

SWIM NOVA SCOTIA PROPOSED COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

The NSSCA proposed to the Swim Nova Scotia Board of Director's, who approved the following change to our current competitive structure:

Combining "A" and "AA" levels and replacing our structure simply with "Future League- 10 & Under" and "Age Group- 11 & Over"

Details:

- East Coast qualifying times would become the entry standard for Ken Dunn Championships.
- Replacing Nova Scotia Short Course Age Group Champs with Team Champs in December. Team Champs Meet Format will be set later this spring- general format would be a 2 ½ day meet to take place at Dalplex with SNS as the host. Teams can enter their top 16 or 20 athletes (8 or 10 of each gender), larger teams can enter A, B, and C teams of 11 & over athletes.
- Additional Championships added with an East Coast Disqualification standard- "Junior Provincial Championships" to take place in February and May.
- Event winners from Junior Provincial Championships would also be eligible for Ken Dunn Championships.
- All "A" and "AA" level meets would be combined.
- Current approximate numbers are 400 athletes

Pros:

- Creates a positive social climate for athletes
- More weekends off
- Can increase the number of Provincial Training Camps (with weekends off)
- Added relays for smaller teams
- Clubs hosting combined meets can improve their marketing/sponsorship efforts
- More freedom as a club to run time trials or travel out of Province
- Streamlined time standards
- Increased quality of competition
- Former "AA" swimmers have the opportunity to compete long course
- Less cost to families with multiple swimmers (different levels)
- Team inclusiveness

Cons:

- Less clubs host meets- but in the end this will balance out with additional FL Meets and Junior Provincial Championships
- Oversubscribed "A" level meets- primarily "Dartmouth "A" Invitational and "Halifax Trojan Spring Invitational) - these can be addressed by limiting the number of events per athlete and running the meets as timed finals. (We will not necessarily need to run heats/finals meets so close to Championship meets).
- Lack of rewards for former "AA" level swimmers- these athletes should see rewards through Junior Provincial Championships; 11-12's continue to receive best time ribbons.

Following approval of the proposed new competitive structure the NSSCA will follow up at the March 31st Board of Director's Meeting with the "2007-08 Schedule of Events" and "2007-08 Meet Templates" for approval prior to the bid process.