

**Items from General Chair  
Conference Call Board Meeting  
June 2008**

1. **Eastern Zone Meeting:** The following items from Technical Planning were approved -
  - a. Use the following wording for Zone All Star and SCS Meets: Swimmers must enter individual events with fastest achieved time during the qualifying period. Two exceptions shall be permitted are 1) relays may enter at the qualifying time and 2) swimmers entered in the 800/1000 or 1500/1650 on the same day as entered in another individual event may enter at the meet qualifying standard.
  - b. Changes to SCS Meets:
    - i. The meet management may choose to swim the non-Olympic distance events fastest to slowest alternating women and men.
    - ii. Any events that are flighted must have at least 6 heats in the A flight.
    - iii. Relay-only swimmers will be limited to 2 time trial events for the meet.
  - c. The number of coaches for LC Zones will be increased as follows:
    - i. 30 or fewer swimmers - 5 coaches
    - ii. 31-75 swimmers - 8 coaches
    - iii. 76-125 swimmers - 10 coaches
    - iv. 126 or more swimmers - 15 coaches
  - d. The following items were tabled:
    - i. At SC Zone All Star meet the fastest heat of the 13/14 and 15/18 1000 and 1650 frees will be swum at finals
    - ii. Set minimum times for bonus events as SCS.
    - iii. Add 1 swimmer per event per LSC for 12&Y events.
    - iv. Qualifying times for SC Zone All Star meet

Highlights from the May USA-S Board of Directors Meeting:

- a. Currently working on online registrations - it is likely to occur but there is still a lot of work to be done
- b. Teams with a Learn to Swim program need separate insurance for this program. USA-S is looking to offer this in the future
- c. A task force has been formed to study the similarities and differences between LSCs.
- d. FINA Rule - A swimmer or coach must be a resident of a country for a year in order to represent that country
- e. Meet hosts need to attend a best practices seminar if the meet is one that receives funding from USA-S (Zones, SCS, and above)
- f. Funding has been approved for a Junior meet Dec. 11-14, 2008. in Austin, TX. It will follow the same format as 2007 Nationals.
- g. Reminder to check pool certifications - check measurements if there have been changes since certification was done
- h. Reminder to enforce feet first entry in warm-ups.
- i. Camps and Clinics -
  - a. Regional Coach Clinic in New Hampshire
  - b. Zone Select Camp in Buffalo

- c. Open Water Select Camp in Fort Meyer, FL
- j. Jr. Pan Pacs will be held Jan. 8-12

A draft of the Eastern Zone Sectional Manual was distributed for review.

2. **PATS - Curl Burke Merger:**

- a. Ed Dellert had met with Pat Hogan, John Wilson, and Jim Wood while at a USA-S Board meeting
- b. According to USA-S policies, the merger is not illegal; opinion of John Wilson is that the LSC's need to find a way to make it work - we need to make our LSC attractive to them so they will want to remain in VSI; another idea was to charge them large fees to sanction their meets in VSI or charge them higher fees to participate in our meets.
- c. Met with PVS General Chair, Greg York, Peter Clarke, Ed Dellert, and Jim Wood the weekend of the Eastern Zone meeting to discuss what can be done
- d. Currently working with Ed and Greg to modify the "new club" policy to try to curtail the ability of teams from PVS to merge with teams in VSI - this would require an affirmative vote of the USA-S Board of Directors.
- e. USA-S Bylaws state that teams cannot be registered in more than one LSC but it is perfectly legal for teams to have satellite teams in multiple LSCs. The fact that teams can't be registered in more than one LSC is a Bylaw which would require USA-S HOD approval to change.
- f. On June 11, Louise received an email from the head coach of PATS stating that they intend to "migrate" their swimmers to PVS under the Curl-Burke Banner shortly. The email also requested removing the club from the VSI club lists.