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FNQRSA SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

This year the Short Course championships will be held at the beginning of the season for the first time. This decision has been made so that swimmers wishing to attend the Queensland State Short Course championships have a good opportunity to acquire qualification times at a good quality local carnival. The management committee is aware that many clubs have not yet resumed swimming training and we regret that this decision may cause discontent, but we are committed to align our region with the competition schedules of our State swimming organisation.

The award framework has also been modified for this competition. This is a trial and we will seek feedback after the competition.

1. Points will be awarded on a 5-3-1 basis for all events 8yrs and over
2. Multi-aged events: Points and medals will be awarded for placegetters in all age groups. (eg: 8-9yrs 50 breast, points and medals will be awarded to 8yr old and 9 yr old placegetters).
3. Age aggregate awards: Trophies will be awarded to age champion and runner up based on points awarded as follows:
 - 8yrs: 25m and 50m age free, back, breast and fly
 - 9yrs: 25m and 50m age free, back, breast and fly, 100m IM
 - 10 & 11yrs: 50m and 100m age free, back, breast and fly, 100m IM
 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16+ yrs: 50m and 100m age free, back, breast and fly, 100m IM PLUS any points earned in Open 200m swims. Note that the Open 200m swims are NOT multi-aged, so points can only be earned if the swimmers places in the top three positions. Swimmers must meet the Gold qualifying time to nominate for 200m races, and will not be awarded points or medals if they do not achieve the Gold qualifying time in the actual race.
 - No Open aggregate will be awarded.

The reasons behind this trial are as follows:

1. 9yr olds are given an opportunity to swim 25m competitively as many will not have trained over winter.
2. Confining age aggregate to the 50 and 100m swims means that sprint swimmers in the older age groups have a positive bias in comparison to distance swims. This change attempts to balance this affect.
3. Outstanding swimmers of a particular stroke do not receive adequate benefit from their performances in assessing for age aggregate unless the 200m events are taken into account.

The existing database has been used to determine the likely outcome of these changes and we do not feel that any swimmer will be disadvantaged by the change, however, this is just a trial so please give it a go.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Management Committee, FNQRSA.