Michigan Swimming

FORM FOR PROPOSED NEW RULE OR PROCEDURE

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Date Submitted: 03/20/2011
Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: 03/20/2011

Affected Rule or Procedure **A/B/C Time Standards**
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Description of Issue: (include copy of rule that is being modified, if applicable)

- ***Replacing the Michigan 'A / B / C' Time Standards***

Current Rule :

A. A/B/C Classification for general age group meets

(1) In order to facilitate the management of general age group swim meets that take place during the season (i.e. not including championship meets such as the Districts, JO's or the State Meets) MS classifies swimmers into three ability levels by the use of time standards labeled A, B, and C. "A" the fastest, "B" is the next fastest and "C' includes everything slower than "B". The A and B standards are "faster than or equal to" standards and the C standard is a "slower than" standard. Examples: In a "B" meet, all of the swimmers in a given event will have achieved times equal to or better than the B time standard, but slower than the A time standard. In an "A" meet, all swimmers must have achieved the "A" standard or better. In an "A, B" meet all of the swimmers must have achieved the B standard or better (that is, "A" swimmers may also attend). An "A, B, C" meet is open to all swimmers.

(2) The A, B, C time standards used in MS meets are unique to Michigan. These time standards may be adjusted from year-to-year to reflect the anticipated number of swimmers in each ability level. The time standards are determined by the Technical Planning Committee (See MS Bylaw 7.4.5) Time standards are available on the MS website at the beginning of the short course season (September).

Once a swimmer has achieved or claimed a best time at a certain level, the swimmer may not compete in that specific event at a lower level. For example, a swimmer who has achieved an A level time may not enter that event in a B level meet. If a swimmer achieves a faster time standard after having entered an event in a lower level, the swimmer must withdraw from the lower level event. For example, a swimmer who achieves an A time in a specific event after entering the B event must withdraw from the B event.

Requested New Rule or Procedure:

- ***National Motivational Standards to Replace our current 'A/B/C'***
- ***Use 15-16 Standards as Open Standards***
- (1) In order to facilitate the management of general age group swim meets that take place during the season (i.e. not including championship meets such as the Districts, JO's or the State Meets) MS classifies swimmers into ~~three~~ ability levels by the use of time standards labeled AAAA, AAA, AA, A , BB, B, and C~~ A, B, and C.~~ "AAAA" the fastest,

"AAA" is the next fastest, etc with "C" including everything slower than "B". The "AAAA" thorough "B" standards are "faster than or equal to" standards and the C standard is a "slower than" standard. Examples: In a "B" meet, all of the swimmers in a given event will have achieved times equal to or better than the B time standard, but slower than the A time standard. In an "A" meet, all swimmers must have achieved the "A" standard or better. In an "A, B" meet all of the swimmers must have achieved the B standard or better (that is, "A" swimmers may also attend). An "A, B, C" meet is open to all swimmers.

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- (2) The A, B, C time standards used in MS meets are to be the "National Motivational Time Standards" set forth by USA Swimming ~~unique to Michigan~~. ~~These time standards may be adjusted from year-to-year to reflect the anticipated number of swimmers in each ability level. The time standards are determined by the Technical Planning Committee (See MS Bylaw 7.4.5) Time standards are available on the MS website at the beginning of the short course season (September).~~

Proposed Effective Date: _*09/01/2011*_____
Proposed by (must be a current member): JP Merchant_____
Club: Sports Club Swimming_____

Board Action: _____(Adopted by Board)_____(Adopted by Board with modification)_____(Board recommends rejection)_____(Board recommends referral to House of Delegates)