# 2018 East Zone Technical chair convention report

Thank you to all meet hosts for organizing and running Zone meets. Special thanks to board members, judges and scoring personnel for your volunteering at the Zone meets!

## 13-15 Age Group Championship

February 10-11, 2018 Norton, MA. Host teams Cambridge Synchro, Attleboro YMCA Lyonfish Synchronettes, Wheaton College

* Open qualification
* Total number of swimmers-103
* All swimmers performed figures
* 20 solos, 26 duets, 13 teams, 3 Combo (Total 62 routines, 2 routines more than last year)
* Music collected before the meet via email
* Top 6 solos, top 5 duets, and top 6 teams are qualified for the 13/15 US National Championship
* All swimmers attending 13/15 US National need to have passed grade levels 1-4.
* If you cannot attend the meet please send an email to the team next in line and also alert the East Zone Tech Chair
* ALL coaches attending US Nationals and JO’s need to have their level 3 CCP, CRP/FA and be Safe Sport certified to be on deck.
* 8 athletes were named to East Zone 13-15 All Star Team based on figure results with split test bonus. Olivia Li (NCA), Megan Tappe (NCA), Julia Paradis (OSC), Brenna O'Brocta (TTA), Rhyan Luther (NCA), Julia Bernardes (MST), Polina Malinovskaya (OSC), Jenna Chen (NCA).
* The 2018 East Zone 13-15 High Point Champions: New Canaan Aquianas
* I recommend when total number of routines is less than 28 not to take a break during event competition

## Junior and Senior Championship

March 11-13, 2016 Buffalo, NY. Host Team Buffalo Swimkins.

* Open qualification
* Senior athletes may enter Technical and/or Free routine, or both in each event they entered except Combo
* Junior athletes are required to perform Technical routine in each event they entered except Combo
* Juniors: 19 solos, 28 duets, 13 teams, 10 Combo
* Seniors: 5 tech solos, 6 free solos, 3 tech duets, 7 free duets, 1 tech team, 1 free team
* Total 93 routines
* Good size of the meet
* Convenient meet schedule (2 ½ days)
* Music collected before the meet via email
* Juniors: Top 9 solos, top 9 duets, and top 11 teams qualify for the US Junior National Championship
* Seniors: Top 6 solos, top 6 duets, and top 4 teams in each tech and free category qualify for the US National Championship
* All swimmers attending US National and US Junior National Championships need to have passed grade levels 1-4.
* If you cannot attend the meet please send an email to the team next in line and also alert the East Zone Tech Chair
* ALL coaches attending US Nationals and JO’s need to have their level 3 CCP, CRP/FA and be Safe Sport certified to be on deck.
* 16 athletes were named to the East Zone All Star Team. Isabelle Lange (BSK), Erica Matsui (MST), Trinity Patton (BBD), Emily Brieant (NCA), Katie Chidley (NCA), Jenna Chen (NCA), Reverie Nedde (AYS), Olivia Malloy (AYS), Brenna O'Brocta (TTA), Lindi Schroder (OPT), Emily Ma (OPT), Ashley Latchford (BSK), Alena Grace Mauhs (NCA), Olivia Li (NCA), Audrey Millar (NCA), Claire Ermer (TTA)​
* The 2018 East Zone Senior/Junior High Point Champions: New Canaan Aquianas

## Invitational A

March 16-18, 2018 New Canaan, CT. Host team New Canaan Aquianas

* 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- 187 (12&U AG 49, 13-15 AG – 11)
* Intermediate: solos 20, duets 27, trios 14, teams 17
* AG: solos 14, duets 14, teams 6, combo 2
* Total 114 routines
* Music collected before the meet via email

Invitational b

March 16-18, 2018 Buffalo, New York. Hosted by Buffalo Swimkins.

* 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 8-10, 2018 York PA. Host team York Synchro-ettes

* 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.
* Number of swimmers in figure competition 316
* Intermediate: solos 35, duets 39, trios 26, teams 36
* AG: solos 13, duets 15, teams 11
* Total 175 routines including 2 mixed duets
* 8 athletes were named to East Zone 12&U AG All Star Team based on figure results with split test bonus. Viola Li (NCA), Raya Schlosser (NCA), Hayoung Sohn (MST), Aubrey Shen (NCA), Irene Choi (MST), Nicole Yuri Choi (MST), Bonnie Li (OPT), Andrea Chen (MST)
* Great facility
* 2 ½ days

REcommendations for 2018-2019

* Host team to provide IPad and volunteer to record figures. Referee may use the video to determine if zero should be awarded for the figure
* If swimmer(s) draws starting number 1 in Preliminary Free competition, this swimmer(s) should be exempt from start number 1 in Technical routine competition in the same event.

Respectfully submitted by Svetlana Malinovskaya

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