

Minnesota Swimming, Inc.

Proposed Legislation/Policy

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Date Submitted: JUNE 29, 2008 **Date of Board Meeting to be discussed:** JULY 8, 2008

Name of Legislation: TIME STANDARDS

Description of Issue:

There are three issues:

1. Minnesota Swimming championship meet standards ("Champ Times") are not based upon the actual current skill level of Minnesota swimmers. They are based upon the overall national USA Swimming skill levels, with a particular standard arbitrarily chosen from the National Age Group Motivational Times tables. These time standards change quadrennially. As such, "Champ Times" are fixed for four years and don't evolve with Minnesota swimming skill levels, resulting in constant flux of overall participant numbers, session timelines, skill levels, desires for particular events, etc.
2. Minnesota swimmers participate in certain events disproportionately for some strokes/distances at the championships. Compounding this issue is the "Make One, Swim Two" qualification exemption for 13/Olders at the Spring Senior Championship, resulting in lower participation in certain events throughout the regular season and a greatly lower skill level. The 13/Older swimmer has less incentive to swim certain strokes/distances.
3. Minnesota Swimming has utilized a percentage-based system to derive its own internal standards ("Champ", "A", "B" and "C") from the National Age Group Motivational Times tables. These internal standards are not applicable to the overwhelming majority of the nation at large (which utilizes the NAG standards). Minnesota Swimming athletes/families are unfamiliar with, and often confused by, the National Age Group Motivational Times tables when traveling to other LSC's, qualifying for meets, etc. The reverse is true for those athletes/families/teams that come to Minnesota, either moving to the area or competing in meets, who then are confused by Minnesota Swimming standards.

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

1. Annually derive Minnesota championship time standards from the average time of the three previous years of a given place/time for each individual event at the championships, rounded up to the nearest .09. Attached are the proposed time standards (including the derived number of places/times) applicable to September 2008 through August 2009. In the case of events that are not filled, the last place time is used. Standards would be published annually in September.
2. Reduce the "Make One, Swim Two" exemption for Spring Senior State to one individual event of the swimmer's choice, based upon the same criteria as currently utilized for the 200 Strokes, 400 IM, 800/1000 Free and 1500/1650 Free.
3. Abandon Minnesota standards. Utilize the National Age Group Motivational Times tables for regular-season meets.
4. The new 12/Under "C" Finals would include swimmers with ANY verifiable time that is slower than a NAG "B" time and would still be called "C Finals" (NT entries would NOT be permissible). The only qualification necessary for "C Finals" would be having legally swum the event. The new "AB/C" Finals would be swimmers with at least a NAG "B" time, but slower than the championship time standard, and would be called "B Finals". There would be two tiers for awards at "B Finals", "B" and "BB". Regular-season "AB+" meets would change to "BB" time standards. Regular-season "B/C" meets would become "BB/Open" meets. Regular-season "A" meets would simply become NAG "A", as those standards are similar to the current Minnesota "A".
5. 8/Under standards, for all regular-season meets requiring a time standard (that offer 8/Under events), will be the last place time from the previous year's meet which is the last whole heat number place for an 8-lane pool, i.e. 8th or 16th or 24th or 32nd, etc, thus ensuring that standards evolve as skill increases, but keeps the meet size the same.

Effective Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 (Fall-Winter Short Course Season 2008-2009)

Method of Implementation: SANCTIONED MEET INFORMATION and PUBLISHED TIME STANDARDS

Proposed by:

Club:

Board Member Submitting: LLOYD LARSEN

Title: TECHNICAL CHAIR

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

2009 MINNESOTA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP TIME STANDARDS

GIRLS		EVENTS and AGE GROUPS		BOYS	
LCM	SCY	8/UNDER	SCY	LCM	
46.39 (32)	39.39 (32)	50 Free	40.39 (32)	46.79 (32)	
1:47.19 (32)	1:29.29 (32)	100 Free	1:29.99 (32)	1:42.39 (32)	
52.69 (24)	44.99 (24)	50 Back	45.99 (24)	55.09 (24)	
1:01.39 (24)	51.19 (24)	50 Breast	52.89 (24)	59.29 (24)	
1:00.49 (24)	47.39 (24)	50 Fly	49.89 (24)	1:01.49 (24)	
	1:39.99 (24)	100 IM	1:40.29 (24)		
LCM	SCY	9-10	SCY	LCM	
36.29 (32)	31.09 (32)	50 Free	32.49 (32)	36.99 (32)	
1:25.09 (32)	1:10.09 (32)	100 Free	1:12.29 (32)	1:22.59 (32)	
3:01.99 (32)	2:36.69 (32)	200 Free	2:32.79 (32)	2:56.69 (32)	
42.99 (24)	36.69 (24)	50 Back	37.99 (24)	43.79 (24)	
1:33.79 (24)	1:19.69 (24)	100 Back	1:22.39 (24)	1:35.09 (24)	
54.59 (24)	45.69 (24)	50 Breast	42.59 (24)	49.39 (24)	
1:49.29 (24)	1:31.69 (24)	100 Breast	1:31.89 (24)	1:50.09 (24)	
43.49 (24)	35.79 (24)	50 Fly	36.99 (24)	42.89 (24)	
1:42.59 (24)	1:26.19 (24)	100 Fly	1:26.09 (24)	1:38.29 (24)	
	1:19.69 (24)	100 IM	1:22.79 (24)		
3:19.69 (24)	2:52.49 (24)	200 IM	2:56.89 (24)	3:19.09 (24)	
LCM	SCY	11-12	SCY	LCM	
31.89 (32)	27.89 (32)	50 Free	28.49 (32)	32.49 (32)	
1:11.89 (32)	1:01.49 (32)	100 Free	1:02.09 (32)	1:14.19 (32)	
2:35.79 (32)	2:14.39 (32)	200 Free	2:19.49 (32)	2:43.89 (32)	
5:17.49 (24)	5:55.29 (24)	400/500 Free	6:05.99 (24)	5:33.39 (24)	
37.89 (24)	32.59 (24)	50 Back	32.69 (24)	38.89 (24)	
1:22.69 (24)	1:09.59 (24)	100 Back	1:11.29 (24)	1:28.49 (24)	
42.99 (24)	36.19 (24)	50 Breast	38.69 (24)	44.19 (24)	
1:36.09 (24)	1:17.19 (24)	100 Breast	1:21.59 (24)	1:37.19 (24)	
35.49 (24)	31.19 (24)	50 Fly	32.19 (24)	36.29 (24)	
1:24.79 (24)	1:09.99 (24)	100 Fly	1:14.79 (24)	1:29.69 (24)	
	1:09.59 (24)	100 IM	1:10.99 (24)		
2:55.09 (24)	2:31.19 (24)	200 IM	2:33.39 (24)	2:58.59 (24)	
LCM	SCY	13-14	SCY	LCM	
30.49 (40)	26.99 (40)	50 Free	26.79 (40)	30.69 (40)	
1:06.59 (40)	58.39 (40)	100 Free	56.69 (40)	1:06.29 (40)	
2:25.69 (40)	2:07.09 (40)	200 Free	2:02.39 (40)	2:27.59 (40)	
5:03.39 (24)	5:37.39 (24)	400/500 Free	5:35.59 (24)	4:58.49 (24)	
10:25.79 (16)	11:22.89 (16)	800/1000 Free	11:11.09 (16)	10:16.69 (16)	
20:10.49 (16)	19:22.39 (16)	1500/1650 Free	19:51.79 (16)	19:29.89 (16)	
1:17.19 (24)	1:05.79 (24)	100 Back	1:03.29 (24)	1:15.69 (24)	
2:47.59 (24)	2:24.49 (24)	200 Back	2:16.49 (24)	2:39.29 (24)	
1:28.29 (24)	1:17.79 (24)	100 Breast	1:11.59 (24)	1:25.59 (24)	
3:09.89 (24)	2:47.39 (24)	200 Breast	2:35.09 (24)	2:55.19 (24)	
1:16.19 (24)	1:06.89 (24)	100 Fly	1:01.99 (24)	1:09.89 (24)	
2:56.49 (24)	2:30.19 (24)	200 Fly	2:26.49 (24)	2:47.49 (24)	
	1:08.29 (24)	100 IM	1:04.19 (24)		
2:44.19 (24)	2:22.19 (24)	200 IM	2:17.69 (24)	2:45.89 (24)	
5:54.69 (24)	5:06.19 (24)	400 IM	4:51.49 (24)	5:38.89 (24)	
LCM	SCY	15-16	SCY	LCM	
29.99 (40)	26.39 (40)	50 Free	24.89 (40)	27.99 (40)	
1:05.09 (40)	57.19 (40)	100 Free	54.19 (40)	1:01.39 (40)	
2:22.09 (40)	2:03.19 (40)	200 Free	1:59.69 (40)	2:18.19 (40)	
4:53.59 (24)	5:31.99 (24)	400/500 Free	5:16.99 (24)	4:54.89 (24)	
10:06.99 (16)	11:22.09 (16)	800/1000 Free	10:51.79 (16)	9:42.09 (16)	
20:06.09 (16)	19:09.59 (16)	1500/1650 Free	17:58.49 (16)	18:49.49 (16)	
1:15.69 (24)	1:04.89 (24)	100 Back	1:00.09 (24)	1:11.59 (24)	
2:43.69 (24)	2:22.49 (24)	200 Back	2:12.19 (24)	2:33.09 (24)	
1:26.89 (24)	1:15.39 (24)	100 Breast	1:08.29 (24)	1:21.59 (24)	
3:10.69 (24)	2:46.19 (24)	200 Breast	2:30.19 (24)	2:56.49 (24)	
1:13.79 (24)	1:03.39 (24)	100 Fly	59.69 (24)	1:08.19 (24)	
2:57.49 (24)	2:30.79 (24)	200 Fly	2:19.09 (24)	2:37.89 (24)	
	1:05.99 (24)	100 IM	1:01.69 (24)		
2:39.89 (24)	2:19.49 (24)	200 IM	2:13.59 (24)	2:37.89 (24)	
5:57.09 (24)	5:08.29 (24)	400 IM	4:38.99 (24)	5:27.89 (24)	
LCM	SCY	17-18	SCY	LCM	
30.49 (40)	27.59 (40)	50 Free	24.09 (40)	27.09 (40)	
1:05.99 (40)	59.79 (40)	100 Free	53.29 (40)	59.49 (40)	
2:25.29 (40)	2:08.89 (40)	200 Free	1:56.19 (40)	2:17.89 (40)	
5:02.69 (24)	5:39.09 (24)	400/500 Free	5:05.89 (24)	4:49.99 (24)	
10:13.29 (16)	11:27.79 (16)	800/1000 Free	10:32.99 (16)	10:07.69 (16)	
19:48.09 (16)	19:07.62 (16)	1500/1650 Free	17:18.19 (16)	18:02.89 (16)	
1:19.99 (24)	1:05.59 (24)	100 Back	59.79 (24)	1:10.59 (24)	
2:49.89 (24)	2:21.69 (24)	200 Back	2:12.19 (24)	2:29.09 (24)	
1:29.19 (24)	1:14.79 (24)	100 Breast	1:06.79 (24)	1:20.59 (24)	
3:08.29 (24)	2:44.69 (24)	200 Breast	2:29.39 (24)	2:48.99 (24)	
1:13.79 (24)	1:05.09 (24)	100 Fly	58.49 (24)	1:06.29 (24)	
2:52.39 (24)	2:30.39 (24)	200 Fly	2:13.39 (24)	2:39.29 (24)	
	1:08.09 (24)	100 IM	1:00.49 (24)		
2:43.69 (24)	2:22.49 (24)	200 IM	2:12.09 (24)	2:33.99 (24)	
5:55.49 (24)	5:02.49 (24)	400 IM	4:38.89 (24)	5:21.99 (24)	