

PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TIMED FINALS FOR SUMMER STATE MEETS

At the Minnesota Swimming Board of Directors Meeting last night, there was discussion on changing the format of the Summer State Meet. Please see the form on proposed legislation. The following are comments from Lloyd Larsen regarding this issue:

General thoughts:

1. Summer State needs a reduction by about 10-15% to make it more reasonable.
2. There are many means to this end, other than changing the actual meet.

Some concerns with adopting this legislation:

1. There will be no LSC-sponsored long course Prelim-Final meet. The first exposure would be above the LSC level. There would be no rehearsal until a huge meet, under much more pressure.
2. Finals at night yields better swims. More cuts, faster swimming, better swimming, etc.
3. For the overwhelming majority (90%) of our 13/Older swimmers, this is their main shave/taper meet.
4. Zones or Speedo to shave/taper is fine as an individual choice. Summer State is an **LSC** meet. This legislation will help the few, but unfortunately, at the expense of the many.

Alternatives, which would reduce the size of the meet:

1. Tightened standards for 13/Olders (perhaps 32nd place average time or "AA", whichever is faster)
2. Limited relays for 13/Olders, or reducing to two age groups in relays (13-14 and Senior)
3. Limited number of championship seasons to qualify 13/Olders (two instead of the current three)
4. Tightened overall individual event limit for 13/Olders (six instead of the current seven)
5. Tightened daily individual event limit for 13/Olders (two instead of the current three)
6. Qualifying long course only for 13/Olders
7. Limiting individual event entries after submission to control heats ("cutoff" method)

Changing the meet itself is not the best interest of the LSC. Timed Finals is not a USA Swimming LSC championship-style meet for 13/Older swimmers. We can better serve our athletes by implementing sized-based alternatives, while leaving the championship format intact.

Please contact your Minnesota Swimming Board of Directors regarding your thoughts. Athletes, please feel free to contact Sarah Soffelt Sr. Athlete Representative at: sarahsoffelt@hotmail.com .

It is important that your voice be heard. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be November 15th at Eisenhower Community Center. Please be there or, at best, let us know your comments and concerns in advance.