

2004 Competitive Program Committee Meeting, Sept. 2004 Convention

Committee Members in Attendance: Carole Mitchell (Technical VP, acting chair), Lori Eaton, Pat Easterling, Jack Benzie, Sue Nesbitt, Linai Vaz De Negri, Lorraine Vallerino, Meredith Cooke (athlete), Kristy Henderson (athlete)

Discussion:

At the 2004 convention, a proposal went to the Board of Governors floor which passed...stating a change in policy for 2006 to have the US Senior Championship occur prior to the US Junior Championship.

Discussion revolved around changing this back for the 2006 year until study could be conducted. After great discussion, the Competitive Program, Sites and Event Management Committees, with support from the National Team Coaches are submitting the following motion to the Board of Governors. (As a policy and not a rule in the rulebook, it doesn't need to go in front of any committee.)

Proposed Policy Change:

For 2006, the U.S. Junior Championship will precede the U.S. Senior Championship.

This assumes that for 2007 and beyond, the US Senior Championship will precede the US Junior Championship, pending study of the committee described below.

An ad hoc committee will be appointed by the Technical Vice President who will work in conjunction with the Competitive Program, Sites, Event Management, National Team, Collegiate, Education and National Center Committees to study the entire Competitive Structure of USSS. This committee will be given a specific timeline for information to be disseminated to all these committee members and the Zone Education Chairs for distribution to the masses. In addition, a "communication liaison" will be appointed to ensure that all information is distributed to as many people as possible. This committee will be charged with looking at everything from the progression of swimmers thru our system, the meet schedule, how swimmers qualify for each meet, the number of swimmers at these meets, etc....They will look at the affect of our structure on all swimmers, from novice, intermediate, age group, junior, senior and collegiate swimmers, etc, and also look at the schedule from meets to trials, taking into account the international calendar. They will take everything into account, including religious holidays, etc.

This committee will serve as a "sounding" board for the entire organization. They will report to the Technical VP based on the timeline mandated. Once the timeline is established, it will be communicated to as many people in our organization as possible, as will the committee's progress.

For 2007, the U.S. Senior Championship will precede the U.S. Junior Championship.

Ad Hoc Committee:

Karen Paulk, Chair

Linai vaz De Negri

Gail Pucci

Jennie Harper

Jack Benzie

Denise Shively

Jodi Silotto

Mary Ellen Wiegand

Betty Hess

Jennie Ekhilevsky

Christina Todd

Becky Probst

Delphine Berenguer (athlete)

Heather Olson (athlete)

Tammy Crow (athlete)

Inga Todd (athlete)