

AGE GROUP DECEMBER

Not much from my end other than a lot of swims and cuts being made. Jim Thompson compiled a list of eligible athletes for JO's. While I haven't yet compared all the sessions to see if thus far we have more / fewer athletes than last year, there is something that stands out. Of the 20 sessions listed the majority were under 2 hours in length. 13 - 14 Boys on Sunday morning timed out at almost three hours, but keep in mind there are 1000's that session.

The 10 and under sessions time out right around an hour. My observation with our kids (FAST) is that most have qualified by the December meets with maybe another 15% increase in cuts over January and February. Other clubs may have seen something different but that seems to be where we end up.

I spoke with Jim a little bit at the Reindeer Mini and he will do another run of qualified athletes per session after the December run of meets. Keep in mind also that the data Jim compiled includes ALL eligible athletes. Some of these athletes will age out prior to JO's. While the data indicated about 3900 athletes eligible this number is probably 3 to 4 times higher than the actual number of qualified athletes. For example an athlete with 9 JO cuts gets counted 3 times. Once for each session in which they have a cut. I would guesstimate we are somewhere around 1100 - 1200 qualified athletes at this point.

I think after December, Paris, Terri, Bill and myself can sit down and start work on the MA for JO's, and potentially make some adjustments to try and accommodate some of the requests of the association. If we can put together a working draft by years end we can submit it to the Technical committee and get input from Tim Husson and the officials perspective.

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