

Minnesota Swimming, Inc. Proposed Legislation/Policy

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Date Submitted: AUGUST 24, 2007

Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Name of Legislation: ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Description of Issue:

The majority of LSC's offer the full slate of Age Group events described in Article 102.1.2 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Minnesota Swimming does not offer the following events described in that Article, neither in zoned weekend competitions or the LSC championships: 11-12 200 Fly, 11-12 200 Back, 11-12 200 Breast, 11-12 400 IM, 11-12 800/1000 Free, 11-12 1500/1650 Free and 10/Under 400/500 Free. Minnesota swimmers of these age groups may only compete in these events at specialty invitational meets, Senior events/sessions/meets, or travel out-of-state. Those types of opportunities may not be readily available to many Minnesota swimmers (for various reasons) or the athletic circumstance may be less competitive when swum. This lack of offering by Minnesota Swimming may negatively impact Minnesota swimmers' long-term competitiveness, as well as the opportunity for near-term recognition via the National Reportable Time system (Top 16).

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

The rationale for adding these events is that Minnesota Swimming has an obligation to provide readily accessible and adequate competition opportunities, including the full slate of events offered by USA Swimming and utilized by competing LSC's. The proposed solution is to incrementally add the described events to zoned weekends and the championships. This will increase both the competitive environment in which these events are swum and the frequency of competition. The method of implementation will be tiered, gradually introducing the events to Minnesota Swimming and to ensure adequate qualification for the championships. Session timelines will only be minimally affected, because event limits will NOT be increased to accommodate the increased offering. Zoned weekends will not include all of these events. A rotational schedule for these events will be utilized, similar to the current rotation of 400/500 Free, 400 IM, 800/1000 Free and 1500/1650 Free for 13/Olders.

Effective Date: MAY, 2008 and FORWARD

Method of Implementation: TIERED INTRODUCTION TO SEASONAL EVENT SLATES

("championships" are defined as C Finals, AB/C Finals and State Meets)

Long Course Season 2008

Permanently add all events to zoned weekends only (no change to championships)

Short Course Season 2008-2009

Permanently add all events to championships except 11-12 800/1000 Free and 11-12 1500/1650 Free

Long Course Season 2009

Permanently add 11-12 800/1000 Free and 11-12 1500/1650 Free to championships

Proposed by:

Club:

Board Member Submitting: LLOYD LARSEN

Title: TECHNICAL CHAIR

Action: (Adopted) (Defeated) (Adopted—Amended) (Tabled) (Postponed) (Withdrawn) (Referred to Committee)