

## **Developing a Meaningful SCS Senior All-Star Program**

### **Historical Perspective:**

It has been nearly 20 years since So Cal Swimming has recognized a Senior All-Star team and created a dynamic Senior All-Star competition. The 'Q' meet at Belmont Plaza annually selected an SCS Senior All-Star team that took part in an exciting competition against the All-Star team from Pacific Swimming. The Q meet became the fastest high school age Senior meet in the West because the opportunity to be apart of the SCS team was so highly prized. It made athletes better and our sport more exciting. After a 20-year absence it is time we recreate that kind of vehicle again for SCS Senior swimmers.

### **The General Concept:**

The proposed SCS Senior All-Star Team would be a three-year program that evolves year-to-year. In year one, 2021, we identify and reward a smaller SCS All-Star team. The team for 2021 would be a combined team of men and women totaling 32 members. For 2022 and 2023 we expand to a 48 member team and add an All-Star Competition. All three teams would be limited to high school seniors and younger that have been members of SCS at least one year (for 2021 that would be prior to June 20, 2020, for 2022 and 2023 it would be July 1 of the previous year).

### **Selection Process 2021:**

The team would be selected using the series of four scheduled Winter Senior Meets. Swimmers would be scored Grand Prix style similar to the TYR Pro series. Starting with the Road to Omaha meet in January, moving on to the three SCS Senior Invitationals in February, March and April. Points would be awarded for places in each event swum in the finals, total points would accumulate over the course of the four-meet series. The All-Star team would consist of the top 16 female point scorers and the top 16 male point scorers.

### **Performance Reward Money for Year 2021:**

Places 1-4 women and men – \$1,200.00	\$9,600
Places 5-8 women and men – \$ 900.00	\$7,200
Places 9-12 women and men – \$ 600.00	\$4,800
Places 13-16 women and men – \$300.00	\$2,400

\*Money would be performance money awarded to teams.

## Acknowledgement Methods for 2021

Dinner at Morton's Steak House (Dinner 32 athletes and 4 coaches \$80.00 each)	\$2,880
Presentation of Jacket and checks at LAI Invitational ((\$120.00 each) and certificate (\$5.00 ea)	\$4,000
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>\$30,880</b>

\*Four All-Star coaches would be selected based on the four coaches with the most athletes on the team. Tie breaker will be determined by the coach whose athlete has the highest ranking in the Grand Prix scoring.

## Evolution of Event For 2022 and 2023

For years two and three the team would be expanded to 48 members. In year 2 we would begin the first of a series of All-Star competitions - SCS versus the combined All-Star teams of South Texas and Gulf Swimming. The meet would take place in Austin, Texas, at the UT pool in 2022 and at a pool to be announced in Southern California for 2023. The dates would be 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July.

## Selection Process 2022 and 2023:

The teams would be selected using the series of our three spring SCS Senior Invitationals: the SCS Senior Invitational in April, Grand Challenge in May, and SMOC in June. Swimmers would be selected based on their best time in any one of the three meets. Top two athletes in each event, plus doubles and relay swimmers. The team would consist of the top 24 female swimmers the top 24 male swimmers.

## Projected Budget in 2022 and 2023:

Airfare (48 swimmers and 6 staff)	\$13,500
Hotel (2 per room, 2 nights, 27 rooms, \$200.00 per night)	\$10,800
Meals (\$20 x 54 x 8)	\$ 8,640
Outfitting (jackets and t-shirts, \$112 x 54)	\$ 6,048

Performance Reward Money awarded to team:

48 All-Star team members	
\$500.00 each 2022	\$24,000
(\$1,000.00 each 2023)	\$48,000

<b>TOTAL 2022</b>	<b>\$62,988</b>
<b>TOTAL 2023</b>	<b>\$86,988</b>

**Arguments in Support:**

- Helps further defray costs of travel and training of our most accomplished 18 and under athletes.
- Builds interest and participation in our premiere SCS events.
- Creates a meaningful honor for these athletes.
- Creates a great qualifying/tune-up opportunity at the UT pool, precisely three weeks out from Nationals.