



Senior Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2021
12:00pm Mountain

Type of Meeting: Time Standards Approval

Meeting Facilitator: Allison Beebe (Chair)

Minutes: MJ Truex (Staff Lead)

I. **Call to order:** Allison calls meeting to order 12:03pm

II. **Roll call**

Present: Todd Capen, Shawn Smith, Beth Winkowski, Norm Wright, Kevin Zacher, Paul Silver (Ex-officio, Club Development)

Staff: MJ Truex, Patrick Murphy, Dean Ekeren, Lindsay Mintenko, Brendan Hansen, Mike Unger

Absent: Bob Bowman (Steering), Lydia Jacoby, Chris Natoli, Kate Lundsten, Brooke Forde, Mary Liston (Ex-officio, Operations)

III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting(s):** August 17, September 7, and Sept 13, 2021

Correction: From August 17th Meeting: Futures: Add a 5th site, adjust map, etc. This was discussed but no definitive decisions were made at that time; discussion still needs to be had (and will be discussed on today's agenda).

Minutes approved with change without opposition.

IV. **Open issues**

a) Sectional Working Group – Beth

Members of the group getting together later in the week to start flushing out the manual.

b) TYR 18& Under Spring Cup – Kate (absent)

Staff has not been able to connect to determine if the Spring Cups are viable for 2022 (scroll to page 4: Futures discussion: re: whether there is funding for a 5th site.)

c) Meets/Time Standards – Patrick/Shawn



1. 2022 Nationals

Screen share of new standards

- Trying to modernize how we do time standards, recalibration event by event. Looking specifically at sprint events on the men's side: 50 Free, 100 Fly, backstroke events are getting much faster compared to other events
- Historically have used one point value to determine the standards (e.g. single, prior year, or off of a certain event), but moving more towards a "weighted average" approach by looking at the full past Quad and weight the 200th place time each year to catch progressions year over year. We can see from this which events progress faster than others.
- How it shook out:
 - Weighted average of 115th ranked SCY and 125th ranked LCM time from past Quad (conforming time standard easier than nonconforming); no slower than 2021 Summer Invite 19&O
 - 1113 qualifiers as of today, 218 18&U
 - Would have had 1,650 athletes during the same time frame a year ago, 274 18&U
 - Participation from 2018 and 2019 Summer Nationals were 55% and 5%. Expectation to be similar this year, which means we need ~1500 qualifiers for an 800 person meet
 - Bonus time standards are Summer Juniors

Discussion:

On attendance numbers at Nationals given not a team selection meet:

- Standards are pretty much the same except for the events mentioned that are trending faster
- It is a selection for "on paper" Junior Team and a selection for funding. Athletes can use for NT funding and to make the NT. Could be a heavily attended meet because of this
- Having an 18&U heat would incentivize athletes' attendance (this decision falls under purview of Sr Development Committee, and Mike confirms this event will not be televised)

MOTION: Run D, C, B, A Heats for finals, with D being 18&U

- Spots can be filled with 19&O if empty lanes available
- Mike suggests caveat that if there is broadcast, they consider splitting the heats as in the past

Motion passes without opposition.

Other: ***Start time for finals will remain at 5:30pm due to size of meet.***



2. 2022 Summer Juniors (time standards, relay only swimmers and time trials)
 - Same method to determine standards as Nationals (using historical data throughout whole Quads)
 - Conforming time standards easier than nonconforming
 - Only 1 adjustment in the Men's 100 Breast and a few adjustments on the short course side.
 - The relays 1.1, 1.2, .8 faster (*but* are slowed down quite a bit from original proposal; and only using conforming time standards)
 - Same qualifying window to include OT (June 1, 2021, through Entry Deadline)
 - Expect 1700-1900 qualifiers based on this
 - How it shook out:
 - Weighted average of 175th ranked SCY and 200th ranked LCM time from past Quad for 18&U; no slower than 2021 Summer Invite 18&U standards
 - 952 qualifiers as of today, 218 18&U
 - Would have had 1751 athletes during the same time frame a year ago,
 - Participation from 2018 and 2019 Summer Juniors were 46% and 46%. Expectation to be similar this year, which means we need ~1750 qualifiers for an 800 person meet
 - Relay standards were created using 55th weighted average rank from the past Quad for 18&U relays.
 - Bonus standard are the 2021 Winter Juniors cuts

Meet Line-up Discussion: 2 Options

- Took existing Juniors line-up, added relays where they made the most sense (no more split gender so 800 F.R. of both genders on same day (Day 2))
- After extensive discussion, result is Option 2
 - Day 1: 200 fly, 100 breast, W 800 free, M 1500 free, 200 M.R.
 - Day 2: 100 free, 400 IM, 800 F.R.
 - Day 3: 400 free, 100 fly, 200 back, 200 F.R.
 - Day 4: 200 free, 100 back, 200 breast, 400 F.R.
 - Day 5: 200 IM, W 1500 free, 50 free, M 800 free, 400 M.R.

Rationale: shorter events away from relays, each day equal in time frame, consideration of typical doubles for events swum balanced with rest in between



Comment: Swimming doubles is good! The sooner we can get these athletes to swim an individual event and a relay, the better off we'll be as we get closer to the Games.

MOTION: Approve Option 2 for Juniors meet line up

Motion passes without opposition.

MOTION: To accept qualifying times as presented

Motion passes without opposition.

On allowing relay only swimmers to do time trials at Summer Juniors (even though we do not allow it for Winter Juniors): **Yes**

Discussion/Rationale:

- Single site Juniors provides more incentive for relay only athletes to travel to if there is time trials, which can often be further distance than a Winter Juniors.

3. Futures (time standards, # of sites, map review)

Futures is not finalized but there is a plan, but we need to know site decision so going to hold off once we know that. We can move quickly once we know.

On whether there is funding for a 5th site:

- There is no funding for a 5th site, but we can likely add if this committee decides that's what it wants to do; we will find the funding. A 6th site gets trickier. This is tied in with that we added an additional summer meet this year that wasn't budgeted, and the addition of the Spring events this year which were also not budgeted for, so best to prioritize what's needed for next year.

On site map/selection:

Four sites for Futures have been selected but will have to toss out to redo boundary map.

On numbers for each site and de-qual times:

Based off 2019 and 2021, between 540 to 765 athletes, however some of these had caps which drove numbers up at other sites. Time standards with 5 sites would *probably* stay the same, but no de-qual times would impact time standards and meet size. Futures may also be popular since school for kids (e.g., Southern Zone) will have already begun the week of Juniors. Despite discussion, no de-qual (e.g., no ceiling) times remain in effect. 800 is max due to facility capacity.



On projected growth of the meet:

Group discussion indicates that it may level off, but it is uncertain

On whom will be responsible for remapping boundaries:

Staff will provide data by LSC to Sport Dev staff, and they will bring to subcommittee.

Timeline: ASAP but would like to have by end of year if possible. No hard deadline set, however. We need to also take into consideration the venues available in those areas.

4. International Team Trials and setting up 18&U time standard:

Need this confirmation from legal since it's a trials meet; not sure we can have 2 different time standards. She will get back to the committee.

18&U Invite as an alternative? Staff will check. Not sure that's possible.

Other: Pro Series entry went out giving priority to National Junior Team athletes, but roster hasn't been announced yet and entries open tomorrow. ***Staff checking on when Junior Team will be announced. Target is sometime this week. Adjustment of entry open times may need to take place.***

V. **New business**

a) No new business

VI. **Adjournment:** 12:56pm Mountain