

Motion: 1802SC1: Add Prelims and Finals option to the Senior Open Meet Class

Rationale:

Currently there are 3 classes of Senior Competitions being offered in Pacific Swimming.

- Senior Circuit - Prelims and Finals meet
- Senior 2 meets - Can be Timed Finals and Prelims and Finals
- Senior Open - Timed Finals only

This motion proposes to add Prelims and Finals option to the Senior Open class. When Senior 2 Prelims and Finals meets are offered in geographical regions of the LSC where the population density is lower. Senior 2 Prelims and Finals meets being offered in these areas continue to face low subscription of swimmers, most likely due to population density. Meet hosts have financial difficulties when Senior 2 Prelims and Finals meets were offered. A typical example of such a meet is the Senior Circuit meet being offered on Presidents weekend in Santa Cruz. The Senior Circuit meet was successful in the past with many Pacific teams treating the meet as a travel meet and spending the weekend in Santa Cruz. A gradual decline of entries (for a myriad of reasons) forced the meet host to down grade the meet to Senior 2 P/F, often requesting for special dispensation to extend the entry deadline to attract more swimmers (the last 2 years). The Senior 2 P/F last summer being offered in RENO experienced similar low numbers of entries.

The Scheduling committee voted to allow the meet class to be changed to Senior Open P/F as an effort to help the meet host offer a P/F senior meet (on Presidents Day weekend) in the 2018-19 season. This is aimed to allow the meet host to continue to offer a P/F meet without financial hardship. It also offers an opportunity for less accomplished seniors swimmers to participate in a P/F class.

Section 5 of the Pacific Swimming Rules and Regulations will be modified as shown below:

SECTION 5

SENIOR COMPETITION

A. Qualifying – Senior Competitions

1. Senior Circuit
 - a. The minimum age shall be thirteen years old
 - b. Meets to be Preliminaries and Finals and to include Time Trials
2. Senior 2
 - a. The minimum age shall be twelve years old (except High School Walk-On Meets, where athletes shall have been in high school or be a minimum of 15 years)
 - b. Meets shall be either Timed Finals or Preliminaries and Finals and may include Time Trials.
3. Senior Open
 - a. The minimum age shall be eleven years old
 - b. ~~Meets shall be Timed Finals only with no Time Trials~~ Meets shall be either Timed Finals or Preliminaries and Finals and may not include Time Trials.