

TPC meeting 3/27/21

In Attendance:

Lee Taylor (SFA), Aimee Dunavant (CAQ), Tomas Duran (NAC), Murray Kelley, Doug Forbes (LOBO), Mo Madero (Carlsbad), Daryl Wells (CUDA/DUKE), Greta Kuehl (Taos), Dan France (LCAT), Sarah Gormley (LCAT), Jeremiah Stanton (RACE),

Swim Meets for 2021:

-NMAA update

- Starting Practices April 5th
- Starting April 10th for meets (West Mesa), most every Saturday and some during the week
- Districts will be May 8th for (1st and 2nd place will not be auto qualifiers.
- State will be timed finals (May 13th girls, May 14th boys)
 - Only the top 16 will swim (can make a state time but only the top 16 will get to swim.
- HS is only 4 meets total (if a swimmer chooses to attend a club meet that will count towards the HS limit with the exception of District or State)

-potential host sites:

- West Mesa (will be good to go)
- Academy (running HS state)(should be good to go to host club meets in the near future), (after HS looking to host at least once per month)(still has testing requirement).
- Rio Rancho (thinking about it, waiting on okay from the city)
- UNM (no)
- Farmington (they are going to host some HS meets at the very least)
- Las Cruces (NMSU is hard no)
- Clovis (HS meet April 17th)
- Carlsbad (will host two HS meets, will host Las Cruces for one)
- Artesia (will host a meet April 10th for HS)
- Hobbs (supposedly hosting a district meet)
- Santa Fe (may host some HS meets may not)
- Los Alamos (no HS meets and likely no club meets)
- Taos (timing system works, need the software)(may host meets for HS season)

-Lobbying materials to help pools get back to competition:

- USA Swimming will submit a formal letter (along with NM swim) to the Chief of Staff for the Gov and CC various applicable gov officials in NM.
- There will be another letter that all teams can use to submit to their local facilities and city officials.
- We should keep track of how many letters have been sent to whom.
 - Use a google form (John)

-It is very important to get constituent input (parents, athletes, etc.) and send this as well.

- Find out what is worrying the facilities
- More materials coming this week.

-Meet formats

- LC or SC?
 - Likely only short course (more opportunities for more swimmers)
 - if kids want LC times maybe we can do a separate session or time trial?
 - SC would better for those kids looking at colleges or attending colleges (Sarah).
- dual
- small invitationals
 - cap will be driven by warm-up / warm-down limitations
- Aim to have meets for NM swimmers first and foremost.
- How do we make sure every swimmer in the LSC has a fair chance to attend a meet?
 - Cater toward the high level age group kids who don't travel as much (Daryl).
 - Create more categories of swimmers (novice, age group, senior)(base off times) and then stagger meets to accommodate these swimmers.
- Important to make sure we are prioritizing the athletes so can't have spectators.
- Smaller teams can host meets and use watches if they don't have timing system:
 - Can do three timers with watches
 - Is there an ability to do one timer with two watches?

-Meet schedule

- Should we try to get teams to send us their meet dates as in years past to put on NM swim website?
 - No, rather post a disclaimer saying that we are actively pursuing meets within NM for club swimmers but to ask your own coaches for more info.
 - Harder to set a definite schedule but we should begin planning from State backwards.
 - Can look at getting the short course schedule from August 2021-March 2022 as normal?

-State Champs

- Come up with multiple scenarios (do this by committee: John Butcher, Lee Taylor, Dan France, Sarah Gormley)
 - multi site?
 - multi weekend?

-Meet templates

-look at Mesa AZ and Midland meets as examples.

To Do:

- Nail down facilities that will be able to host, mention the advocacy committee if facilities are not willing to open to competition (Lee)
- Plan for State Champs by committee (Lee, John, Dan, Sarah)
- See if meets can be run with hand watches and one timer with two watches (Ken, Murray).