

Eastern Zone Technical Spring Zoom Meeting – 8am May 7th, 2022

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2022 EZ WINTER AG ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

3,150 Splashes - 717 Athletes - 159 Teams

Marci Callan – First time running this meet in three years due to the pandemic and the event was well received by clubs, coaches, athletes and parents. There were 68 officials, with a number of officials evaluations taking place. FAST are looking forward to hosting this event once again next year!

2022 LC SUPER SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1,259 Splashes - 281 Athletes - 31 Teams

Paul Memont - Some stats for Buffalo Long Course Sectionals March 24-27

Officials--30, Some working only a session or two. Evaluations for National Certifications-11

Splashes-1,150 including 498 bonus. Swimmers-280 [155 Women & 125 Men]

Thursday Distance Session had 4 heats and was just shy of 1 hour.

Sunday Distance Session had 3 heats and was about 90 minutes.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Prelims ran 2h 6m, 3h 14m, 2h 27m respectively.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Finals ran 2h 16m, 2h 39m, 2h 25m respectively.

There was no need for any breaks, we ran a nice steady pace for all concerned, and remained within two or three minutes of the time-line.

LSCs: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Connecticut, Lake Erie, Maryland, New England, Niagara, and Canada.

Ten days before the meet we had approximately 140 Swimmers and 12 Officials. Extending the entry deadline to March 21 helped bring the numbers up, and opening up for bonus events brought the splashes up to decent numbers. Allowing relay swimmers only also helped.

It's tough on the LSC when three Championship Meets are contested in a span of two weekends. Thanks for allowing me to be the Meet Referee!

Patrick Hunter - Overall, I thought the meet turned out great, as a result of the changes that were made last minute to increase participation- those changes really "saved the meet" in my opinion. A couple of thoughts as far as the meet moving forward: Adjust the qualifying times of the meet to produce a meet of appropriate size. I know that this meet has typically been small in the past, and also do know that other teams from New England were traveling elsewhere (for example, Wisconsin) for other LCM sectional meets with easier cuts. I think that this meet has the potential to really be great so as long as we open it up to include the right number of athletes. A lot of other meets (for example, junior nationals) have stopped doing positive check-in for relays, and running them scratch only (by the scratch deadline) like individual events. In my opinion, positive check-in for relays is significant added effort that doesn't yield much value. I think we should consider going scratch only in the future, but I do suggest we maintain that all teams must declare AM or PM for Sunday.

Finally, one of the other things I have seen- primarily in the Western Zone- is using OME for time trial signup. Entries are taken the day prior (i.e. signup for Friday is all day Thursday on OME). I have found this process to save time,

reduce chaos on deck, and also reduce errors in getting the time trials out- it is something I am familiar with and would be happy to help any interested meet host with in the future.

2022 SC NORTH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2,173 Splashes - 566 Athletes - 84 Teams

Will Chidsey - Meet was on the light side with 450 athletes with hard cuts. Relays only swimmers brought the total up to 566. Coaches voted to add d final at coaches meeting and forgo presenting awards for top 3 at finals. Virtual scratch table made scratching and viewing who made it back during the scratch period very useful. Officials did a great job all around! It was great to be back at it!

2022 SC SOUTH SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1,708 Splashes - 509 Athletes - 55 Teams

Chris Barry - Overall, it was a successful meet with strong support from the host and good turnout on officials and teams. We had just over 500 athletes and sessions ran well with Saturday being our long day. Time trials were strong with over 200 splashes. Air quality was good and positive feedback was received. Our only issue was a timing system malfunction during Saturday finals that started in the W 50 Free but was fixed prior to relays and there were no issues after that point. The strong crew we had used manual starts and performed Heat Adjustments to get final results were awards were handed out during Sunday breaks. Sessions ended shortly after 9 pm (original end time) and we had results complete before 10 pm on Saturday. On Sunday we had Coaches meeting to discuss the events of prior evening and plan for awards from prior night. Positive feedback again was received from coaches.

2022 OPEN WATER ZONE CHAMPS

The 2022 EZ/CT Open Water Championship will be on Saturday, June 25th.

2022 SENIOR ZONE CHAMPS

No Finalized Host

2022 SUMMER AG ZONE CHAMPS

No Finalized Host

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