

ANNUAL COACHES REPORT

Athlete registration

- PVS has over 9000 athletes.
- PVS ranked 5th in size.

Meets

- Splash numbers continue to rise. We added a 4th site for the January Open to alleviate the stress on PG Sportsplex. Total entries for the meet still rose (14,000 splashes).
- In response to concerns / suggestions about opportunities for 8 and unders to swim longer JO events, FAST hosted a 10 & under meet with longer events for 8 and unders as well as 9 – 10 year olds. The small size (75 athletes) was attributed in part to the timing of the meet (April 25) and this being the first year. Otherwise the coaches enjoyed the chance to get in some longer events without having to attend Senior sessions or compromise their swimmers' better events.
- For the most part coaches / parents are aware they need their USA registration card to do a deck entry.
- Our 3 traditional Championship meets (JR, SR, JO's) and the 18 and under Champs meet need some adjusting due to meet size. JO's had 1300 athletes and 5000 splashes. 18 and under Champs had 1200 athletes and 5800 splashes. Senior and Junior Champs have room to grow and will potentially do so next year once adjustments have been made for all 4 meets.
- In the next few weeks there will be a committee meeting to address the above 4 meets. If you have any suggestions or possible formats to alleviate meet constraints please send them to Riley. We will have a resolution by the Fall competition meeting.
- There were mixed reviews regarding the JO format, however, the practicality of three sessions isn't good. It reeked a bit of havoc on our Officials.
- Though there were a few waiver requests for Distance meets, the idea of younger swimmers having a progression from 500 to 1000 to 1650 is good.

Zones

- As you know PVS won the 2010 short course Zone meet. Our 15 – 18's continue to be thin at best. Fortunately other LSC's have the same issues.
- The Zone meet manager was impressed with our Zone staff and enjoyed working with them. Nice job guys.
- Though we may debate back and forth regarding how much we spend on our Zone teams, keep in mind this is one of the few areas that LSC dollars truly benefit the entire association.

Coaches

- Our Competition meetings could still stand to be better attended.
- Though club meets are run entirely by clubs, there's a feeling that swimmers should not be entering events for the first time at March meets where the swimmer is not ready.

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