including any entry fees, admission fees, surcharges, parking fees, and heat sheet charges, shall be part of the area champ Area Championship meet bid. The bidding team is also to provide a pro-forma income/expense statement for the bid which should include all anticipated sources of revenue and expense.</p>	Housekeeping for consistency of terms.	Passed
<p>Rule 8.G Each District Chairperson shall submit his/her District's order for District Championship medals to the Area Secretary (or the Secretary's appointee) no later than the October fall meeting of the Area Committee each year for the District Championships the following year.</p>	For clarity, the fall Area meeting is not always in October.	Passed
<p>Rule 10.D Any irregularities, protests or unforeseen situations calling for deviation from these Rules shall be decided by the District Championship Protest Committee at the District Championships and by the Area Championship Protest Committee at the Area Championships. The Area Championship Protest Committee can be called to meet at the discretion of the Area Chair, his/her designate, or the Meet Referee. The Area Championship Protest Committee shall consist of the Area Committee Officers, the District Chairs, the Official's Chair, the Meet Referee and the Head Coach of the host team.</p>	For clarity, to distinguish the Area Championship Protest Committee from the Area Committee.	Passed
<p>Rule 15.C Each district staff designate is requested to forward to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate on or before December 1 of each competitive swim season the name of each coach in his or her district that has the aforementioned four certifications, together with copies of the documentation showing such certifications effective throughout the balance of the current competitive swim season. The Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) will, in turn, issue within 30 days a National certification card to each coach with current documentation of such four certifications through the balance of the current competitive season. There will be a \$5.00 fee for issuing the National certification card to coaches whose names, together with complete and proper proof of certification through the balance of the current competitive</p>	Obsolete practice. Current registration requirements and procedures can be found in the YMCA Black Book.	Passed

<p>season, are forwarded to the Alliance Network Designate on or before December 1 of each competitive swim season.</p>								
<p>Rule 15.D After December 31, the Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) will continue to issue National certification cards to coaches providing proof of the required certifications effective through the balance of the competitive season, but the following fees will apply to the issuance of each such card:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="380 483 1270 753"> <tr> <td data-bbox="388 483 1108 586">Information received December 2 through January 31</td> <td data-bbox="1108 483 1262 586">-\$10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="388 586 1108 688">Information received February 1 through February 15</td> <td data-bbox="1108 586 1262 688">-\$ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="388 688 1108 753">Information received February 16 and after</td> <td data-bbox="1108 688 1262 753">-\$50.00</td> </tr> </table>	Information received December 2 through January 31	-\$10.00	Information received February 1 through February 15	-\$ 25.00	Information received February 16 and after	-\$50.00	<p>Obsolete practice.</p>	<p>Passed</p>
Information received December 2 through January 31	-\$10.00							
Information received February 1 through February 15	-\$ 25.00							
Information received February 16 and after	-\$50.00							
<p>Rule 15.E The Illinois Alliance Network Designate will issue such certification cards in a prompt manner and, if possible, before any upcoming District or Area championship meet. If overnight delivery service is required, the coach requesting the certification shall pay the charge for such service.</p>	<p>Obsolete practice.</p>	<p>Passed</p>						
<p>Rule 15.F Notwithstanding the foregoing, there will be no fee charged for the issuance of a National certification card to a coach if such coach provides to the Illinois Alliance Network Designate (or his/her delegate) proper documentation of the four required certifications effective through the balance of the competitive season within 15 days of his initial employment by a participating Area YMCA.</p>	<p>Obsolete practice.</p>	<p>Passed</p>						
<p>Rule 15.G No Area coach will be allowed on desk deck during a District or Area eChampionship meet without a current National certification coach credential card. A valid coach credential card can either be a USA Swimming coach registration card that has a "Y" printed on it or a YMCA coach card that has been issued by the YMCA Group Representative. At the Area eChampionships, each coach will also be required to have a deck pass to be on deck. Deck passes will be issued to YMCAs participating in the</p>	<p>To clarify what can be used as proof of current certifications to be on deck.</p>	<p>Passed</p>						

<p>Area championships by the Area meet host, based on the total number of swimmers entered in both days of such championship meet.</p>														
<p>Rule 15.H In the event the position of Illinois Alliance Network Designate YMCA Group Representative shall be vacant or eliminated, the Secretary of the Illinois/Missouri Area Swim Committee shall fulfill the duties assigned to the Designate Representative above. Similarly, if in a particular Illinois/Missouri Area district, the staff designate position shall be vacant, it shall be the responsibility of the district chair to timely perform the above duties assigned to the district staff designate.</p>	<p>Correctly renaming the position of YMCA Group Representative. Furthermore, if the previous proposals pass, the staff designate responsibilities noted in this rule will have been eliminated and hence this last sentence can be eliminated.</p>	<p>Passed</p>												
<p>Rule 3.B & 3.C B. The following are the competitive age groups and their respective name designations for competition:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="380 776 1354 1166"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Competitive Age Group</u></th> <th><u>Group Name Designation</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8 years of age and under</td> <td>8 & Under</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 years of age and under</td> <td>9 & 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 years of age and under</td> <td>11 & 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 years of age and under</td> <td>13 & 14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21 years of age and under</td> <td>15 to 21</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>C. In individual competition a swimmer may only swim in one competitive age group in any Area or District Championship. In individual competition, a swimmer shall only compete in his or her actual age group. In relay competition, a swimmer may compete in a relay in his or her actual age group or one age group older, with the exception that an 11 or 12 year old swimmer may compete in a relay event one or two age groups older. Review the table below for specific examples. swim in a competitive age group not more than one</p>	<u>Competitive Age Group</u>	<u>Group Name Designation</u>	8 years of age and under	8 & Under	10 years of age and under	9 & 10	12 years of age and under	11 & 12	14 years of age and under	13 & 14	21 years of age and under	15 to 21	<p><i>I feel this rule needs some clarification in its language. Right now, I interpret it that an 8-year-old may compete in 15-21 year old events because 8 falls into the "21 years of age and under" competitive age group. However, an 8 year old may only swim in an 8&U relay or 9-10 relay, no more than 1 age group up. Is that correct? Should we allow an 8 year old to compete in 15-21 events? I would propose to eliminate the table in section B, re-word section C and add a table within that section that is more clear.</i></p>	<p>Tabled for Fall2013 Meeting</p>
<u>Competitive Age Group</u>	<u>Group Name Designation</u>													
8 years of age and under	8 & Under													
10 years of age and under	9 & 10													
12 years of age and under	11 & 12													
14 years of age and under	13 & 14													
21 years of age and under	15 to 21													

~~competitive age group older (two competitive age groups older for swimmers whose actual age group is 11 & 12) than the swimmer's actual competitive age group while continuing to compete in the swimmer's actual competitive age group for individual competition.~~

Actual Age	Eligible Age Group for Individual Events	Eligible Age Groups for Relay Events
8 & Under	8 & Under	8 & Under, 9-10
9 or 10	9-10	9-10, 11-12
11 or 12	11-12	11-12, 13-14, 15-21
13 or 14	13-14	13-14, 15-21
15 to 21	15-21	15-21

Rule 14.A

Each District Chairperson shall send the following information to the designated recipient on or before the due date:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Recipient(s)</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
District Chair Information (name, address, email, phone)	Area Chair, Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Representatives to the Area Committee (name, address, email, phone)	Area Chair, Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Teams and Team Contact Persons (name, address, email, phone)	Area Secretary, Webmaster	October 1
District Championship Medal Order	Area Secretary	October Area Meeting

Correctly renaming the position of YMCA Group Representative

Passed with agreed modification to Recommended Officials'

Area and District Championship Meet Sanction Requests	Group Representative for Competitive Swimming	December 1		
District By-Laws, and Contact Persons (name, address, email, and phone)	Illinois Alliance Network Designate YMCA Group Representative and Area Secretary	December 15		
Recommended Officials for Area Championship (name, address, email, and phone)	Area Chair	March 1 or day after District Meet		
District Rosters for historical purposes	Illinois Alliance Network Designate YMCA Group Representative and Area Secretary	February 1		

6) New Business

a) Development of agreed upon objectives for the championship meet series.

Chicago:

- Objectives:
 - Not meeting the sanction requirements with current meet.
 - Comply with the Black Book requirement on events
 - Provide opportunities for athletes to swim Y Nat events at the Area Champs
 - Provide opportunities for younger athletes to swim longer events
 - Reduce championship stress for younger swimmers
 - Not to be a developmental team for USA Swimming
 - Have fun! All involved – athletes, coaches, officials, spectators. Being partially met.
- Some perception is that the current YMCA championship series is not working for our athletes

Illini:

- Objectives
 - Provide opportunity for athletes to excel
 - Provide opportunity for times outside of the district meet to qualify for the area champs
 - Issue is the finality for districts. Could have had a great season but a lousy district and now the athlete is done
 - Reduce the stress of the champ meet series
 - Too many potential swims on champ meet date. Could swim 8 or 9 times in the same day with prelim/finals
 - Provide fairness for competition – inadequate rest between prelims and finals
 - Provide an opportunity for an athlete to show their body of work from the season.
 - Retain YMCA swimmers
 - Provide opportunity for Team perspective (met)
 - Avoid 'over meet' for athletes.
 - Boys – IHSA sectional, state, district, USA Senior Champs, area, Y Nats

Town and Country

- Objectives
 - Fun – athletes should want to participate
 - Team building perspective (being met partially)
 - Provide athletes opportunity to perform at their best
 - Adequate rest
 - Format

Discussion

- Recognize team differences
 - Size, population area
- Financial aspects are not an objective

Task Force Members:

- District chairs, Dave H, and Rome.
- Rome will coordinate - meet monthly

- b) Area Name Change:
Illinois YMCA Swimming is governed by the Illinois YMCA Swim Committee which hosts the Illinois YMCA State Swimming Championship
 Moteded, seconded and passed
Effective immediately, skipping the normal wait until the fall meeting
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 - i) Medals
 - (1) Districts and Area medals must be inventoried and sent to Rome for further discussion with Dave H.
 - (2) Lori will help with branding and design
 - (3) Dave B. will help with price points
 - c) Reading of SILKSMO Area Letter
 - d) Fine Designs T-shirt Contracts
 - i) Buehler/LTY to sign 1 year contract
 - ii) Multi-year contract discussion tabled for Fall
 - e) Name Tags
 - i) Becky will work with Head Officials from each District to get name tags for all officials
 - ii) Rome will work on committee name tags
 - f) Secretary/Treasurer
 - i) First order of business at Fall Meeting
 - g) Dave B. – Will need money for “re-naming” of website. Springfield YMCA will reimburse from State Committee account
 - h) Next Meeting
 - i) Host will rotate with Northwest hosting 10/6 at 10:00am, location TBD
 - ii) State Committee Conference call 8/18 7PM
 - (1) Nominations of Officers
 - (2) Proposal from Area Meet Task Force
 - iii) State Meet Task Force
 - (1) First conference call will be 5/15 at 1:00PM
- 7) Adjournment 3:20PM