



# ILLINOIS YMCA SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Illinois YMCA Swim Committee Minutes  
Phone Conference  
8:00 PM Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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## 1) Introduction

A) Call to order at 8:05 PM

## 2) Quorum established

## 3) Review and Approval of Minutes

A) All approved

## 4) Task force Presentation (reference the white board during discussion)

### A) Event Order

- i) With the different number of events for each age group during the prelim session- it was difficult to move the 21 & Under 400 Relays to anywhere other than the beginning of the meet.
- ii) Looking at Saturday morning starting with the 21 & Under 400 Free Relay, then running three 12 and under events, two 14 and Under events, and three 21 & Under events. Then run the 200 Medley relays. By moving the 200 medleys up in the event order- we are allowing for relay only swimmers to come later in the day to swim the relay. This would also allow them to leave before the end of the session clearing pool deck space/gym space/spectator seating. Helping relive congestion. Finishing the day with three 21 & under events, two 12 & under events, and two 14 & under events.
- iii) Looking at Sunday- the break down of the events before and after the 200 relays are the same as Saturday. We have more final events in Sunday prelim session- the session will be longer than Saturday morning. But in the long run we will be getting out 30 minutes earlier than last year's state meet.
- iv) Looking at the Final Session- we still have the 200 relays at the end.



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- v) We did change some of the order of events based on time considerations and balancing out number of events available for 12 and under, currently was split 6 and 4.
- vi) We didn't change anything on the 10 & under because any changes we would have made would have been insignificant to the timeline.

## QUESTIONS:

NONE

## B) Time Standards

- i) Using the SWYMS database. We calculated what the times were based on the 20<sup>th</sup> place all the way up to the 50<sup>th</sup> place.
- ii) Looking at the database- We also looked at the percentage of swimmers that achieved the state time, percentage of swimmers that made the state cut and entered that event at the state meet, etc...
- iii) The task force realized that whatever amount of swimmers we want; we can't just look at that number and use that as the new time standard because not everyone who made the standard will swim that event at the state meet.
- iv) We are looking at the 45<sup>th</sup> and thought that was a good number to base the individual events on that. When we looked at the 30<sup>th</sup> seed that was entered into the state meet- that time fell between the 45<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> time entered into the SWYMS database. That is how we got to the 45<sup>th</sup> time.
- v) For relays- We couldn't use the 45<sup>th</sup> time since there are only 44 teams in the state. We thought half would be a good point to use.
- vi) From there we look at how to develop long course and short course meter standards. Nationals uses the 2006 NCAA rule book to come up with those times. So we used that as well.

## QUESTIONS:

- 1) Please explain the chart showing the number of swimmers that wouldn't swim.

Answer: When we went through all the standards- we went through all the entries from this years meet. And created a new meets for the 30<sup>th</sup> time, the 35<sup>th</sup> time, 40<sup>th</sup> time, etc.... Once we did that- it showed us how many swimmers it would kick out of the meet. So for the 45<sup>th</sup> time- it cut out just over 1000 individual entries from the 2014 meet.



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Basically took last years meet and transformed it using the cut- top 30, top 40, top 45, top 50 and shoed the reduction in the number of entries by session. To give you a feel for what the meet would look like.

- 2) Looking at the spreadsheet and the times- looking at the last column where we have the amount changed- we have 100's changing by 4 seconds, 200's changing by 6-8 seconds. Are we getting too fast too quick?

Answer: Let's get all the information and have a general discussion on that topic.

Please note: Chicago District didn't want to get too fast too quickly.

- vii) Going back we need to talk about the document that has the proposed language the task force came up with for the calculations for time standards for the future from this point going forward. In the past we were dropping the high and low and using a seven year average. Going forward we would use a 5 year rolling average and not dropping any times.

### C) Other recommendations from the task Force

- i) Facility standards be established for future bids including what is acceptable amount of lanes for warm-ups. Looking at the number of swimmers- how many lanes are needed to warm-up everyone up in 90 minutes.
- ii) State committee did approve the 30 minute scratch rule; however there is no penalty in place for No Show for a prelim/final event in finals. We are recommending they lose all individual events remaining for the day; they can keep their relay event.
- iii) Irregardless of the pool- two heats be scored-if an 8 lane pool 16 score, if a 10 lane pool 20 score.
- iv) Leave the small team/ large team scoring in place.
- v) Recommending leaving "Small Team" and "Large Team" designation in place.
- vi) No consensus from the task force on the splash at districts.
- vii) With the time standards we propose- going from a 10 lane to an 8 lane pool will only add 30 minutes onto the timeline per session.
- viii) We also came to the consensus that irregardless of facility parking will always be an issue.
- ix) Bullpen needs to be away from the competition pool. Again this is a facility by facility basis.



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## QUESTIONS:

- 1) In the team divisions- the small teams didn't want to hang a banner with "Small Team" on it. "Division II" was thought to be better than that. Was there a small team represent on the task force?

Answer: Yes- Mike Howard from Kenosha YMCA.

Suggestions: Division I or Division A. They are both the top of the numeric list.

## D) General discussion by District

### i) Chicago

- 1) Are the times getting to fast?

- This year we had a lot of swimmers. Many which got to experience the state meet for the first time. How do we handle the pendulum not swing too far the other way?
- Is there something we can put into place where we can say we can change the time plus or minus however many up to a certain percentage only? Like a half of percent, no more one way or another. It would be a buffer... that would correct itself over the next couple of years.
- On the proposed language for time standard- it is already on there. It states a time standard can not change more than plus or minus .05 seconds per 25 from the previous year.
- The initial time standards will violate that if you compare that to last year. Task force thoughts?
- **TF:** Yes it does, but last year we didn't have anything to base our times on (no data). For the times that got faster, for this year only we tried to have them fall in line with the 45<sup>th</sup> time, times that got slower we tried to use the .05 per 25. We did run a timeline using the .05 per 25. If anyone is interested in it, Rob can talk about it.
- Last year we didn't have any data, and we were guessing at time standards. And the ones that are changing a lot- maybe they were just poor guesses last year. Now that we have data, these are correct, and what they should be. There were too many kids and we need to cut it. These are the events that had too many kids in it and going forward the changes will not be as big as there were the 1<sup>st</sup> year, but they were pretty big last year going the other way and the ones that will be big this year are the ones we missed last year. We have to correct it as some point, so let's correct it now.
- Are the events we are talking about the 100s and 200s that were added this year or are the 100s and 200s that were already in the meet?
- **TF:** It is the events that are for the 11 & Older. That is because we had more events that they could swim this year.

- 2) Did anyone ask the "small" teams if they were upset by the small division wording on their banner before we decide to change wording?



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**TF:** We actually had a team that was offended by "Large" team.

- 3) What happens to the timeline based on the .5 per 25 recommendations from the Task force?

**TF:** The timeline in a 10 lane pool doesn't dramatically change, moving to an 8 lane pool it is greater. In 10 lane pool you are looking at a 4 minute difference in session 1, in session 2 about 2 minutes, in session 3 – doesn't matter since it is finals, on Sunday session 4 about 14 minutes but we strategically placed the 500 at the end of session to limit the number of people on the pool deck or remaining on deck. Session 5 will be 5 minutes. Session 6 will not be affected since it is finals. The only session that would be of a concern is session 4, Sunday prelims; it would put it at close to 5 hours. We would then be looking at warm-ups for 1-2 PM for the 10 and under session with a 2:15 start. That would give us only an 8 minute window between the middle session and the final session.

- 4) Can the task force send that to everyone? Since that is slightly different than going with the 45<sup>th</sup> time. It would be limiting the qualifying time to begin with as well.

**TF:** Yes. And going forward we would look at the 45<sup>th</sup> time from 2014 and 2015 and if the time difference is too great, we would maintain the .5 change per 25 as well. And we would have flexibility in the timeline to go this route in a ten lane pool. It would create a more gradual change from this year, and it should fall into line by 2016 to what we are proposing today.

### ii) Illini

- 1) Are we trying to make a decision to make the top 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> time from the past state meet as the new time standard cut off and we are just trying to determine which one to use that we are most comfortable with.

**TF:** we are recommending using the database times being the 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc... whatever the state committee decides each year into a rolling average and then that average would be the next year's time cut. So for the 2016- we would use the 45<sup>th</sup> time from 2013, 2014, 2015 – average those and that would be the new time standard.

Clarification: did you run a timeline with the 45<sup>th</sup> time that would give us 3 to 4 heats in prelims and a break between session 1 and 2.

**TF:** yes most events had 3 to 4 heats. It is our recommendation is the 45<sup>th</sup> time based on our research. We also ran 45<sup>th</sup> time using an 8 lane pool as well. It would be tough on warm-ups, but it was doable. Down the line it is worth revisiting once we collect enough data. It would be worth tracking how many kids are at the meet, are our numbers accurate, is this what we need to use going forward. It would end up being a rule change for later. Based on everything we looked at 45<sup>th</sup> is our recommend standard.



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- 2) So with the 45<sup>th</sup> as the recommendation- the rest of the graph is just to show where the numbers came from? We are not really considering the other times for change because the task force is recommending the 45<sup>th</sup> time?

**TF:** Correct

- 3) If we are going to do away with small/large division. We would recommend 1A and 2A. As a large team- I don't want to have large team on a banner I am going to hang up on the wall.

### iii) Northwest

- 1) We don't have any questions, they have been answered.
- 2) We think the work that was done was amazing and we appreciate all the hard work that was put into it.

### iv) Town & Country

- 1) Again thank-you very much for doing all of this work.
- 2) With three heats and the changes in the order of Events- what kind of timeline does that give us at this point? Did we maximize the timeline to fit in as many swimmers as possible? Or is this a one size fits all pools order of events?

**TF:** We were shooting for a one size fits all.

- 3) What direction did you for saw this going? It is probably wise to think ahead that we will not always have a 10 lane pool.

**TF:** Yes we did take that into consideration, at the time we put this together we didn't have a bid for the state meet. We did look at it and ask can we run this in an 8 lane pool? With the standards we came up with, it will be a little tight on Sunday morning prelims. It could be done. Not knowing that Fox Valley would be hosting at St. Joe's, did we maximize our pool time? We don't know, but we will be able to give our officials a breather at some point in time. And there certainly will not be the congestion we had in the past. We do have to have the consideration of when do we start warm-ups. Do we need hour and half or two hours. For a prelim session 2 hours is too much. If we start at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning in a ten lane pool, we finish at 12:19. That gives us an hour to do warm-ups for the second session. That is a 41 minutes break. Then if you look at starting warm-ups for finals at 5:00 PM, our second session is finishing at 4:27. That is a 30 minute break between sessions. Going to an 8 lane pool, session 4 on Sunday running right into session 5- we would probably have to push it back a little bit. But really 45<sup>th</sup> is maximizing our timeline and that is why we went with it. Going with 40<sup>th</sup> or less- you are looking to finish that prelim session before noon, and we don't need an hour or more between sessions. We wanted to get as many swims as we could without stressing the facility or putting us in the same position we were in this past season.



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## v) Chairman's comments

- 1) Many thanks to the task force for their time and effort. The analysis of the numbers provides us wonderful information for us to look at.
- 2) I don't have the answer of how many swimmers should be at the championship meet, but I did like, when I look in reflect what we did in March- I liked that we had a large number of Y swimmers at the championship meet. Many of them there for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, and might not have been there if we hadn't have such relaxed time cuts this year.
- 3) The possibility of running two pool interests me. To, again, provide opportunities to our swimmers who work hard all season to be able to participate in the championship meet. I also know facility constraints are there. There is only so much seating, so much deck space, so much parking and the great State of Illinois does not have many ten lane pools with movable bulk heads to allow us to run two pools.
- 4) Proceeding as we go- things to consider as you have your discussions with your districts.

We don't know for a fact if the 45<sup>th</sup> spot will work this coming season like it did this past season to give us these numbers of heats. So regardless of where we are at, if needed based on the number of entries- that if the facility allows it, run two pools, with breaks according because we will not have the extra warmup/warm down pool. We have run the timelines on this; we looked at that this past march and it would have given us the time that we needed. But we decided not to do it because we didn't have enough time to give notice to the small teams or the larger teams to make sure they could get adequate coaching staff there.

It is not a plan to run two pools, just want it to be there as an option if we need for the 2015 championship meet. Unless the districts think we need to do something different from a time standard and have more people swim and go forward from there.

- 5) With all district chairs on the phone- do you have enough information to take back to your district committee and decide what you like and don't like. So we can come up with a final approval for our 2015 Championship meet?
  - i) Chicago- Yes
  - ii) Illini- Yes
  - iii) Northwest- Yes
  - iv) Town & Country- Yes

Motion to accept the task force's proposal as laid out, changed time standards using the 45<sup>th</sup> time, and changed over of events.

Motion tabled to the next meeting



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Question- if the districts come back and would like a gradual time change, can we make a friendly amendment then?

Answer: Yes.

### 5) Bid for the 2015 State Championship

- A) Fox valley to Host
- B) Lake Central High School, St. Johns , Indiana
- C) March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2015
- D) If needed we can use two pools depending on entries and timeline
- E) We will do anything the state committee needs us to do
- F) Same fees as last year

Questions:

i) Town & Country- None

ii) Northwest

1) Hotels?

- There are 3 major hotels in the area, we are 10 minutes from Merrillville, and about 10 miles south of Munster- and there are hotels there.

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iii) Illini-

1) Would the meet schedule be determined by the state committee?

- Yes. We just took some stuff we talked about at the district meeting and put it in there to have it to show. When we did the math on the sessions, if we ended up using two pools, we would have three hour sessions.

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2) Please explain the gym area- two areas, 1 for swimmers crashing and 1 for hospitality. What is the plan for the swimmers? Are all the swimmers crashing in the gym, are the younger swimmers in the gym and older swimmers on the pool deck?

- It is up to the coaches. If we cut the meet down to three heats, we would have the space on the pool deck for all the swimmers. We would still have that area available for families to use as they see fit. The main limiting factor is the stands/view area are only 800 seats

3) Is the gym big enough to hold all swimmers and families?

- It is a full high school gym. Two full basketball courts run the width of the building; it might even be 3 gyms.

iv) Chicago- NONE

Motion to Accept the Bid



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Call to Vote: All passed

Fox Valley awarded the bid to host the 2015 State Championships.

6) Following up meeting

Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

7) Fall meeting

A) Town and Country to host

B) Sunday October 5th at 9:00 AM

8) Adjournment

A) Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM