

## Championship Meet Progression

In our current procedures manual it is stated that meets in our championship progression shall be conducted as nearly identically as possible in terms of event order, whether timed finals or prelims and finals etc. Until the past 3 years this has customarily been done. As VSI has grown however, the original plan no longer fits the number of swimmers in our LSC.

The AG committee in its work has determined that the championship meets at the District and Regional level should be set up and organized in the most part by the clubs hosting the meets. This does give flexibility to using different venues and being more responsive to needs of different parts of the LSC. However it also gives rise to considerable areas of inequality for swimmers. If we did not assign teams to the different championship meets it would not matter as much if they all were run exactly the same way, but since teams are assigned to these meets and not allowed to choose which meet they would prefer to attend it seems only fair to me that all the meets be conducted as prescribed in our procedures, having the same format, offering the same events and running the events in the same way, i.e. timed finals or prelims and finals. This was not done this past year. Also combining a district meet with a regional meet definitely puts some swimmers at a disadvantage because of changes in age. It does not seem to me that we are offering the proverbial "level playing field" to all our swimmers at the end of season championship level as we once did.

I would like this matter and the current procedure to be revisited by the Age Group Committee and the BOD.