

Age Group report – April 11

Splash recap

With our 4 March (February) meets now over and a little time gone by, it's interesting to look at the numbers and then look at other March meets. When we originally began looking at the four meets and trying to determine the right mix of cuts, one of my thoughts was to break down the four meets in a way that accommodated roughly

30 - 35 % of athlete registration. We were over that number but meet size and length seemed to work for the meets. We had 3892 athletes entered in the four meets, or about 40% of our athlete base. The breakdown is as follows

18 and Under Champs	1099	4800
Junior Champs	526	1500
Senior Champs	873	2000
JO's	1394	5000
	3892	13,300

There is obviously overlap with athletes who were entered in multiple meets. I think JO's could still be a little smaller in. For example the, turn around time from Saturday Finals to Sunday prelims was a little rough for those 13 – 14 athletes in the 500 free, which was swum somewhere around 8:15.

In looking at the four meets post the 'big four' there's still a ton of kids out there getting some splashes in. 15, 900 splashes between MAKO Spring Invite, RMSC Finale, Spring Champs, and March Madness. And the OCCS Short Course Finale numbers aren't yet in.

While I agree with Boots that there are a lot of meets going on, the simple fact is that there are a lot of kids who are entering meets. I think the push back from the Officials in general has been good though because it's making clubs realize that there is a limited supply of officials (tired ones) and clubs need to get new parents started in the officiating process.

Zones

As everyone knows PVS came out on top again at the Eastern Zone meet. Congrats to Steve and Emily Menard, and the rest of the coaching staff. Nice job by Dave Greene and Shelley Gesker.

PVS accounted for 4 meet records. Megan Byrnes 11 – 12 Girls 500 free, Emily Meilus 11 – 12 girls 200 Back, Morgan Whyte 15 – 18 girls 50 Free, and 9 – 10 boys 200 Free Relay.

Coach of the Year

I've submitted a draft to Mark Faherty and will hopefully be finalizing it in the next few days. My primary aim is to offer more streamlined guidelines for the selection. The goal moving forward is to have nominees submitted by March 31, and announce the winner at our annual HOD meeting.

LC Age Group Champs

I'm looking at the meet and will release cuts within the next two weeks so that they are available prior to any LC meets being swum.

Manga