

Brief Convention Report ~ '01

Items of note:

- Eastern Zone Section 1 Time Standards were published for 2002. The Short Course Meet will be in East Meadow, L.I. March 7 - 10. (Qualifying period: January 1, 2001 through the entry deadline for the Spring meet.)
- Long Course August 1 - 4 at Erie CC, Buffalo. (Qualifying period: January 1, 2001 Through the entry deadline.)
- There will be NO Faxing of **time** updates permitted. **A new swimmer**, or a **new event** for a swimmer already entered, may be done by fax
- Legislation items with major impact include:
 - A *Resolution* that “the Executive Director develop a business plan for television opportunities.” He is to “prepare the 2003 budget to include the Television Development Fund.” This could mean a dues increase to individuals of up to \$25.00. What was **not** made clear was whether this would be a one-time charge to establish a ‘war chest’ or an on-going charge.
 - There will no longer be alternating 90% and 50% years for passage of *timely* legislation proposals. It will now be 50%.
 - R-10, a new rule governing water depth requirement for **teaching** racing starts now establishes a **5 (five) foot minimum depth**. This is effective **November 1st, 2001**.
 - R-16, provides that Spring Nationals will be **Long Course**.
 - R-18, provides that Spring Nationals will *start* the Tuesday following the fourth Thursday of March.

New “wet” rules

- To conform with new FINA wording, under Backstroke - 101.3.2 (Stroke) “--- permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn, at the finish and for a distance of 15 meters ---.”
- Backstroke, 101.3.3 (Turns) “---. Once the body has left the position on the back, any kick or arm pull must be part of the continuous turning action ~~there shall be no kick or arm pull that is independent of the continuous turning action.~~
- Backstroke, 101.3.4 (Finish) “Upon the finish ---. The body may be submerged at the touch.”
- Breaststroke, 101.1.2 (Stroke) “--- The elbows shall be under the water except for the final stroke before the turn, during the turn and the last stroke at the finish ---.”
- Butterfly, 101.2.2 (Stroke) “---. From the beginning of the first arm pull, the body shall be kept on the breast ~~the swimmer’s shoulders shall be in line with the water surface.~~

Please Note ! These ‘wet’ rules are effective as of Sept. 22nd !