



## Senior Development Committee – Agenda

USAS Convention, September 13, 2017

Highlight items from meetings since 2016 USAS:

- Formation of “Butterfly Revolution” led by task force from Senior Development-presentation after Senior Development Committee meeting.
- Additional trip for World Top 100 athletes who did not travel on the 2016 Junior Team trip in May 2017, to the Mel Zajac Jr. Invitational meet in Canada. Here is the goal/objective for this trip: “To offer an international competition, and experience, which will prepare our best world ranked high school athletes for future international success.” Trip was very successful for the athletes attending.
- Support the legislation proposed by Eastern Zone on the Sectional meets: The Summer Sectional meet shall be no more than four (4) days long, and shall conclude ~~between~~ not later than eight (8) ~~and~~ ~~twenty-two (22)~~ days prior to the U.S. Open or Junior Nationals, whichever comes first.
- Futures entry clarification: M/S/C “Any athlete who has a U.S. Open time standard prior to the entry deadline for the Futures meet may not swim at Futures.”
- 30,000 foot view/review of championship meet structures:
  - M/S/C: In the Olympic year, combine Junior & US Open into one meet using the Junior time standards.
  - Futures meet is better for the one cut athlete that may get to swim in finals plus allow a club to bring more athletes.
  - People looking for something different in an end of season meet especially when a team is not being chosen.
  - Have to be competitive with NCSA summer meet.
  - Watch over the course of an entire quad and let it play out.
  - Bottom line-no proposed changes to the current meet structure.

1. Introductions and Review Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Reporting Items

- 2017 Winter Nationals, Columbus, OH 11/29-12/2
- 2017 Winter Speedo Juniors, 12/6-9, West: Iowa City, IA East: Knoxville, TN
- 2018 Phillips 66 National Championships, 7/25-29, Irvine, CA
- 2018 Speedo Junior National Championships, 7/31-8/4, Irvine, CA
- 2018 Futures, 8/2-5
- Meet sites approved from 9/12 BOD meeting (Dean Ekeren)
  - 2018 Open Water Championships, 5/11-13 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2018 Futures
    - Northeast \_\_\_\_\_
    - Southeast \_\_\_\_\_
    - Central \_\_\_\_\_
    - West \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2018 Winter Nationals, 11/28-12/1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2018 Winter Speedo Juniors, 12/5-8
    - East \_\_\_\_\_
    - West \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2019 Phillips 66 National Championships, 7/31-8/4 \_\_\_\_\_

- 2019 Speedo Junior National Championships, 8/6-10\_\_\_\_\_
- 2019 Futures dates-need to be determined by committee
- Meet participation numbers from 2017 meets:

	Female Athletes	Male Athletes	Total	Coaches	# of Teams
Futures-Spire (Cleveland)	315	200	515	150	138
Futures-Nashville	273	275	548		125
Futures-Lewisville, TX	213	162	375	115	99
Futures-Santa Clara	374	333	707	170	135
<b>Futures-Totals</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>2,145</b>		
Juniors-East Meadow	394	416	810	290	274
US Open-East Meadow	310	374	684	220	256
# entered in both Jnr & Open			60		77
Nationals-Indy	411	375	786	320	285
<b>All meets (totals)</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>4,425</b>		

#### 4. Futures

- Review of 2017 meets
- Revisit “de-qualification”
  - The rule for 2017 reads: These championships are open to swimmers who are members of USA Swimming, and who have achieved the published time standard in one or more events, however any swimmer who has achieved one or more qualifying standards for the 2017 U.S. Open Championships before Monday, June 5, 2017 may not compete in the Futures Championships. Additionally, any swimmer who achieves one or more qualifying standards for the 2017 U.S. Open after entering the 2017 Futures Championships will not be eligible to swim those events at the Futures Championships.
  - If keep current rule, should de-qualification be National Championship time standard and not US Open?

#### 5. 18-U Final at Nationals & US Open

- Should there be an 18-Under C Final at Nationals?
- Should it also be included when running a US Open?

#### 6. National Junior Team (Mitch Dalton)

- Meets-Mel Zajac
- World Junior Championships
- 2017-2018 Team

#### 7. Time Standards (Larry Herr)

- Proposal for 2018 Nationals, Juniors, Futures & Sectionals

#### 8. Combined US Open & Juniors in all years with a separate/early Trials meet. (Already voted to do this in Olympic Trials years.)

Discussion items based on solicited feedback (the items below were from conversations with coaches). Some of these items the committee may decide to discuss after USAS.

#### 9. Junior Nationals

- Junior Finals start time. Should we create language that allows for flexibility for determination based on timelines? (At Summer Juniors Finals were moved to 5p by a vote at the general meeting)
- Change bonus qualifications to equal winter bonus to allow qualified athletes to swim more bonus events
- D heat
- Do we need to do anything to increase relay participation?
- Should there be 3 time trials allowed instead of 2?

#### 10. Do we need to align winter time standards with summer time standards?

11. Should we try to post Winter meet time standards in February?
12. Protocol for clarifying am/pm distance events-i.e. defining how swimmers declare to swim in the morning or the evening.
13. Is there a goal of each level meet in the summer structure? How do the pieces fit together?
  - Some people suggest the senior meet system is broke with too many options (LSC Champs, Sectionals, AG Zones, Senior Zones, Futures, Juniors, US Open, and Nationals).
  - Confusion between convenience and excellence. Some feel that swimmers and coaches seem to be looking for convenience and not necessarily excellence.
14. Meets and competition
  - More dual meets to follow the college system
  - A true 18-Under team championship meet
  - LSCs meet structures
  - Pro Series “hurts” development of “up and comers”
  - Affordable competition not in area
  - Travel expense to high level competitions
  - Time (i.e. school) with travel to high level competitions
  - Should USA Swimming’s “official” short course season run to March
15. Pools
  - Accessibility
  - Poor air quality
16. Education
  - Coaches-far more available, but possibly used less
  - Dryland education
  - Where to find factual information?
17. Discussion on “Senior” and “Development”
  - According to the rule book (204.2) “Senior Program” is defined as:  
Senior Swimming is the program through which USA Swimming provides fair and open competition for its members who are striving to qualify for participation in National Swimming Championships. It is designed to afford maximum opportunity for participation, provide an educational experience, enhance physical and mental conditioning, and develop a pool of talented swimmers for international competition.  
  
Achievement of these goals will be accomplished by drawing upon and cooperating with all agencies conducting organized swimming programs, by encouraging maximum participation by coaches, parents, officials and community groups; and by conducting a motivational entity in the form of an outstanding National Championship program, to include the recognition of achievement in all facets of the program — swimmers, coaches, officials and support staff.
  - Should it be defined more to represent the population of 15-Over?
  - USA Swimming has a strong set-up for 15-Over when it comes to meets. However, what about the developmental side of this? Especially at the LSC level. In some LSCs swimmers have little desire to swim at the higher levels of USA Swimming (and are satisfied with HS swimming)