

This email is being sent to you on behalf of the Arizona Swimming Technical Chair, Johnno Fergusson. Any questions regarding the bidding should be directed to technical@azswimming.org (always a good idea to copy the office@azswimming.org just in case).

Notice of 2016-2017 Short Course Season Meet Bid **ON THE WEB*******

The bidding for the 2016-2017 Short Course Season is now OPEN. This year, as we have done over the past couple bid cycles, we will be offering a web based entry procedure for your bids.

Club contacts and coaches must go to <http://www.azswimming.org> and find the link to the bid forms under the Member Resources button. Make sure to fill in the forms completely with the information, as it will appear on your meet flyer. This is the information that will publish to the Arizona Swimming web calendar. Once your bid is prepared and submitted, the web site will automatically update a tentative calendar on the web. The Web site will send you and technical a copy of your bid. If you **DO NOT** receive a confirmation email, assume that it was not submitted properly and you should resend the information. Bids received after the due date will not be considered for the bid meeting.

If you are planning to submit a bid for the Arizona Championship Series (Regionals, Age Group and Senior State Championships) you will need to submit for the bid in the same way you prepare your other meet bids. Make sure to check the box indicating it is a championship bid.

Regionals this cycle will be a prelim/final meet (as discussed at April Coach Meeting) and will NOT be run as a timed finals meet. This is to allow swimmers to have a true championship meet. Meet hosts wanting to host regionals this year will need to host a full three and half days to accommodate the additional sessions.

Finally, we are going to run the bid meeting as we did for the Short Course meeting. The Technical Planning Committee will meet after the bid deadline to discuss the tentative calendar and potential dates where programming is lacking. The Technical Planning Committee will then identify the time and format of additional meets (Technical Planning Targets) that is needed for our Athletes. These meets will be listed during the Bid Meeting and Host Clubs will be allowed to offer to host them without the normal review of conflicts with other meets. **This year there will be no call in option for the bid meeting, host clubs are expected to be at the meeting.**

We will be allowing those Clubs who bid for our State Championships to present their bid during the Technical Meeting held just prior to the bid meeting if they wish to do so. The dates for our championship meets are as follows:

Senior Open Short Course Championship: weekend of March 2nd to 5th 2017 (03/2-03/5)

Age Group Short Course Championship: weekend of March 9th to 12th 2017 (03/9-03/12)

Age Group Short Course Regionals: weekend of February 24th to 26th 2017 (02/24-02/26)

8 & Under Championships: weekend of March 18th to 19th 2017 (03/18-03/19)

The bid schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 27, 2016: Bid Opening on the Web – announcement to all Clubs.

Monday, May 20, 2016: Bids Due by midnight

Wednesday, May 25, 2016: BID Meeting at AZSI Office

6pm – Technical Committee meeting (Location to be Announced)

- State Championship Bidders are invited to give presentations
- Technical Committee to decide on Awards for State

Championships

- Technical Committee to discuss Calendar

- 7pm** - Bid meeting to be opened and calendar discussed
- Host clubs allowed adding and shifting of meets where

Technical Planning targets exist.

- Technical Committee to finalize calendar for submittal to the BOD the next week.

Wednesday, June 1, 2016: Fliers are due.

Technical Notes:

- Here are some dates to consider:
 - **Aug 5-21** -- Olympic Games - Rio de Janeiro, BRA (swim 6-13)
 - **Nov 30-Dec 3** -- AT&T Winter National Championships
 - **Dec 7-10** -- Speedo Winter Junior Nationals
 - **Mar 15-19** – Speedo Sectionals (Four Corners/Western Zone)
- If you have a name change to the meet that teams submitted, please notify Technical and the office so that we can capture events without any confusion.
- Please see the Excel Spreadsheet with the bids for the past SCY bid Schedule it also includes the number of athletes that competed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions about placement and target of meets.