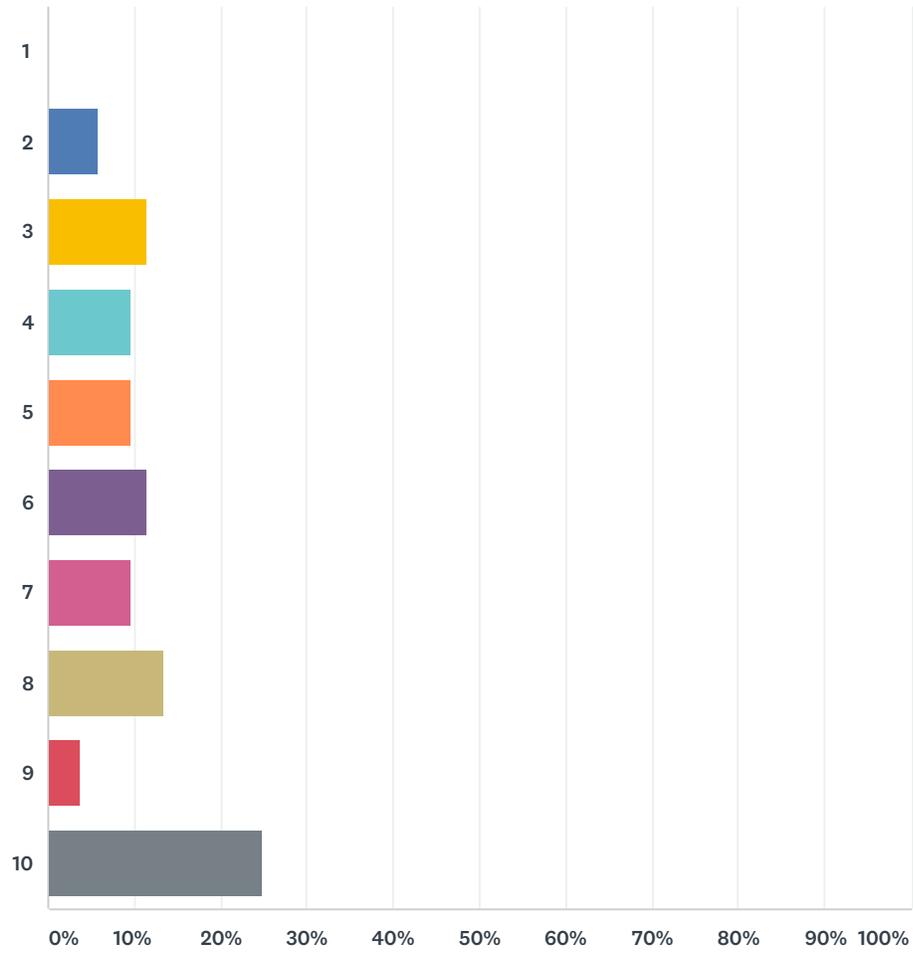


Q1 Number of Years in the ODSL?

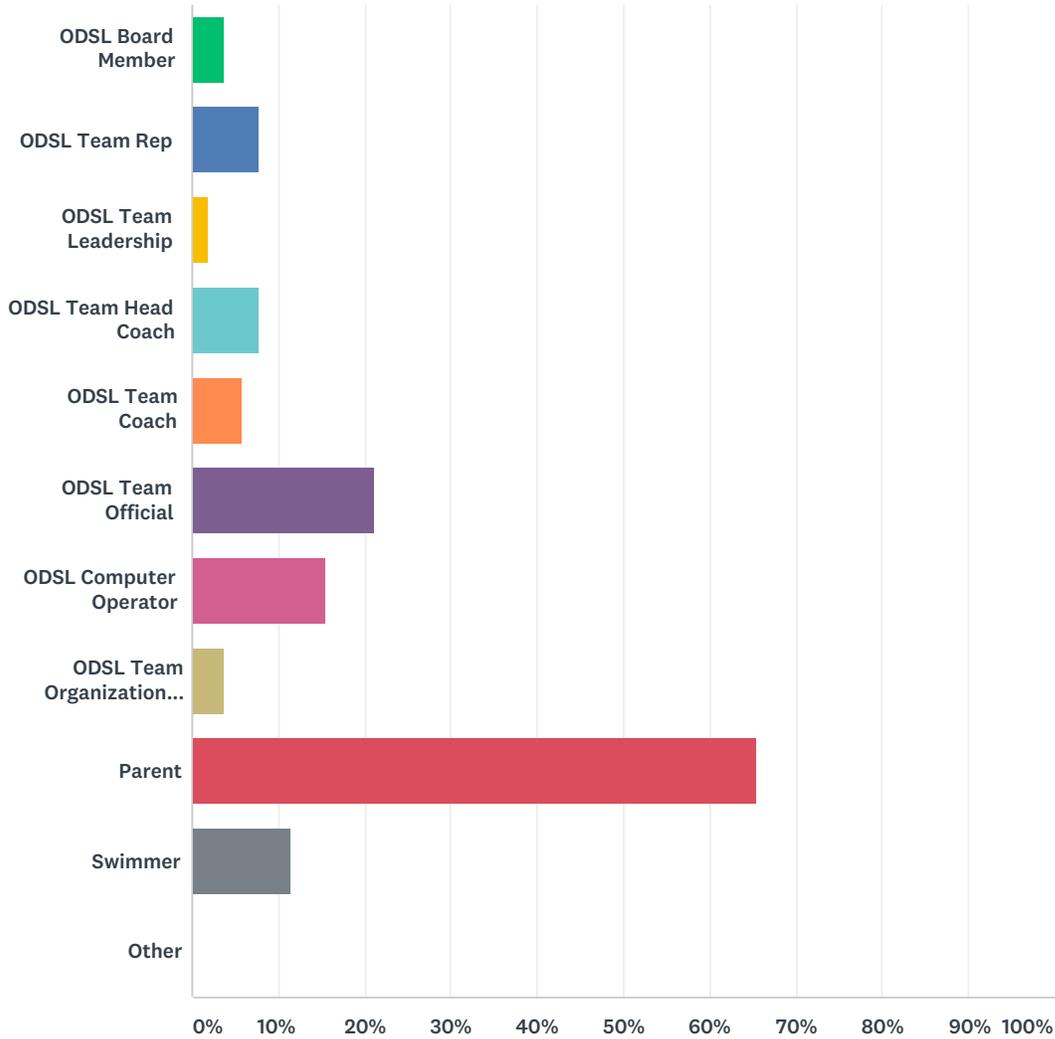
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	0.00%	0
2	5.77%	3
3	11.54%	6
4	9.62%	5
5	9.62%	5
6	11.54%	6
7	9.62%	5
8	13.46%	7
9	3.85%	2
10	25.00%	13
Total Respondents: 52		

Q2 What is your position with the league this year? (check all that apply)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
ODSL Board Member	3.85%	2
ODSL Team Rep	7.69%	4
ODSL Team Leadership	1.92%	1
ODSL Team Head Coach	7.69%	4
ODSL Team Coach	5.77%	3
ODSL Team Official	21.15%	11
ODSL Computer Operator	15.38%	8
ODSL Team Organizational Specialist (CofC, Runner, etc.)	3.85%	2
Parent	65.38%	34
Swimmer	11.54%	6

15	I do not think that Claude Moore was a good venue for All Stars especially when another pool had offered to host the event. The deck situation for parents especially was confusing. Also the pool is quite foreign to "only summer" swimmers. It might be a good idea to charge a \$10 invitational to All Stars so that you aren't ham stringed for a location next year. I believe South Riding was an especially good venue and if they were approached with a fair compensation for the parking and pool time inconvenience in the neighborhood they might be willing to host again.	8/23/2017 2:41 PM
16	Overall - well organized and I think best value regarding cost to participate vs fun/instruction for kids.	8/23/2017 2:20 PM
17	Overall a good job, however the all star meet was very poorly organized. Please don't have the meet at Claude Moore again.	8/23/2017 1:59 PM
18	We appreciate everything that ODSL does and would like to see some additional improvements regarding scheduling timeframes and placement of Divisional and All-Star hosts.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
19	Excellent	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
20	Things seem a bit haphazard and disorganized. We should know All Stars and Divisionals locations at the beginning of the season.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
21	Overall, organization is good. Appropriate amount of email updates from ODSL, however, some teams lack the appropriate experience and personnel to run meets smoothly. Need to have more mentoring of old parents/new parents to provide a smooth transition. If certain teams do not have appropriate volunteers, they should not be permitted to run meets.	8/23/2017 12:49 PM
22	In order to spark the competitive juices between teams can we start posting top line meet results (#of wins)	8/23/2017 12:38 PM
23	I thought the league was very organized. I would like to see improvements with officials as it hinders the swimmers when they get away with things (4 pullouts in breaststroke at All stars)	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
24	Would it make sense from an organizational stand point to group the larger and smaller teams in the league?	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
25	Good Job	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
26	League seems pretty well organized.	8/1/2017 4:23 PM
27	This year has been the most unorganized year for odsl in the past 5 years I've been involved. Things were way last minute and response was slow. And the fact that Stone Ridge already had everything planned out for all stars then it was moved was ridiculous.	7/31/2017 7:34 PM
28	I believe there should be more transparency regarding how all star cut times are set and there should be representatives from all teams involved in setting these times.	7/30/2017 8:36 PM
29	I think having the all star meet at cm was a poor decision. And it became a snow meet and took away from what odsl stands for . kids could not cheer on kids and parents missed events. Handing my daughter a snow flyer to swim at snow when she won a heat was in POOR TASTE	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
30	I think head coaches should have to be current or past college swimmers, not just college students.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM
31	The league needs more consistent rules across teams regarding handling DQs and protests.	7/30/2017 7:11 AM
32	Very one-sided thinking; not inclusive; limited communication. Need to change things up on the board and change members - NEW members and new blood are a must!	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
33	In years past meets felt organized and the league seemed like they knew what they were doing but this year was very unorganized and many adults didn't know what was happening.	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
34	Today was just awful. The people were mean and short tempered and the whole meet was disorganized.	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
35	Website is out of date with little to no content.	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
36	Teams are getting way too big. We did not finish one Wednesday night meet. Limit the amount of swimmers that can swim Wednesday nights.	7/29/2017 6:45 PM
37	The relationship between SNOW and ODSL seems to be a conflict of interest. The head of ODSL should not be the owner of a club team.	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
38	Too much snow advirtisement	7/29/2017 2:02 PM

Q3 Please give us your thoughts on League Operation and Organization.

Answered: 40 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Generally things went fine this season with only very few issues that I think are more related to the League Rules. There is something about the visiting team providing a computer operator volunteer for away meets. Generally speaking, the home team has a routine down and doesn't need or want help from someone who doesn't know the routine. Is it possible to remove this organizational requirement? I've built out a lot of the computer operator SOPs (standard operating procedures) on our website with the idea that word and pdf documents are rather hard to both find and then edit as needed. I think the league should build out something similar on the ODSL site. Currently the ODSL site has a jumble of documents, that aren't really organized, thrown onto the ODSL page making it difficult to find what you are looking for.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	I have noticed that some teams have different volunteers/positions that they bring to the meets. It is my understanding that these are standard across the board. However there are some fairly large discrepancies in my experience. I am not privy to how this is communicated to each team, but perhaps a different, more effective way of educating teams and their organizers in terms of exactly what is required for this.	8/29/2017 1:57 PM
3	ODSL seems well run. I appreciate the swimmer rankings. The inconsistent use of TouchPad is a problem worth fixing.	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
4	Information needs to be sent to teams in a more timely manner especially about the end of season meets. Team reps need more lead time on pick ups of ribbons, medals. Officials information at the beginning of the season needs to be clearer. We had officials that were certified but it wasn't showing on the list sent out and we were not getting resolution to that problem. I really like the online certification program for Stroke & Turn.	8/27/2017 8:57 AM
5	There could be more consistency with meet operation across the teams.	8/25/2017 4:20 PM
6	The All Star meet information was communicated at the last minute. Even prior to the inclement weather, it was obvious that it was plan as you go. It created a lot of extra stress on individual team leadership, parents and swimmers.	8/25/2017 9:30 AM
7	There was very little communication from the league throughout the summer. Very little.	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
8	I wish small teams swam against other small teams.	8/24/2017 4:55 PM
9	Growth and organization are well down for a volunteer league!	8/24/2017 3:49 PM
10	It could be better organized. Large teams field way too many swimmers. These teams should have a way to filter out the poorer swimmers to make the matches more competitive. Also, the Stroke and Turn Judging is largely inconsistent throughout the league. Some kids who shouldn't get disqualified get disqualified and some kids who should, don't. It's very random and based on where the judge was looking at the time. There are large inconsistencies throughout the league in the type of pools, the equipment being used (particularly timing mechanisms), and methods to keep and record time. It's very inconsistent how the times are relayed to the scoring tables. All clubs should have a mandatory timing system that integrates with the TouchPad Live system. It should be mandatory!	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
11	Needs more organization to filter concerns during the season. Keep shirt store open for refs during the season.	8/24/2017 11:56 AM
12	I think it is a great league.	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
13	Appears to be well run.	8/24/2017 9:48 AM
14	Organization was great- we knew exactly who we were swimming and when, and this gave me plenty of time to correspond with the other team's coach/rep with any specific concerns for our meet	8/23/2017 3:35 PM

39	NOT ORGANIZED ALL STARS MEET	7/29/2017 12:42 PM
40	Good	7/28/2017 7:38 PM

Q4 Please give us your thoughts on League Scheduling and Planning.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This year was a difficult one for the away meets being located far away. It is frustrating knowing that there are teams very close by but our team is driving an average of 13.5 miles to get to away meets (one of them was 20 miles away) and the divisional meet we were assigned to was held quite a distance away when a divisional meet was being held blocks from our home pool. I would recommend that the league create divisions within the league where the majority or all of the normal meets are held with teams in the same division and then the "divisional" meet is held at one of the pools in the division.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	I feel better effort should be made to ensure that teams are swimming teams of similar sizes OR somehow restrict the number of swimmers/heats for the larger teams to ensure fairness.	8/29/2017 1:57 PM
3	The scheduling for our team this year made no sense. We swam against teams nearly twice our size again and again and again.	8/27/2017 8:19 PM
4	For the last few years the meet scheduling has been poorly designed and unfair. Small teams like ours (Lenah Run) have had more than half of our meets each year against enormous teams. These meets are way too long, completely uncompetitive, and discouraging for our swimmers. Very often we had one or two heats per gender in each age group that only had swimmers from the other team. Their parents complained that swimming against us was like Time Trials for their team. There are plenty of large teams and plenty of small teams. Let big swim big and small swim small. Lenah Run doesn't have the capacity to host Lifetime or Stone Ridge, and shouldn't have to drive an hour to swim the enormous Lovettesville team.	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
5	I like the flexibility of the regular season schedule. We swam teams in our division that we hadn't swam in a long time and that was nice. That should continue. Claude Moore was not a good venue for All Stars.	8/27/2017 8:57 AM
6	Everything was fine with the exception that I would have preferred that the All Star meet was outdoors.	8/25/2017 4:20 PM
7	With the exception of the All Star meet, the regular season planning was good.	8/25/2017 9:30 AM
8	Being a larger team, we had two meets scheduled against smaller teams from Western Loudoun. These meets were long, late, and one-sided. Not very fair.	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
9	Suggest regional divisions. Helps travel and keeps closer teams at home.	8/24/2017 3:49 PM
10	Meets are too informal. They need to be more formal.	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
11	Schedule and planning were done well prior to season.	8/24/2017 11:56 AM
12	Great!	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
13	It would be nice if meet locations were more local. Some meets are just too far away. Also, teams should be paired based on size.	8/24/2017 9:48 AM
14	Once the schedule was set it was great, however I feel that this year everything was a little behind schedule from what it normally is- ribbon distribution, Divisionals assignments, etc	8/23/2017 3:35 PM
15	Our away meets were almost all 30 min. + away (Leesburg team swimming Aldie teams). Very unhappy with this!! This was a huge burden on our families.	8/23/2017 2:45 PM
16	If a team has to miss a week of swimming make it the first week of the season or around July 4. Not the last meet of the season. Missing the last meet -after the kids have had a season to practice- can be seen as unfair for the kids who are trying to qualify for all stars.	8/23/2017 2:33 PM
17	Scheduling is fine	8/23/2017 2:20 PM
18	Some variation might be nice. Team seems to swim the same teams each year.	8/23/2017 1:59 PM

19	I would love to see ODSL meet schedules come out sooner for the coming year (so that families, coaches and volunteers might plan vacations and meet hosting events earlier). We would love to see assignment of Divisionals and All-Stars happen at the same time that the regular season meets come out. For All-Stars, since the exact known number of swimmers on the team will not be known, you could take, for example, the 3-4 top teams from the previous year and require that they either volunteer to host or if no one does, then assign them randomly. Then, they could be allotted one less home meet to host during the regular season. While I appreciate the tremendous effort that the ODSL board went to in hosting the event at CM, I would prefer not to have the summer All Star event there again due to the many issues: capacity, not being able to see your child or any other children, little kids not being able to get out of the pool, little kids diving off the much higher bulk head, etc.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
20	Just fine, but would like a training option at Ida Lee/Leesburg area.	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
21	All Stars and Divisionals locations should be set with the schedule at the start of the season.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
22	Need to schedule small teams with small teams and avoid scheduling a smaller team against very large team	8/23/2017 12:49 PM
23	As much as possible can we try and keep the Wed meet to neighboring teams.	8/23/2017 12:38 PM
24	Very well organized. I didn't like the idea to use Claude Moore as it was cramped, especially with parents. Also, it removes the team atmosphere as kids could no longer cheer their team on.	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
25	I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback into the scheduling process before the season begins.	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
26	Needs a little work, we are in Leesburg and we had to swim many teams far away. There are many teams in Leesburg (Potomac Crossing, Potomac Station, Tavistock, Woodlea Manor, Greenway Farms, Exeter, Stratford, Kimcaid Forest just to name a Few)	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
27	We had a tough schedule this year with two away games all the way across the county one against a team that was twice our size.	8/1/2017 4:23 PM
28	Our team was close to the same soze as neighbor pools and it would have been nice to swim against them. Again, the league waited too long to start asking pools to host divisionals and all stars.	7/31/2017 7:34 PM
29	ODSL should not have 3 members from a competitive indoor (SNOW) as board members...if so give Blue wave and NCAP a board position too. This is summer swim not winter. Theresa and Lynn need to step down. Yelling at parents to get off the deck and swimmers in all stars was in called for. My husband almost missed my daughter swim. I had three kids at all stars and it was a crazy schedule. My kids were only give one dive. Another slipped in his dive and hurt his foot adding time	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
30	I think this works well.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM
31	No concerns.	7/30/2017 7:11 AM
32	Last minute planning; limited request for input from the coaches and reps on meets/time standards/locations, etc, AND a ridiculous lack of communication throughout the season.	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
33	Planned actually well other than all stars where there wasn't enough gym space at first.	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
34	This all star meet was not scheduled well. First, we were told no chairs, then chairs were okay. There was no room. Getting a t shirt took 90 minutes. It was not organized well.	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
35	Divisionals is a joke. There is no rivalry, no trophy, and no incentive to perform well. We competed against 1 of the teams at our "divisional" meet during the regular season.	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
36	The All Star meet was a complete utter disaster. Ruined the end of the season for all. Zero camaraderie. Parents were treated like prisoners. Claude Moore should not be able to host ANY meets USS or Summer League.	7/29/2017 6:45 PM
37	Plan further ahead for all stars- dates and locations.	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
38	Schedule went well, all stars should be outside however, not at Claude moore	7/29/2017 2:02 PM
39	More meets	7/28/2017 7:38 PM

Q5 Please give us your thoughts on the current League Rules.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The league should consider a cap on single team sizes, or modifying the cap on the number of swimmers allowed at a swim meet. The Lansdowne team is enormous and the pool they use for meets doesn't have lights so when swimming a night meet at their pool, they started early, and had to end the meet be cut short before relay events were held. This is after our coaches spent hours building relay teams and various families were waiting to see if their child would swim in a relay. Two changes should be considered here: 1) if a pool doesn't have lights the team shouldn't be allowed to host night meets 2) teams should be limited in the number of swimmers they are allowed to send to meets to control the meet length. It seems like the existing rules are from a time when the league didn't have problems with large teams. There is a rule that says at the divisional meet and all star meet the host team has the option to sell heat sheets. This does little more than generate hate and discontent with the visiting teams. This is rarely done in practice so it should be an easy thing to remove. Electronic versions of the heat sheets should be distributed for all events. It's fine to sell printed versions but don't make that the only way people can see what event/heat/lane their child, or the other kids on the team, is swimming in. I've heard that there are issues with scheduling meets come from HOAs limiting access to pools, I don't know the truth of this, but if this is the case there should be a clause that in order to join/take part in the league the HOAs must agree to the basic rules of pool availability and access for meets otherwise they are not accepted in the league.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	We would like to see ODSL adopt then "+20 Rule". The "+20 Rule" would limit the number of swimmers any team can enter to 20 more than the total number of swimmers on the opposing team. This rule would level out meets between large and small teams.	8/27/2017 8:19 PM
3	ODSL needs to limit the number of swimmers that can be entered into a specific event. Ideally, ODSL should also limit the number of swimmers that a team can enter in each stroke. These rules would balance out the inherent unfairness of swimming small and large teams against each other, and speed up the large against large meets.	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
4	The current league rules could be updated to include the amendments and other standard operating procedures that have been adapted by the league.	8/25/2017 4:20 PM
5	There needs to be a rule about number of entries or length of meets. 4.5 hours on a weeknight is far too long and way too late. Do teams follow league rules anymore? Do coaches prevent swimmers from entering events when they know their swimmer can't swim that stroke legally. This creates a really negative situation because this lengthens the meet, causes more DQ's and increases the chance of errors in writing and verifying DQ's.	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
6	Works.	8/24/2017 3:49 PM
7	What rules?	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
8	n/a	8/24/2017 11:56 AM
9	No issues with the rules.	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
10	No issues as I'm not fully aware of league rules.	8/24/2017 9:48 AM
11	The current rules and regulations seem sound. It's usually best when S&T's don't operate with the same rigor as they would at a USA meet- something almost always comes up at an ODSL meet that requires a little bit of leeway on the officials' part. This, I believe, allows for the best overall experience for the swimmer	8/23/2017 3:35 PM
12	Disqualifying a swimmer for delay in initiating turn has been enforced too subjectively. How long is too long, is a common question among swimmers and parents and can cause frustration during meets.	8/23/2017 2:41 PM
13	Rules are good	8/23/2017 2:20 PM
14	Overall they seem fair. I'm not sure why the divisional and all star meets only allow for two events and the Im. That seems unfair to the under ten crowd.	8/23/2017 1:59 PM

15	I like the current league rules and the developmental nature of the league. We have the opportunity to experience increased competitiveness in year-round swimming and enjoy the summer league all-inclusiveness.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
16	Totally good!	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
17	Rules posted on the ODSL site are appropriate. We should follow them. For example, the rules state that a swimmer can participate in ONLY one post season meet -- Divisionals or All Stars. We should follow that.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
18	No problems or concerns with current rules	8/23/2017 12:49 PM
19	I still think that they are current someone needs to update them on the website. Since the rules, mirror, for the most part, USA Swimming rules. This task could be delegated to someone to complete.	8/23/2017 12:38 PM
20	I wish they were enforced more, especially false starts	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
21	n/a	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
22	Just Fine	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
23	I think the rules are fair and well communicated.	8/1/2017 4:23 PM
24	I think all your judges need more training and monitoring.	7/31/2017 7:34 PM
25	I like the current league rules as I'm not a fan of the separate A and B meets. I also like the assigning of target times for All-Stars	7/30/2017 8:43 PM
26	If a child qualifies for one swim and IM they should still be allowed to go to divisional and try to qualify for another	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
27	I think we should be allowed to use blocks and touch pads at all stars.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM
28	No issues with rules, they just need to be carried out consistently across all teams.	7/30/2017 7:11 AM
29	All-star qualifying times remain random and last minute! Once they were decided this year, they 'realized' they forgot a few teams and debated changing them. Ridiculously unprofessional and disorganized.	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
30	Ideally kids would age up on their birthday to make it more fair.	7/29/2017 8:55 PM
31	I just think that each stroke and turn judge should be fair and not "let things slide" or "pretend they didn't see it" because that is breaking league rules. Also I think that coaches should be able to be swimmers legs during backstroke because that takes up a lot of time trying to switch to a different person right before the swimmer starts.	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
32	Fine	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
33	All teams (and their reps) must abide by league rules. Heard about a divisional meet where short course yard times were accidentally entered for a bunch of IM swimmers. That doesn't happen accidentally. And many of those swimmers were dq'ed...that's interesting!	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
34	Add a requirement for dolphin systems. There are many human errors. Additionally, odsl is so large maybe it should consider becoming a competitive league instead of instructional.	7/29/2017 3:10 PM
35	No comment	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
36	Shouldn't be allowed to heavily promote a club team (snow)	7/29/2017 2:02 PM
37	Fine	7/28/2017 7:38 PM

Q6 Please give us your specific concerns regarding the League's growth and direction.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Growth is great, but it needs to be controlled and/or planned for. Splitting up into divisions would work, along with possibly splitting the league into two leagues.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	We need to provide a fun and fair league for as many swimming as we can get to sign up. Swimming is great. Can we do more to reach out to minority communities in Loudoun?	8/27/2017 8:19 PM
3	A league our size needs "B Meets".	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
4	Saturday and Wednesday night meets go much too long. Best to go to "A" & "B" meets to split team and not have as many heats.	8/27/2017 10:59 AM
5	I think it is good that the league is growing. We do need to think about capping team size.	8/27/2017 8:57 AM
6	The swimmers and families on my team enjoys that both swimmers at all levels of experience can participate.	8/25/2017 9:30 AM
7	The governance of nearly 30 teams is a really tough task. The league should consider splitting into formal divisions based on geography and size. Maybe 5 Divisions and award a Divisional Championship for Dual meets and overall team performance at Divisionals. It is also time to stop pretending the league is a primarily "developmental" league and acknowledge that many of its top teams would be competitive with the CSL and even NVSL. Maybe A meet, B meet concept should be applied to the ODSL to limit the number of meets for everyone. With time trials, Divisionals, and All-Stars, there are 10 meets! A huge drain on the volunteers!	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
8	Competitive vs Developmental, which way to go to work more closely with CSL	8/24/2017 3:49 PM
9	The talented swimmers should be separated from the less talented swimmers. Many sports programs have a house and travel program. The larger clubs should be required to have a house program to develop lower level swimmers and swimmers should qualify for the travel team. The travel team by each club could then be that clubs most talented swimmers and the meets would be more organized, last shorter and be more efficient. The talented swimmers would swim against the most talented swimmers. Another meet setup could be organized for the less talented swimmers. Also, some of the teams are using their stroke and turn judges to win points at the meet by targeting the more talented swimmers. It can't be proven, but I noticed in a few of the meets, some of the best swimmers were disqualified without real cause or were focused on by particular judges.	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
10	Need stricter adherence to league rules and hosting guidelines	8/24/2017 11:56 AM
11	I know others have concerns with the teams that are larger than ours at meets, which puts us at a disadvantage. We are at a pool where we are not residents because we like the schedule, coaches, swimmers and camaraderie. I now have TWO kids in year round swim because they love the summer swim so much.	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
12	It's great seeing an organization such as this grow. I'm not aware of the direction in which the league is going so I cannot comment.	8/24/2017 9:48 AM
13	The growth has been fantastic! As a long-time ODSL swimmer and now a coach, I've seen the ODSL grow exponentially compared to where it was, and more swimmers join every year. The only concern I've heard again and again is that it's becoming more of a competitive league than a recreational one AKA if a swimmer does not swim on a club team year-round, they have little to no chance of getting a place ribbon, much less scoring in a meet. (not that an 8 year-old cares how many points they scored, but you get the idea)	8/23/2017 3:35 PM
14	Teams should swim against other teams of similar size and in closer proximity. Many of the kids on different teams go to the same schools and look forward to seeing each other. Also, it is illogical for small teams to swim against huge teams. One of our meets had to end right after the IM's bc it was too late/dark. They had more than twice as many swimmers as we did so our families and swimmers were extremely frustrated with this. In the future I am predicting that if faced with this situation again, many of our swimmers will just not attend.	8/23/2017 2:45 PM

15	I am somewhat afraid that the league is growing too bureaucratic to be effective for "summer only" swimmers. I wish the league to be developmental. If a swimmer wants a more competitive more formal league they can swim on a number of year round teams in the area. I'm afraid that ODSL is becoming redundant.	8/23/2017 2:41 PM
16	I think the league could do a little more to advertise/promote the league.	8/23/2017 2:20 PM
17	Team growth seems a bit more problematic. When you have 7 or 8 heats that makes the meets run so long that swimmers may not even get to the im. Limiting heat size or having some time standard are two ways to limit the field.	8/23/2017 1:59 PM
18	See number 5.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
19	Please just keep trying to keep meets between similarly-sized teams. This year was good in this respect.	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
20	Growth is great. Love the fact that it is a developmentally competitive league and not overly serious/competitive.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
21	Growth is good provided it is managed and there are enough volunteers on each team to allow for this and to continue the fun and competition for the kids. After all, the kids is what it is all about	8/23/2017 12:49 PM
22	Some teams are getting so large that we can never finish a meet.	8/23/2017 12:47 PM
23	No concerns.	8/23/2017 12:38 PM
24	If officials continue to do their job to get points, the league stays super relaxed. If officials do their job completely and correctly, the league will move in a very favorful direction.	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
25	As more teams are added to the league, I think it will be hard to manage the needs of very different sized teams.	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
26	None	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
27	Although I know the league does not want to be nvsl, we still need to follow rules. I also think we need to make divisionals and all stars different. It really crappy that the same medals are used for all stars as divisional.	7/31/2017 7:34 PM
28	This summer swim,.... not SNOW Swimming. All Stars should not be at cm.	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
29	I don't have any concerns here.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM
30	The league may have to look at an A/B meet scenario or limit team sizes.	7/30/2017 7:11 AM
31	It seems to be focused on leading summer league swimmers to a specific year round team. ARE you kidding with giving the winners an envelope advertising SNOW swimming? Conflict of interest to say the least.	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
32	If the direction is to hold meets indoors then that is a major concern.	7/29/2017 8:55 PM
33	None as long as you stick to what's really important, that the swimmers are being safe and having fun.	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
34	The all star meet was not good. If you do not want parents on deck, you should have it streaming live on tvs in the places where we have to sit.	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
35	Communication needs HUGE overhaul. All stars was a joke with comms. Consult your twitter page, seriously?	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
36	Length of swim meets are extremely long. Need to start limiting the amount of swimmers on Wednesday nights to complete meets.	7/29/2017 6:45 PM
37	again, no club team should have a fiduciary interest in summer league.	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
38	Going down the wrong path. It should be about kids having fun not recruiting kids to swim on snow	7/29/2017 2:02 PM
39	Good	7/28/2017 7:38 PM

Q7 Any other feedback or concerns not covered above?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It would be good to define detailed SOPs for the league across the board. The current organization seems to be defined by the people who organized the league and had an idea of what they wanted and needed to do. Now that ODSL is older/more mature with more teams, it should be able to define, in detail, what the required and optional actions of membership are. Things like timing of main board meetings, policy for electing/appointing officers, requirements to the league for resources (pool access for meets as well as pool requirements), and such.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	It's a waste of time to swim a meet at an SCY pool. Few of the competitive swimmers on our team bothered to swim hard because the times (even after conversion) were not meaningful to them.	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
3	Hosting the All Star meet was a huge issue this year. It is a major undertaking for a team to do so. Since we paid Claude Moore to have it this year, some financial compensation should be provided to the team that hosts. That might make more communities and teams willing to do so. It should not be the same teams every year being asked.	8/27/2017 8:57 AM
4	The league needs to stand behind its referees better. Some teams look at the referee as their employee or their representative when in fact the referee should be treated like the highest ranking ODSL member on the deck. There is wide variation between intensity of referees between the teams and many teams have this "hey, it's summer swim" attitude that actually prevents development of swimmers (who learn from their mistakes) and officials (who grow in knowledge). I also think the teams should have the option of doing relays OR I.M.'s but not both. You could set that up at a B meet to save time.	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
5	Don't have All Stars at an indoor pool.	8/24/2017 4:55 PM
6	It should be considered to have the most competitive swimmers to train together despite age group. They could receive more direct training rather than lumping them in with beginner swimmers or swimmers still learning basic techniques.	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
7	The All Stars was difficult because of the space. It worked out great because we could still have it in the rain! However, I think Claude Moore wasn't prepared for the amount of people.	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
8	N/a	8/23/2017 1:59 PM
9	See above feedback on the All-Stars meet. Also, again, I would like to see the summer schedule for the following season come out earlier to allow time for planning vacations and allotting home meet time properly.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
10	Please heed any complaints about Mark from Kincaid Forest. He brings his own personal ideal interpretation of swimming reality to meets and essentially squashes any fun or positive spirit to summer swim. Benefit of the doubt can't exist when someone erroneously thinks their perception is perfect and their focus isn't about actual fairness or swimmer improvement but about their own power. Most officials in contact with the aforementioned echo this sentiment.	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
11	Please do not hold All Stars at Claude Moore again. It was the worst meet in which I have participated...ever.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
12	n/a	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
13	None	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
14	I was very concerned that the All-Star meet obviously was being viewed as a recruiting event for the SNOW swim team. I do not believe that the majority of the ODSL board should come from one year round program. The distribution of SNOW flyers to heat winners was completely inappropriate.	7/30/2017 8:36 PM
15	see above.	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
16	I thinks all junior and assistant coaches should be payed.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM

17	The rules seem to only apply when members want them to be applied . Our Divisional meet was run by members of the ODSL board; these board members decided to ADD swimmers to the meet who have never done events (against rules). The swimmers had yard times and were NOT in team unify for summer league anywhere. When these board members were confronted, they lied and made up some excuse. Those swimmers were allowed to swim and wound up DQ'ing in their events. Again, ridiculous and unfair.	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
18	None	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
19	The all star meet inside at CM was not a good idea.	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
20	All stars: no communication, no signage at pool to direct swimmers and PARENTS. So many parents missed children's swims and that's a shame that rests squarely on shoulders of the Board. Lynn Oliver lived out her karaoke wet dreams on the mic holding up the meet at the expense of the swimmers. Rather than request 30 or more stroke and turn officials how bout you use some parent volunteers for deck marshalls to help clear deck and escort parents.	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
21	Too much club team propaganda at All Stars and in the week leading up to it	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
22	No	7/29/2017 2:02 PM
23	Don't have all stars here	7/29/2017 12:42 PM
24	people are dying at allstars	7/29/2017 11:27 AM
25	Nope	7/28/2017 7:38 PM

Q8 Given the difficulties that the league size plays in our end of season meets, what are your thoughts for solutions and changes going forward.

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1	I would recommend that the league create divisions within the league where the majority or all of the normal meets are held with teams in the same division and then the "divisional" meet is held at one of the pools in the division. The all star meet was super huge, I would recommend that either it be split up, maybe 2 all star meets across ODSL, or keep the 1 all star meet but only allow swimmers to swim in one event. Still use cut times, but let them choose one event from whatever events they qualify in. Another option would be to split to an ODSL East and ODSL West league.	9/1/2017 8:26 PM
2	Perhaps splitting the meets to different days or times of days depending on swimmers' ages?	8/29/2017 1:57 PM
3	No more Claude Moore.	8/27/2017 8:19 PM
4	I'm sure it's occurred to you to make it harder to qualify for All-Stars, right? So, that being said, the All Star meet was really quite bad, but at least we were able to hold it that rainy Saturday morning when other leagues had to postpone. Diving off of the soaking mats off the elevated deck was a sizable problem and the temperature swings from the gym to the pool were not fair to the kids. Because I felt the format was unfair to the swimmers, I would strongly prefer to not ever go back to CM. We've been to 10 All Star meets in at least 4 different locations. Frankly, I didn't see anything wrong with South Riding or the gated community in Ashburn.	8/27/2017 8:01 PM
5	Make All-star cuts harder	8/27/2017 10:59 AM
6	Far too many swimmers are qualifying for All Stars. We need to make those times more challenging which will make the All Star meet more reasonable in size but also more meaningful. Get a committee from a number of teams to look at the times from the early meets to set the times to capture our top swimmers for the league.	8/27/2017 8:57 AM
7	The All Star meet should be better planned well in advanced. Information should be made available in the beginning of the season.	8/25/2017 9:30 AM
8	I understand the situation this year with the All-Star meet. It actually ensured there would be no weather interference (and this hedge bet paid off)! However, the meet took nearly 6 hours with a very long break in between. It has to balance between being fun and competitive. I actually think there should be no All-Star meet and focus more on making a Divisional Meet a full championship meet. Instead of all-stars, do a relay carnival.	8/24/2017 5:28 PM
9	Recommend having all stars at Claude Moore again, but with age groups segmented. 11-18 YO at 8:00-11:00. With team relays!! 6U and 7-10 YO 1:00. - 4:00 PM. Just too many people and it will only get bigger.	8/24/2017 3:49 PM
10	If we are looking to continue a Claude Moore maybe we should look at how year round breaks it up and do two sessions 10 and under vs 11 and over	8/24/2017 1:25 PM
11	Have a tournament type bracket leading to the final meet that filters out some of the slower swimmers by age group prior to the all star meet.	8/24/2017 1:07 PM
12	identify more sites for meets with fewer teams at each meet	8/24/2017 11:56 AM
13	Perhaps match teams of equal size to compete?	8/24/2017 9:49 AM
14	Perhaps have 2 meets based on age group and size.	8/24/2017 9:48 AM

15	Divisionals wasn't too much of a hassle; even with 5 teams on the deck it went fairly smoothly. As long as the "brackets" don't surpass 4-5 teams we should be set. However, it may still be prudent to split up the Divisionals meets into "A" and "B" meets. This would mean All-Stars cut times can remain stricter and only allow say the top 16 swimmers per event. Then another round of "easier" cut times to make the Divisionals A meet (for example to allow the next 16-24 swimmers per event) This would alleviate the number of swimmers at all of the end-of-season meets, would allow All-Stars to very much remain an "elite" meet, and give more swimmers a chance to medal at their end-of-season meet. I realize this would result in either the season being a week longer or there being a double-meet weekend for the coaches, but it would eliminate some of the hassle that always comes with end-of-season.	8/23/2017 3:35 PM
16	Teams should be capped at predetermined numbers. Ex. (A) up to 150 swimmers, (B) up to 200 & (C) up to 250. Just because a pool can accommodate 350 swimmers doesn't mean they should have a team that big competing against other small community teams. This will also control the size of end of season meets.	8/23/2017 2:45 PM
17	What I said in number 3 addressed some of this. Again, my suggestion is that you ask for an entry fee to All Stars and offer the proceeds to the pool who is willing to host. I suspect that you will then have more options.	8/23/2017 2:41 PM
18	Try to have a limit of 2-3 heats per event for All Stars. Make cut times faster. Maybe add another team to host divisionals to lower the amount of teams swimming at each pool.	8/23/2017 2:33 PM
19	Allow kids to participate in any 3 events and limit all-star meet to top 24 swimmers + ties	8/23/2017 2:20 PM
20	I did not see any issues with league size at divisionals but did with all stars. I think the indoor venue was not the best choice.	8/23/2017 1:59 PM
21	Set the time at the beginning of the season based on last season's all stars times or the top 15, 20 or 30 kids in each division. I don't see a need to wait to look at the current year's times. Just use last year's top rankings for the coming season. Sets the expectations early for the kids, and limits the size of the overall meet.	8/23/2017 1:58 PM
22	We really haven't had issues with divisionals. It's a given that it can be hectic. Teams need to go-with-the-flow.	8/23/2017 1:23 PM
23	Set the cut times for All Stars base on the top 20 (??) finishes at All-Stars the prior year. That should keep numbers down. Divisionals size is fine.	8/23/2017 1:19 PM
24	Continue to split up Divisional meets. Due to the size of the All Star meet, this should be split in half with east/west, etc. We were not at the All Star meet this year but it was reportedly not well run by several of our team parents. The recommended against not having it at CM again. CM is great for year round swimming but to have an outdoor meet at an indoor pool without appropriate seating, etc, is not the best solution. Just divide the ODSL teams in half.	8/23/2017 12:49 PM
25	Never do indoors at Claude Moore again!!!!	8/23/2017 12:47 PM
26	Instead of having "All-Star's run in one meet. Have an ODSL Championship Weekend. Saturday Session-1 (all smaller teams) Session-2 (all middle teams) Session-3 (all larger teams) Sunday 1-session. The top 2 winners of each age group during of Saturday's session will compete. I can easily lay this out easier outside of Survey Monkey	8/23/2017 12:38 PM
27	Make the cuts much faster or switch to the NVSL style of All stars. They invite the top 24ish at divisionals to come to All stars (make a call to all team reps after conclusion of all divisionals to invite their swimmers that made it).	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
28	Consider eliminating the divisional meets. If we had two 'chapters' of the ODSL large team/small team perhaps two All Star meets could be held	8/23/2017 12:19 PM
29	I think whoever plans these end of season meets does a terrific job.	8/23/2017 12:16 PM
30	The year end all star meet was extremely chaotic. The volunteers did their best, however the venue wasn't very accommodating for a meet of that size. It could have been shortened a bit too by not stopping the meet to have multiple warmups since there was a separate pool for that.	8/1/2017 4:23 PM
31	Never never never do all stars at a small indoor pool again.....never! The little were actually scared of the pool and nevermind the crowd control.	7/31/2017 7:34 PM
32	We should definitely go back to having a team with an eight lane pool host all stars and divisionals. The Claude Moore meet was a very frustrating experience.	7/30/2017 8:36 PM

33	Maybe have a 10 and under and 11 and over..Girls one weekend boys another. Give the host more \$\$ to host. I have been to 5 all stars this was THE WORST. a 1/2 of cup of coffee should not be \$2. Don't tell people to move their stuff during IM so they miss their kids swim. Give the teams more time to warm up	7/30/2017 7:58 PM
34	I think that each all stars should be made more select. Ex: only 1-2 heats with a max of 3 per event. I think we should be allowed to use blocks and touch pads at all stars.	7/30/2017 8:51 AM
35	The all star meet was way too large (almost 200 more swimmers than last year). Either make the cut times faster or split the meet like any USA swimming meet and other summer leagues (by age or by sex) especially if the meet is inside where there are fire code issues.	7/30/2017 7:11 AM
36	1) Plan in advance 2) divide all-stars into separate sites 3) have an announcer that actually likes children and the sport 4) focus on a positive meet for the swimmers 5) have at the very least WATER for the coaches and volunteers	7/29/2017 9:11 PM
37	Please do not ever hold the all star meet at an indoor facility in the future. The meet was awful. I know a lot of work went into organizing and running the meet but there way too many swimmers and parents for Claude Moore to handle. I still have a headache from being yelled at with a bullhorn and my two swimmers were definitely affected by the atmosphere. It is supposed to be fun and that not how we wanted to end our season after all the hard work they put in to get there.	7/29/2017 8:55 PM
38	Not have them at Claude Moore and have parents be sitting on one side.. not moving them in and out wasting time. I think that swimmers can sit outside also if it's nice enough out. One thing that would be beneficial for everyone is live streaming it or having the adults all sit in one location with a big screen watching the kids swim.	7/29/2017 7:50 PM
39	If we can't watch them swim, broadcast it live on tv screens where parents are sitting so they can still see it.	7/29/2017 7:09 PM
40	New board with new vision and creative ideas needs to be put in place who value the athletes over themselves and any power/ego trip they are on.	7/29/2017 6:58 PM
41	Instead of individual time standards for All Stars maybe have the top teams in each division with the most wins compete to win the ODSL team championship. Top 4 swimmers for each event on each team compete. Divisionals could serve as "all Stars"	7/29/2017 6:45 PM
42	It might make more sense to split the league in half. As an alternative, split all-stars in half but combine the times at the end.	7/29/2017 3:10 PM
43	Provide neighborhood teams with more financial assistance to host these meets. All stars was truly the most poorly run meet ever.	7/29/2017 2:09 PM
44	Hold all stars at an outdoor pool like a regular summer league team.	7/29/2017 2:02 PM
45	Have outdoor meets	7/29/2017 12:42 PM
46	outside meets	7/29/2017 11:27 AM
47	Its ok	7/28/2017 7:38 PM