

Metro Committee Report January 16th, 2019

Jon Moore - Metro Chair

I am pleased with our proposed/updated Standard Operating Procedures for review by Metro Committee teams. We have spent some time evaluating our current SOP and implementing changes based on the current SCS Bylaws. At the March meeting I would like to discuss, approve by vote, and implement the new SOP for the committee moving forward in 2019. My wish is to dissolve the current SOP and use the updated SOP. The changes are not drastic, more so, they are eliminating some redundancy and staying in line with what USA swimming is recommending. Please be prepared to discuss any changes/ideas at Tuesday's meeting.

Our committee is ever growing and evolving. In response, I think we need to address these changes. I am proposing a meeting with our program chairs before the March meeting to discuss the possibility of implementing changes for the 2020 schedule. Some meets are extremely impacted, and it may be in our best interest to have 2 committee meets at different sites on these weekends. Also, with the implementation of time standards for the Metro Committee Spring and Summer Championship meets, I feel like we have addressed the needs of all swimmers (blue/red/white) in the Short Course season, but we still need to consider the newer white level swimmers during the summer season. We all want to strike the iron while it's hot, aka, serving the needs of our new swimmers when they are actually buying into the sport. However, we are lacking in opportunities for them to swim in exciting, swimmer friendly meets. These swimmers, being new to the sport, should attend meets with friendly timelines in a short course pool, rather than going to long, all weekend long course meets that will make them and their families come away with a sour taste regarding our sport and competition.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the metro committee on it's new meet implementations for the 2019 season. I am really excited for our team, and for all committee swimmers. The progression from the red/white festival to the Metro Champs, then the SCS championships will be a great experience for our age group swimmers. Thank you all for the support, and I hope you attend both the red/white festival, and the Metro Committee Championships. My hope is that this format will raise the level of competition within our committee and give our swimmers more incentive to compete at the top level within our LSC.

Looking forward to another great year.