

AGE GROUP REPORT

We continue to look for the ideal combination of venue, athlete count, splash count, and overall philosophy for our JO program. While there is no ideal scenario that satisfies everyone, at some point we are going to have to make some hard decisions and potentially start from scratch. It appears we have secured Maryland for 2013 which is great thing for the meet, but let's also remember there are some who feel this is overkill for our age groupers.

I've been looking at other LSC's to try and get a feel for what they do and how their calendars are set up. At the end of the day we have to figure out what works for PVS, given our philosophies, facility availability, and goals of the membership.

A term that has been tossed around lately is 'elitist' when describing some of the misgivings about the continued faster cuts and overall speed of the meet. I see JO's as a sign of a healthy association with quality coaching and very competitive situations being created, the ultimate result of which is an extremely fast JO meet. Nothing elitist in my opinion.

Just looking at December alone speaks volumes of the need for us to start thinking differently. There was a time when there three meets in December. The Reindeer Mini, JO Qualifier, and then JO's (currently the Dolan meet). This past December there were 6 meets. 4 were run in a Prelims / Finals format, accounting for about 33,000 splashes total.

There's been some great discussion and ideas but we have to make a few tough decisions in the next year or so.

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