



Name of Committee : SCS Age Group Committee

Name of Committee Chairperson: Mike Cody

Date of Report: June 2, 2020

Actionable Item(s)

1. Spring Junior Olympics: Update the 2021 Time Standards

- Use a rolling 4-year average of 48th place
- Relay time standards are a cumulative JO cut for each of the 4 legs

Rationale: If Spring JO's is designated to be a performance meet (and it has been), then we need to design for maximum performance vs maximum participation. Additionally, the consensus of coaches at the SCS Planning meeting was that the meet is too large, and the size impedes ultimate performances. Updating the standards will reduce the overall size of the meet which would help create an environment conducive to higher level performances.

2. Spring Junior Olympics: Limit of One Relay per Team; must qualify using a hard cut.

Rationale: Spring JOs is identified as a high performance meet; the showcase for the SCS Age Group Program. Completing a statistical analysis of the data, the Age Group Committee found that this was the best option instead of other less attractive options like splitting the meet, or eliminating relays completely. Additionally, we need to get ahead of the curve of planning for social distancing and reducing the size of meets, while also improving the quality. Relays have been identified as a major contributor to increased timelines and overcrowding of the warmup/cooldown pool and deck space. Limiting relays to 1 per team and needing to qualify with a hard cut would improve the size of the meet and shorten the duration of finals sessions, while maintaining the integrity of the meet. Limiting teams to one relay (similar to NCAA's) is a great solution to help with both length of sessions and overcrowding.

3. 2021 Pacific Coast All-Star Meet - Ken Lamont Head Coach (need SCS Board approval)

Age Group Committee Report

- **SCS Age Group Committee philosophy:** SCS uses the Athlete Development model to create competitive program progressions and to provide educational opportunities and positive experiences for all swimmers to reach their potential: from beginner Age Groupers to nationally-ranked Senior swimmers.
- Age Group Development Clinic postponed due to Covid-19 impact.
- LSC Age Group Camp postponed due to Covid-19 impact.
- Continued collaboration w/SCS Coaches' Rep, Bob Hommel re SCS Fall Clinic (topics, speakers and format).



- Worked with Judi Divan to collect and extract swim meet data to be analyzed for future planning.
- Developing DREAM BIG LA 2028 Age Group campaign to promote competitive swimming through the LA Olympics in 2028.



- Remain committed to developing the age group programs
 - The SCS Age Group Developmental Clinic/John O’Sullivan presentation tentatively postponed to the fall. Date TBD
- Equal representation: All SCS Geographic Committees are represented on the AG Committee and we finally have an athlete representative added to the committee.
- Thank you to all the Age Group committee members for their time and effort.

Age Group Committee Recommendation made to the Planning Committee:

Bidding for hosting the 2021 Spring JO Championship: A 2-step process

Step 1: Plan A One Site Teams bid for JOs as they are now.

Step Two: Plan B (Contingency Plan) Two Sites.

Teams can bid on a second site of a Split Spring JO Meet. They will only host if social distancing is still in effect and much smaller meets are required. The first site is still awarded to the winning bidder in Step 1. Teams bid on the second site with the understanding that they will **ONLY** host if the need arises due to limit on the meet size.

Rationale: Thinking ahead and being proactive by planning ahead, will allow us to proceed smoothly if meet size reduction is mandated with short notice. Teams that cannot host JOs in its current format, but can accommodate a smaller version of Spring JOs, may bid in the Plan B scenario.

Age Group Calendar

2020 Dates

Fall 2020: LSC AGE GROUP CAMP - postponed from April 11, 2020 date

Fall 2020: AG Developmental Clinic (Speaker John O’Sullivan) - postponed from May 9, 2020 date

TBD: Age Group Open Water Camp (Lead: **Mark Johnson** CERR/Sergio Cervantes Cerr/AG Chair Metro)

2021 Dates

January 9-10: 2021 Pacific Coast All-Star Meet (Pacifica, CA)

January 30: 2021 Swim Festival (*Saturday*)

August 4-7: 2021 Western Zone Age Group Championships (Mt Hood Aquatic Center, Gresham, OR)