



Thursday April 6th, 2017

Attention: Coaches, Club Administrators

Memo Re: Approved recommendations to the July 2017 Provincial & AA Technical & Meet Packages

Swim Ontario has full jurisdiction on all of the provincial technical and meet packages. The Sport Development Committee (SDC) in conjunction with Swim Ontario staff have reviewed the various impacts on athlete performance and meet management from the March 2017 Provincials & AA competitions. In preparation for the July 2017 provincial competitions the SDC has made the following recommendations to the July 2017 Provincial & AA Meet packages that have been approved by the Swim Ontario Executive Director:

1. Entry Deadline Confirmation: The entry deadline for the July 2017 Provincial Championships & AA will remain as currently published in Swim Ontario policy and procedure (i.e. 10 days in advance of the first day of the meet):
 - a. First day of competition: Thursday June 29th, 2017.
 - b. Entry deadline: Monday June 19th, 2017.

Rational:

- a. Adhere to the Swim Ontario Policy and Procedure currently in place in the provincial meet packages and allow meet management appropriate time to post psych sheets and seed the meet.

Impact:

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| a. Performances achieved at the Ontario Summer Festival, June 24-25, 2017 are ineligible for entry in to the 2017 Summer Provincials and AA due to the published entry deadline. |
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2. Medals Awards Confirmation: For the July 2017 Provincial & AA competitions, the top 3 medallists in each event will be awarded regardless of qualifying time achievement.

Rational:

- a. Adhere to Swim Ontario precedent of recognizing podium performance on demand.

Impact:

- a. All top three performances will be awarded medals at both the July 2017 Provincials & the AA competitions (AA meet relays are not awarded medals).

3. Relay Changes: Move all relays to the end of each session, limiting clubs to two (2) relay entries per age group per event and limit relay age groups to the following:
 - a. 14 & Under
 - b. 15& Over

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Rational:

- a. Current schedule of relays “split” between start & end of prelim session impacts the session lengths, as well as impacts athletes’ preparation around individual performances.
- b. Currently Swim Ontario policy & procedure in provincial meet packages allows for a club to enter a third relay. However, only two relays can score.

Impact:

- a. Consolidate sessions
- b. Remove impact on individual event preparation for athletes
- c. Clubs still have the option to enter an open relay in the AA meet if they so wish

Respectfully,

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