

Conference Call – Scholastic All America Subcommittee Oct. 10, 2007

Present: Jackie Groiss, Betty Kooy, Dianne Limerick, Louise Limerick, Isabelle Fraser, Ron Johns, Joyce Lanphere, Marvin Lanphere, Suzanne Heath (Times and Recognition Committee), Larry Herr and Chelsey Walden (USA Swimming).

Agenda for Anaheim meeting was approved

Marvin needs to prepare and send minutes of Anaheim subcommittee meeting

Main objective of conference call is to establish a 2007-2008 plan and possible future plans for Scholastic All America (SAA) program.

After discussion subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt a uniform time standard for swimmers to make the SAA team. The time standard will be the 2000 Junior National standard which has times that are the same as 2007 Junior National standards for bonus events. Larry and Chelsea will run the 2007 SAA teams through these time standards on the SWIMS database to see what the impact of the new, tougher time standards is on the SAA teams.

It was agreed that the time standard must be met between July 1 of one year and June 30 of the following year in order to conform to the academic year. The time standard must be met each year.

Sanctioned USA Swimming meets will be considered plus meets outside the US in which members of US National teams compete. No observed meets or approved meets will be used for SAA eligibility, unless authorized by the subcommittee.

Open water swimmers must compete in the Open Water Championships in May 2007. Swimmers with disabilities must compete in either the open meet in December 2007 or the Olympic trials in the spring of 2008. Other events will be established for subsequent years.

Joyce and Marvin feel that swimmers with 1 or 2 years in the current program who do not make the new time standard should be grandfathered to the SAA. This can be done with a simple waiver requiring competition in a Sectional Meet. Committee members will see this waiver and the new application form before they are posted on the USA Swimming web site.

No changes will be made in the academic part of the SAA program.

Marvin, Joyce, and Heather Hass (USA Swimming) will revise the SAA application form for subcommittee and committee comments, probably in November.