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**Proposal template: Proposal must include both the current and new language if applicable.**

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

11.9 Meet Format

(1)Short Course Championship Meets – This will be a mixed time finals and prelim/finals meet. 11 & Over age groups will swim as Prelim/finals on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 11-12-year old’s will bring back an A final and 13 & Over events will bring back A & B final. The 400 IM & 500 Free will be A final only, while the 1000 & 1650 will be timed finals. 10 & Under age groups will swim a 2-day timed final meet on Saturday & Sunday. A Meet Invitation Template for the Short Course Championship meet is Attached as Exhibit 15.

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

Meet Format – (1) Short Course Championship Meets – Meet will be divided by age group. Divided into 12 and unders and 13 and over age groups on two different weekends. 12 and unders will be timed finals. 12 and unders will be the first weekend, followed by the 13 and overs on another weekend as prelim/finals. The 400 IM & 500 Free will be A final only, while the 1000 & 1650 will be timed finals. 12 and unders will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. 13 and overs will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. A Meet Invitation Template for the Short Course Championship meet is Attached as Exhibit 15.

**Rationale:**

1. **Having two weekends – lets coaches and parents focus on just those swimmers.**
2. **It made it feel more like a state meet for both groups as it could be tailored to a state meet format for both.**
3. **Neither weekend feels rushed or that we must hustle through in order to get to the next thing or process this group of kids so that we can get the next group in.**
4. **Having 3 days for a swim meet in the 12 and under category lets the more difficult events be spread out over 3 days – just like we already do in the 13 and over category.**
5. **Both groups can be tailored for just older or younger swimmers and gives you the opportunity to make it feel more like a state meet with announcing, parading to the block, songs, highlighting seniors on the board, doing awards, without feeling rushed for time.**
6. **The order of the two meets must be in this order because of birthdays as some swimmers were caught with no state meet in 2021 as they turned 13 during that week.**