

Championship Committee Meeting - Friday 9/22

Committee Members : Rousseau, Mulliken, Windrath, Hines, Marvin, Adair, Bell, Boak, Miller, Donner

1. Review of Ft. Lauderdale and Oregon National meets--very positive. Officiating was discussed.
2. Update 1996 meets
 1. DeAnza: Logo and awards discussed and approved. Time standards will be used. Courses deemed equal and one 9-lane and one 10-lane course will be used. There will be 2 warmups day 2,3,4: one for forty-five minutes before 7am start of long event each day, then another 45 minute warmup after the end of the long event.
 2. Michigan: Awards approved, with leeway allowed on team awards. Events to be swum from both ends, women first, then men, with odd heats from one end, even heats from the other. Time standards required. Michigan requested that their meet committee do data entry for entries alone--accepted.
3. Review of Championship Policies and Procedures
 1. Relays: New procedure discussed whereby cards will not need to be picked up and turned in more than once. New procedure to include Red Change Cards that should be used when relays are being changed. MSA
 2. Registration card submission
Including reg card with entry compliance is better. A fee is charged if swimmer arrives at meet with no proof of registration card. Problem of swimmers entering under different team than that listed on USMS card: Entry form will include statement that swimmer with different team name is encouraged to submit statement from their LMSC registrar that they do indeed swim for new team. MSA
 3. Discussion on amount charged for results--no committee recommendation
4. Proposed Contract Changes for Championship Meets
 1. The word "may" will be used instead of "shall" on the statements that competition will be stopped if inadequate timers or officials are present. MSA
 2. The host is to honor all sponsorship rights and agreements between USMS and USMS national sponsors.. Problems were discussed about the need for Marketing to coordinate with Championship re the details of such sponsorships. Final decision on this issue to be made after discussion with Marketing. The consensus of the committee is that agreements made subsequent to the signing of contract are not binding.
 3. Final meet results are to be sent by first class mail MSA
 4. Four extra copies of the final report to be sent to Championship Committee Chair MSA
 5. The issue of requiring medical transport to be on site at all times--after conferring with legal counsel, there will be no change in the contract. For liability reasons, the host shall not include massage information in any published meet information.
 6. Hospitality for coaches at national championship meets: Meet hosts are mandated to include coaches in meet hospitality. MSA
 7. Championship patches discussed. No action other than expressing opinions...

8. Subcommittee Reports

1. Meet Manager's Manual - is being revised
 2. Meet Liaison Guidelines - Carolyn will add more details, especially about interacting with computerization.
 3. Safety Guidelines - Is now more detailed with more specific information for safety marshals. The information sheets are being better distributed. Discussion on using kickboards and pull buoys--no equipment will be allowed in warmup. MSA
 4. Meet Financial Statement - The Committee will provide future meet hosts with a specific format for reporting.
9. Application for USMS National Championship - no report
10. Pool Venues - no report
11. National Qualifying Times - Walt Reid and Top Ten Committee will provide these.
12. Relay Entry Forms - Changes discussed and Gene Donner will redesign.
13. Order of Events--Emmett Hines led discussion of event format programming and research.
- 14.. Quality Championships:: Keith Bell led discussion and various topics discussed--Good sites/hosts need to be encouraged. All events should be treated equally, with goal of making all the events available to best competitors. Five day meet with two longest events on first and last days as an alternative. One possibility is to rotate events and not have all events every meet. In general, greater incentives are needed for having quality conditions. Other possibilities include offering only one of the two longest distance events each year, using stricter time standards or lottery system, use of five day format. The choosing of sites and committee making stronger recommendations , with emphasis on quality of facility and of warmup availability emphasized. A subcommittee was formed to define quality and come up with possible rules proposals.
- Each committee member will send to Keith Bell within 60 days at least two ideas/proposals to further quality at our national meets. MSA
15. Nike World Games -August 9-22, 1998 - Sandi will investigate the possibility of connecting in some way this meet with a bid for long course nationals (western zone year)
- 16.. Timelines: Meet hosts should publish a realistic, non-guaranteed timeline for each national meet. Protests based upon the timeline will be denied. MSA
17. Distance check-in Recommendations - Confirmation numbers will be given for telephone check-ins. Each swimmer or his designee will sign and highlight his own name for each check-in event. Telephone check-in should be over more than one day. The meet director should send reminder postcard to all check-in entrants approximately 2 weeks before the meet. MSA
18. Rule Proposals for 1996 - The composition of the evaluation and protest committees was discussed. Sandi and Paul will discuss and prepare proposals, Coaches to be included on protest committee.