

2006 EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The efforts of our conscientious meet managers; volunteers, nationally and locally; scoring personnel; judges and officials; national office staff; and technical vice president Carole Mitchell contributed to the success of the 2006 national events. Our dedicated volunteers committed endless hours to long meets in often “hot” environments. Once again, a tremendous amount of collaborative action was evident during the 2006 season.

Although our meet management improved in several areas this past year; timers, announcers and time limits for deck routines, also addressed by rule changes, several issues from meet manager feedback and coaches will be addressed at convention. Pool specifications, particularly pool depth have been a concern, as well as facility parking (this will be relayed to sites). Additional input regarding a meet manager’s guidelines include: LOC information and potential, program suggestions, contact person consistency, specificity of event, as well as mentoring. The event management committee will discuss these issues when it convenes at convention. Meet managers have an overwhelming job as a first time manager; however, we have been fortunate to draw very qualified individuals to undertake this task. In order to attract additional volunteers for national meets, it has been suggested that meet days vary to accommodate those who work full time. The event management committee will consider various options and suggestions to help simplify the meet managers’ duties and try to problem solve the volunteer situation.

The cooperative efforts of our national and local staff, event management committee, and volunteers will continue for the next season to assure the highest quality meets for our athletes. Continuing education and training is essential. It has been a pleasure, privilege and honor to serve USSS the past year as the chair of the Event Management committee. I would like to thank Jackie McDaniel, Dave Scoons, Joanna Scoons, Ed Kaminski, Joan McCord, Shannon Korpela, Ginny Chadwick, Poppy Carlig, Emma Miller, Bob Wiegand, Monte Johnson and Beth Moore for their continued dedication while serving on the Event Management committee and/or facilitating our national meets.

Respectfully submitted,

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