

2004 STATE GAMES REPORT

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The 2003 State Games Symposium was held in Mobile, Alabama, October. Several ideas came up to help support different sports for the games each year. I was asked if a demonstration could be done between some swimming events. They liked the idea of a clinic but need to be encouraged that this is possible. I asked could the participants pay \$ 20.00 for a clinic that would also include a T-shirt and the opening ceremonies.

This would be a great way to get synchro started in your State Games. If a clinic is done the host team could also do a demo. The clinic info would go out with all the State Games advertising to Y's, Boys & Girls clubs, Rec Departments, Girl Scouts. The clinic would be for Novice swimmers. You can teach them the first lap of your Novice routine or make one up and use whatever elements you want them to learn.

Who can participate in State Games? Swimmers in your State, regardless of Assn. In most cases, they must be a resident of that state. However, there is something new happening. A few States are including athletes from another state if there are no games in that athletes' State.

The yearly questionnaire will be sent to all those listed as state games chairperson for their state and to the Assn Chair. My hope is if that person has moved that the Adm Chair will put someone else in charge.

The State Games being held at the same time as our national chps is a problem but it can work. Do all your athletes qualify for nationals? Do you have novice, intermediate swimmers, and what about master swimmers? Arrangements for the games are usually made well in advance of any of our synchro chops. It can be done. It will be well worth your while and once you have done one you will like it. Don't forget if your qualifying meet for the synchro chp is at the time of the state games you can do them together, just separate awards. It is not difficult to do today, with all the computer help.

GINNY LEHR RECEIVES AWARD

Ginny Lehr won The Outstanding Sport Director Award. The Keystone State Games Executive Director, David Farrand presented the award. Ginny also received citations from Pennsylvania State Senator Mike Waugh and Pennsylvania State Representative Keith Gillespie.

Outstanding Student Athlete Awards:

Each year one athlete is selected from all the athletes in a Region, participating in the Keystone Games. They are selected not only for awards won but also for community activity, school activity, grade point average. In 2002 Michelle Mark of Chester County Barracudas representing the Delaware Valley won. In 2001 Emily Hoffman of York Synchro representing the Capitol region won. In 2000 Carolyn Weist of York synchro representing the Capitol Region won.

Congratulations to all of you. You must be so proud.

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