



13 & Older Silver/Bronze Championships 2008 **Odd Heat/Even Heat Format**

As many of the coaches will recall, due to the tremendous volume of entries last year the 13 & Older Silver/Bronze Championships was overcrowded and the sessions were extremely long. With this year's meet date moved off the YMCA's Silver Championships, there is a distinct possibility that the meet could be even more full this year.

In an attempt to make the session lengths bearable for the competitors (and the spectators), to comply with Rutgers limitations on number of competitors within each session and to prevent the logical next step of "bottom cuts" for Bronze swimmers, the host clubs (Elite Swim Club and Morris County Swim Club) will conduct the meet in the following fashion:

- 1) All events in each session will be swum in both pools simultaneously.
- 2) The pools will be divided into "Odd Heat Pool- Scoreboard Pool" & "Even Heat Pool-Dive Pool. Thus, event 1 heat 1 will be swum in the scoreboard pool while event 1 heat 2 will be swum in the dive pool, virtually simultaneously.
- 3) Heat 1 of an event will not begin until all heats of the previous event have completed.
- 4) If necessary, the Meet Director will arrange for short (5-10 minute) breaks between events to give swimmers rest between events.
- 5) Warm-ups will be extended 10 minutes and this part of warm-up will be open to all to allow for swimmers to practice turns in each pool.

When we created this format in meet manager and dropped in last year's entries, the sessions time out to approximately 3 hours (before scratches), including the distance events (which were swum as separate sessions last year). On paper, this format seems to solve a lot of issues.

The meet hosts will make every effort to minimize confusion on the pool deck as to what heats are being swum where. The meet hosts request all clubs instruct their swimmers before hand of this meet format so that the swimmers are aware of it well before they arrive at Rutgers to compete.

If anyone has any issue they would like to discuss with regards to this meet format, do not hesitate to contact Bill Deatly at <mailto:eliteswimclubnj@comcast.net>. The meet hosts would like to flush out any potential problems this meet format might create prior to meet day.

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