

GASL Family Championship Exploratory Committee Recommendations

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Purpose

We used the proposed idea of 4 to 5 Family Championships as a starting point. Family Championships would be hyper-local meets with 4 to 5 teams attending and competing against teams in their geographical area or some other configuration on a single day. This would eliminate the current 5 medal meets (Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze) scheduled which has been in place for about 10 years. The Committee decided to determine if the season-ending Championship meet experience could be improved for the swimmers and their families.

Recommendations

- Improve the Bronze Meet Experience
 - Host one Bronze meet instead of two to fill events and increase level of competition.
 - Update the rules to allow Silver swimmers to fill relays in the Bronze meet
 - This change should accompany the addition of a Medley relay and 150 Free in Bronze.
 - Creating carnival-type relays within the Bronze could be considered as an alternative to changing the eligibility rules
 - Silver swimmers should meet eligibility standards to swim in Bronze
 - If 5 swimmers are needed for a relay (i.e., free relay), then no more than 2 Silver-qualified swimmers may fill the team. Silver swimmer(s) may only fill in if there are no bronze swimmers participating in that age group.
 - Silver-qualified swimmers may only fill in for a Bronze swimmer in the same age group they represent.
 - 13-14 Bronze events will remain unchanged
 - To reduce the risks of evening Summer storms, we recommend moving Bronze from Wednesday evening to Friday with an earlier start. Starting in the morning or mid-day.
 - Proposed Weather Date would be on Saturday as a separate meet or run during Silver meets.
- The Bronze Meet is under-subscribed while the Gold Meet is over-subscribed
 - This can be fixed by revising all time standards for Gold and Silver
 - Time standards have not changed in 3 seasons