**East Zone Tech Chair Report**

**Respectfully Submitted by Patti Melber**

**Many thanks to our 2020 Meet Hosts:**

**13/15 Zone:** ANA Synchro

**Jr/Sr. Zone:** New Canaan Aquianas

**Zone Invitationals:** Cambridge Synchro, Attleboro Y Lyonfish Synchronettes, and Wheaton College and BGC Gaviatas

**Zone Intermediate/Age Group Championships:** Hamden Heronettes

**13/15 Zone Championships:** Andover, MA

We had 103 swimmers in figures (Down 19 from last year)

22 duets, 1 mixed duet

17 solos

12 teams

5 combos

56 total routines (9 Down from last year)

We qualified 5 solos, 6 duets, and 7 teams to attend US 13/15 Championships Mesa, Arizona

**The 2020 13/15 East Zone All-Star Team:**

Sydney Lanxon (NCA), Aubrey Shen (NCA), Isabelle Shen (NCA), Angelie Roger (BSK), Taylor Sullivan (BSK), Elizabeth Grosz (NCA), Viola Li (NCA), Olivia Canna (BSK)

**Jr/Sr Zone Championships: New Canaan, CT**

We have 8 combos, 27 jr. duets, 17 jr. solos, 10 jr. teams, 9 sr. free duets, 3 tech sr. duets, 2 free sr. solos, 4 tech sr. solos, 2 free sr. teams.

We will qualify: 10 solos, 10 duets, and 10 teams to US Jr. Championships in Mesa, AZ

(6 spots + 4 bonuses per event)

**East Zone Intermediate/Age Group Championships: Hamden, CT**

**Pre-Meet is out: please take note of schedule changes!**

The meet managers put a lot of time and energy into coming up with a new schedule to try this year.

The goal is to avoid having swimmers at the pool all day long on Saturday. To accomplish this there will be Intermediate events on Sunday and Age Group events on Saturday. Please reserve your hotel rooms accordingly. Scheduled event days may change if pre-meet or final meet entries are very different than expected. Thank you for helping the meet hosts in this attempt at keeping competition day shorter for these younger swimmers.

**Rule Proposal Change:**

Jr. Zone Routines:

* + - Follow USA Synchro rulebook which states there does not need to be a final event for an event with <12 routines entered--as requested by the athletes
    - Tech Routine will be used for the prelim event. A draw will be made based on tech routine results. Final routines will be used for the Final Event.

This was discussed at length at convention after the athletes brought it up. Some athletes are swimming 6 or 7 routines in one weekend which has become exhaustive and risks injury.