

Memorandum

To: SWA Club Presidents, Secretaries and Coaches
From: Carolyn Morrison General Manager Performance and People
Subject: SWA Competition and Planning Committee August Meeting Outcomes
Date: Friday 6 September 2019

Good morning Members,

The Swimming WA Competition and Planning Committee (CPC) met on Thursday 29 August. This memorandum conveys some of the key outcomes from that meeting that the Association wishes the Membership to be aware of;

In summary, the Committee addressed the following key points:

a) Club Premierships Review

The Committee determined that the following changes would take effect for the 2020 Club Premierships

- B, C and D Division would all be held on Saturday 29 February. A Division would remain on the Friday night (28 February). This change was made so Meets were not held in the middle of the long weekend (i.e. Sunday morning), in the hope that more Members were available for Club to select.
- C and D Division Clubs are able to enter Members in two individual events in their own age group and an additional two events in an older age group. This allows Clubs with lower Membership more opportunity to fill a team and participate in the event.
- The relay age groups would be changed to assist Clubs with filling relay teams, especially with the elimination of 8 year olds from sanctioned competition. The relay age groups will be 10/U, 12/U, 14/U, 16/U and Open.

b) SWA Meet – Sunday 21 March

A new format will be created and published shortly. The Meet will aim to attract Members age 13 years (girls) and 14 years (boys) who have not qualified for nationals, to provide an end of season Meet to target.

c) Zone Meets

The following dates have been approved for Zone qualifying Meets:

North: 19 October HBF Arena
Central: 20 October HBF Stadium
South: 19 October Aqua Jetty

In addition the South Zone will be holding their Zone Championships on Sunday 10 November and Central and North will be holding their Zone Championships in March.

d) Schedule of Events at Qualifying Meets

Due to overcrowding in the marshalling area at recent SWA Qualifying Meets, the morning junior events will revert back to single gender events rather than mixed.

e) Age Eligibility at State Championships

The Committee agreed that Members who turn 14 years (boys) and 13 years (girls) between 21 December and 26 March, deeming them ineligible for State Age Championships and Junior Championships due to age restrictions, will be eligible to compete in the State Age Championships in December.

f) State Long Course Qualifying Times

The State Long Course Qualifying times are currently under review and will be published to Members as soon as possible. The times will become faster than previous years to match the changes that occurred in winter 2019.

g) Swim Central Nationals Entries

SWA will contact Swimming Australia to determine a more streamlined way for WA swimmers to enter national competitions, especially given Swimming Australia will be using Swim Central for the upcoming National Short Course Championships. Once an outcome is determined, SWA will advise Members who have qualified for the event.

The Committee always endeavors to act with the best interest of all Members in mind and some decisions made will not always suit everyone. I thank you for working together with Swimming WA to provide the best competition structure for our swimmers.

Please share this information with your Club Members. Should you have any questions, please contact myself or Brighton Pass on (08) 9328 4599. Please refer to the Swimming WA website for an electronic copy of this memo.

Regards,



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