

Spring 2007 Proposed Legislation for Southeastern Swimming

I. TECHNICAL PLANNING

A	Description	Location	BOD Rec.	Required
T-1	Proposal to change the meet format of the 2007 Southeastern Long Course Championship Meet			51%
T-2	Proposal to allow only one relay entry per team in each relay event at Southeastern Championship Meets			51%
T-3	Proposal to make the 13 & Over 400 IM and 400/500 Freestyle events timed finals at Southeastern Championship Meets			51%
T-4	Proposal to score 16 places in Senior relays in Southeastern Championship Meets			51%
T-5	Proposal to change the method of determining team size at Southeastern Championship Meets.			51%
T-6	Proposal to swim 'B' Finals in 11&12 and 13&14 age groups in Southeastern Championship Meets			51%
T-7	Proposal to score 16 places in all events in Southeastern Championship Meets			51%
T-8	Proposal for updating Southeastern Swimming travel reimbursement.	7.1B		51%

II. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled

B	Description	Location	BOD Rec.	Required
R-1	Proposal to eliminate the listing of stroke and turn judge names in sanction applications	4.2A.5		67%
R-2*	Proposal to change District Championship Award funding	5.1		67%
R-3*	Proposal to maintain the current Short and Long Course seasons			67%
R-4*	Proposal to eliminate Appendix 15 from the Aquatics Guide	App 15		67%

SOUTHEASTERN SWIMMING PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

T-1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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**T-1: Proposal to change the meet format of the 2007 Southeastern Long Course Championship Meet
Proposed by: Joe Goeken**

I propose to make the following changes to the Southeastern Championships meet format:

For this summer's meet in Nashville run the entire 12 and under meet (prelims and finals) at the Brentwood location and the 13 and over meet (prelims and finals) at the Tracy Caulkins Pool. 10 and under, 11-12 and 13-14 age groups would have an A and B Final. Senior Age group would have an A, B and C final. Scoring would be through 16th place for all events. The 800 and 400 freestyle's would remain timed finals for the 12 and under age group; all other events would be prelim/final. The 13 and up 400, 800 and 1500 freestyle's and the 400 IM would be timed finals; all other events prelim/finals. All relays would be swum at night.

Rationale: Time constraints prohibit running B Finals in the all age groups with our current format. This proposal would allow for A and B (and C for senior) finals for all age groups and have a more reasonable length prelim and final session. My feeling is at this level more swimmers should get the experience of second swims. The Senior division will swim A, B and C finals because it is two age groups.

Negatives: Coaches and parents would not be able to watch both younger and older swimmers and total teams would not be together. Effectively this would create a senior champs and an age groups champs which many coaches have been clamoring for.

T-2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-2: Proposal to allow only one relay entry per team in each relay event at Southeastern Championship Meets
Proposed by: Joe Goeken

I propose that each team be allowed one relay entry per event at Southeastern Championships. This would only be in effect if proposal T-1 fails. If proposal one passes only one relay per team can score but teams can swim B non scoring relays.

Rationale: The final session is too long as it is and this would cut out about one heat per event. Additionally the most exciting swim meets of the world (NCAA's, Olympics, World Champs, state high school meets, Y Nationals) allow only one relay. This would add excitement to the meet and make it fairer for smaller teams. The larger teams would cancel each other out on this matter in all likelihood. I think the larger teams will find it better because their swimmers are competing for relay spots.

Negatives: Some swimmers would not be able to swim relays they don't deserve to be on.

T-3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-3: Proposal to make the 13 & Over 400 IM and 400/500 Freestyle events timed finals at Southeastern Championship Meets
Proposed by: Joe Goeken

I propose to make the 400 IM and 500/400 freestyle events for 13 and up time finals. The fastest two heats would be swum at night.

Rationale: This would cut out 8 heats in the morning (four 13-14 and four senior) and save about 45 minutes of time each day. The argument that the distance swimmers need the experience of swimming these events twice to prepare for National competition doesn't hold up. With 7 individual events plus relays it just causes slower swimming to swim twice. At Nationals most distance swimmers are only swimming a few events and it is not as taxing. Also, the top swimmers are swimming easy in the morning (the senior winner in the boys 500 went 4:46 in the prelims and 4:27 in the finals--how is that preparing for anything). Finally, the slower swimmers are at a disadvantage because they have to swim hard in the morning.

Negatives: None that I can see other than not getting to spend as much time at the pool in the morning

T-4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-4: Proposal to Change the team scoring at Southeastern Championship Meet
Proposed by: John Boxmeyer

I propose to score the Senior Relays for 9th-16th place at the Southeastern Championships. The points awarded will be twice that of the Consolation Finals for the individual events.

Rationale: This would be more consistent with our current scoring of the 9th-16th places in individual events for the combined Senior age group.

T-5	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-5: Proposal to change the method of determining team size at Southeastern Championship Meets.
Proposed by: John Boxmeyer

I propose that The three team scoring of large, medium, and small at Southeastern Championships to be determined by actual number of USS registered swimmers in that club for that year. The suggested Division size cut-off for small teams is 0-99 registered swimmers, for medium sized teams the number shall be 100-199 registered swimmers, and large teams will have 200 or more registered swimmers.

Rationale: The current procedure for determining this is by how many you bring to the actual meet. This current system does not reward a medium or smaller sized team (of USS registered swimmers) with qualifying and bringing a larger number of swimmers to Southeasterns, only to find that they are competing against teams in the next higher division.

T-6	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-6: Proposal to change the meet format of the Southeastern Championship Meets
Proposed by: Vic Moore

I propose to make the following changes to the Southeastern Championships meet format:

Starting in Spring 2008, the 11&12 and 13&14 age groups will swim a "B" final.

T-7	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-7: Proposal to change the meet format of the Southeastern Championship Meets
Proposed by: Pamela Braseth

I propose to make the following changes to the Southeastern Championships meet format:

The top 16 places will be scored in all age groups.

Rationale: This will place team importance on all age groups not just seniors or age groups with consolation heats.

T-8	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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T-8: Proposal for updating Southeastern Swimming travel reimbursement.
Proposed by: Ben Davis

I propose that athletes with Short Course National qualifying times be reimbursed at the same rate as those with Long Course National qualifying times.

Rationale: The Short Course National Championship Meet is recognized as a National Championship Meet by USA Swimming.

R-1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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R-1: Proposal to change Section 4.2A5 of the Aquatics Guide
Proposed by: Vicki Balog

I propose that section 4.2A5 be changed to read:

5. List of key officials (meet director, referee, starter, meet marshal, ~~stroke and turn judges~~).

Rationale: We don't currently list the other positions in our meet template provided by SES.

R-2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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R-2: Proposal to change funding of District Championship Awards
Proposed by: Vicki Balog

I propose that meet awards for District Championships shall be purchased by the bidding club. SES will no longer provide awards at no cost to host teams.

Rationale: The average income for host teams for the district meets has increased in recent years by _____ (waiting for data from Clark Hammond) largely due to the addition of facility surcharges and an increase in entry fees. Teams bidding on these meets are limited and the cost of the awards would not be an undue burden on the bidding club.

R-3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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R-3: Proposal to maintain the current Short and Long Course seasons
Proposed by: Vicki Balog

I propose that Southeastern Swimming maintain the general dates for the SES short-course season from September through the end of March and the long-course season from April thru August.

Rationale: Before a major change in our season is instituted, review of other calendar factors such as delegate meetings, USAS conventions and World Clinic dates that can affect our competitive calendar should be considered. Long-course meets can be scheduled during short course season to accommodate those teams who wish to change their training focus to long-course earlier. Currently

34% of our swimmers are 10 and under. 10 and under swimmers are generally better suited for short-course training and the events short-course swimming allows. Shortening of the short-course season could be very detrimental to retention in these age groups.

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**R-4: Proposal to eliminate Appendix 15 from the Aquatics Guide.
Proposed by: Stephanie Nadeau**

I propose that Appendix 15 of the Aquatics Guide be eliminated.

Rationale: Appendix 15 deals with the training procedures for officials. With the current overhaul of USA Swimming officials' classification scheme, the entire appendix is no longer current or necessary.