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**A proposal for entry times for the State B Meets**

**Current bylaw or policy section and language:**

# STATE B CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

## General

### Unlike the State Championship Meets, the State B is not co-sponsored by SDSI. Host Clubs receive 100% of any profits and are responsible for all expenses.

#### Rules – Current USA Swimming Rules govern all events.

#### Philosophy – This meet serves a dual purpose. First, it is a final qualifier meet, providing swimmers a last opportunity to qualify for the State Championship Meet in events in which they have not yet qualified. Secondly, it is a meet in which non-championship swimmers can compete against other similarly qualified swimmers exclusively.

#### Eligibility – This is a closed meet. All swimmers must be current USA Swimming members registered with the South Dakota LSC. Age as of the first day of the State B Meet determines age group for the entire meet.

#### Qualifying Times – In order to be eligible for the South Dakota State B Meet, the swimmer must not have obtained a State Championship time in the particular event between the last day of the State B Meet of the previous year and the entry deadline for (or the Monday before) the current year’s State B Meet. Coaches, teams and swimmers are expected to uphold the spirit of the State B Meet. (BOD 07/23/2013)

**Proposed bylaw or policy section and language:**

Add to section (d). “In order to be eligible for the South Dakota State B Meet, the swimmer must have swum a legal time, but not have obtained a State Championship time in the particular event…”

**Rationale:**

As this meet is called “State B” it should be treated more like a state meet. Although we do not have qualifying times for this meet, a previous, legal swim should be required. If anyone can swim an event they have never swum before, it is just another meet (No one would go to a basketball state tournament without ever playing basketball before). A meet we are calling “State” should not allow first-time swims, especially first-time swims which may not even be remotely legal. State A qualifying times are valid for a year, so if we mimic that meet, then a time in an event within the year makes sense. This should also make it more competitive - best times are entered for State A so swimmers are racing those they should be.  In State B, a NT in heat one could win the race and, really, if a swimmer is at that level, they should have a time and compete in a heat with others at that level. Requiring a time for this meet can also promote more competition throughout the whole season, as it should encourage swimmers to attend and compete in more events at regular meets so that they are eligible to go to a state meet. This also would help to uphold the “spirit of a state meet” ( (d) above )