

## **USA Swimming Scholastic All American Program**

The SAA Sub-Committee, chaired by Marvin Lanphere, and the Times & Recognition Committee have recommended changes to the SAA program effective for the 2007-08 year. A history of this program shows us that SAA required participation in a national level meet for recognition (the old Junior Championships and Nationals). Upon the demise of the Juniors meets in 2000, the Sectional meets were used as criteria for selection. Over this last seven years, the disparity among these meets was noted by coaches who requested a change in the swimming criteria. After discussion at the convention and in conference call meetings with the sub-committee and the T& R committee, the following has been approved by the T & R committee for the 2007-08 season:

### **Scholastic All American Program for 2007-08**

The T & R Committee, with the support of the SAA Sub-Committee has recommended the following changes for the USA Swimming SAA Program:

- The adoption of a uniform time standard qualification rather than participation in a Sectional meet for the swimming component.
- The Time Standard to be used will be the 2000 Junior Nationals Time Standard, also known as the Bonus Standard for the current Junior National Championships.
- All times in the USA Swimming SWIMS Database will be eligible for qualifying for SAA, if they were swum in the qualifying period and meet the applicable time standard. This allows the use of times from approved meets and observed meets that are considered official times by USA Swimming.
- Changes will be effective with this year's program; the qualifying period will be July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- Swimmers on the 2006-07 list that do not make the time standard for 2007-08 will be "grandfathered" and recognized, if they submit an application and are academically qualified.
- Academic qualifications remain the same as in prior years – a 3.5 GPA attested to by the athlete's school.

Applications for the 2007-08 year will be available by January 1, 2008, and posted on the USA Swimming web site. Please note that times from observed and approved competitions which meet the 2000 Junior Nationals Time Standards are acceptable for the SAA program.