# 2017 East Zone Technical chair convention report

Thank you to all meet hosts for organizing and running Zone meets. Special thanks to Pete McGeoch for scoring, Jen Wilczynski for facilitating communication with East Zone members, Jen Hatt for ordering awards, Patty Flanagan for organizing judges panels, Krista Bessinger for coordinating All Star selection and Betsy McGeoch for admin support.

## 13-15 Age Group Championship

February 11-12, 2017 Hamden CT. Host team Hamden Heronettes

* No qualifying scores
* Total number of swimmers-103
* All swimmers performed figures
* 21 solos, 27 duets, 9 teams, 3 Combo (Total 60 routines)
* Smaller meet than previous years
* Convenient meet schedule (2 days)
* Music collected before the meet via email
* Due to snow storm on Sunday team prelim event was eliminated and Combo event moved to Saturday
* 7 solos, 6 duets and 7 teams qualified to Nationals, please let tech chair and runners up know if not attending

## Junior and Senior Championship

March 10-12, 2017 Hamden CT. Host Team New Canaan YMCA Aquianas.

* Senior athletes are required to perform Technical routine in each event they entered except Combo
* No qualification, open
* Total number of swimmers 147
* All solo, duet and team swimmers performed figures. Combo only swimmers could have entered figures, but were not required to.
* For Junior track we allowed 13 or 14 years old swim team routine and Combo
* Juniors: 29 solos, 26 duets, 17 teams
* Seniors: 4 solos, 3 duets, 10 Combo
* Total 89 routines
* Good size of the meet
* Convenient meet schedule (2 ½ days)
* Music collected before the meet via email

• 8 Junior and 4 Senior solos, 9 Junior and 3 Senior duets, 8 teams qualifies to Nationals, please let tech chair and runners up know if not attending.

## Invitational A

March 18-19, 2017 Norton, MA. Host team Cambridge Synchro, Lyonfish Synchronettes and Wheaton College.

* Open to all Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group, 13-15 Age Group, 16&Over Age Group with exceptions of over qualifications.
* Very popular location, a few teams were asked to attend Invitational meet at Buffalo due to uneven meet size.
* Total number of swimmers- 180 (13-15 AG – 7, 16&O AG - 4)
* Intermediate: solos 29, duets 20, trios 16, teams 19
* AG: solos 13, duets 15, teams 7
* Total 119 routines
* Music collected before the meet via email
* Online registration form

Invitational b

March 17-18, 2017 Tonawanda, New York. Host team Town of Town of Tonawanda Aquettes.

* Open to all Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group, 13-15 Age Group, 16&Over Age Group with exceptions of over qualifications.
* Due to the low attendance was open for Novice swimmers
* Small size of the meet

Intermediate and 12&Under Age Group Championship and 13&Over Age Group Routine Only Open

June 2-4, 2017 Buffalo, New York. Hosted by Buffalo Swimkins.

* Open to Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group duets and solos that placed top 3 at Regionals, teams open. 13&Over Age Group routines that did not qualify for Junior Olympics.
* We had mixed duet event for the first time. Two 10&U Intermediate and one 13&Over Intermediate mixed duets.
* Number of swimmers in figure competition 259
* Intermediate: solos 33, duets 38, trios 23, teams 32
* AG: solos 16, duets 11, teams 6
* Total 159 routines
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* 2 ½ days

REcommendations for 2017-2018

* Separate 13&Over Intermediate category into 13-15 Intermediate and 16&Over Intermediate categories.
* Have 13-15 and 16&Over Intermediate swim 12&Under Age Group figures
* Align with National rules for Junior, 16-17 and 18-19 AG swimmers to swim Technical Routines at all Zone, Regional and Association meets, except Zone Invitationals and 13&Over Age Group Routine Only Open.

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