

# 2018 Convention East Zone Meeting Agenda

September 26<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Jacksonville, Florida

- Welcome – Jennifer Hatt – filling in for Betsy McGeoch
- Approval of March minutes (East Zone March Meeting 2018-uploaded to East Zone Website)
  - Technical Report – Svetlana Malinovskaya + Patty Melber
  - Chair Report – Jennifer Hatt filling in for Betsy McGeoch
  - Vice Chair/Awards – Jen Hatt
  - Education Report – Katie Rice
  - Lake Placid Report – Mary Ellen Wiegand
  - Treasurer Report – Kris-Ann Gutenmakher
  - Scoring Committee Report – Gil Sharon + Stephanie Kuebler
  - All Star Committee Report – Krista Karwosky
  - Officials Report – Patty Flanagan + Laura Ehrenreich
  - Athlete Report – Audrey Miller + Emily Ma

## Action Items from 2018 March Meeting:

- **Revenue for All-Star Awards**
  - Proposal #1: add an awards fee to athletes entered in the Zone Meets, i.e. \$2—this will not cover the cost of the towels, but it will offset the total cost
  - Proposal #2: increase the athlete fee to the Zone by \$1 for all Zone athletes
  - Proposal #3: look at finding a less expensive award
- **Zone Suite Cost**
  - Proposal #1: charge each team in association \$50 instead of the assoc. fee of \$100
  - Proposal #2: have a user fee for the adults that attend Convention to defray the cost of the suite if needed for that year; we would need to look at the cost prior to Convention
- **Pete McGeoch Memorial**
  - Proposal: Donate \$1200 (from the East Zone budget?) in Pete McGeoch's memory to bump him up to Gold Level in the Foundation
- **Senior Zone Competition**
  - In the event there is only one routine and it is the same team swimming both free and tech, can only 1 medal be awarded?
    - Rationale: In the Senior Zone portion of the March meet, it is getting crazy that we are giving out medals for both free and tech, when sometimes there is only one routine (the same team/swimmers) in free/tech.
- **Proposal for reimbursing unaffiliated officials who judge East Zone competitions.**
  - *Unaffiliated judges who attend and judge at least 2/3rds of the events at an East Zone meet will receive:*
    1. *Housing – to be provided by the host team. This may be a bed in someone's home or a shared hotel room.*

2. Up to \$100 in travel reimbursement. Receipts must be submitted to the East Zone Officials Chair within 7 days of the end of the competition in order to receive reimbursement.

3. Meals during the competition, which will be provided by meet hospitality.

- In order to be eligible for housing and travel reimbursement, unaffiliated judges must declare their intent to judge to the East Zone Officials Chair, East Zone Treasurer and meet manager of each competition by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition season.
  - Requests for additional reimbursement funds will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis Please send requests to the East Zone Advisory Board. Unaffiliated judges with extenuating circumstances should bring these to the attention of the East Zone Board for consideration.
- A couple things to note about the proposal:
    1. We included the stipulation about judging 2/3s of the events at a meet because we want to encourage unaffiliated judges to attend our competitions even if they can't make it there by the start or have to leave early. It's in the best interest of all of the athletes to have as many unaffiliated judges as possible, so we don't want to include too many roadblocks for them.
    2. We listed the date to declare intent to judge as January 15th. We were not all in agreement about this. Some felt the date to declare intent should be 30 days prior to the start of the competition to encourage unaffiliated officials to attend these meets and not create more roadblocks.
  - **Athletes invited to each clinic**
    - Mary Ellen has requested that we discuss who is eligible to attend the Lake Placid clinic so that All-Star athletes are included. Here is our current structure:

Tier	Athletes	Clinic
1	Athletes on National Teams, attended National Talent Camp or Olympic Development Camp in current year	No Clinic
2	All Star Athletes (or next ranked) who are not in Tier 1	All Star Camp
3	16-19 Age Group Athletes who are not in Tier 1 and did not attend All Star Camp	Gold Clinic (Lake Placid)
4	13-15 Age Group, 12 & Under Age Group and Intermediate Athletes (all levels)	Silver Clinic
5	Determined by Region	Bronze Clinic

- Senior/13-15 Meet Combined (in conjunction with Collegiate Regionals)
  - Tabled at East Zone March meeting
    - Committee including Svetlana Malinovskaya, Leah Pinette, and Mary Ellen Wiegand