

*European Forces Swim League  
2009 Technical Committee Meeting  
April 25, 2009  
Niedermohr, Germany  
Agenda / Minutes*

**0900 - 0930 Opening Remarks (Rules of Engagement) – Tom Brown  
Introductions (Around the Room)**

**A quorum is present. Items passed in this forum will be written into the by-laws / technical annex and presented at the Presidents' Meeting (May 2009).**

**0915 – 0930 Annual Election of League Head Official (Huub Gulpers) Passed**

**Annual Election of League Head Coach (Peter Trummer) Passed**

**Election of BENELUX Head Official (Steve Allen, NATO) Passed**

**Composition of the TECHNICAL MEETING**

Minutes of the President Meeting were read for the group. The stipulation of sending reps to the Board by Champs is identified as too early. The by-laws are in effect for two years. This measure was voted on by the Presidents and passed in May 2008. The observer role was clarified. The bylaws stipulate that each team can send an observer.

**MOTION: the technical committee attendees / composition be reviewed for the 2010 technical meeting.**

**MOTION was Passed and will be on the 2010 agenda.**

**EFSL Championships**

○ **Order of Events/Relays**

- **Order of events published by Oct 1 – removed from discussion as new order of events has been published and will be in effect for 2 swim seasons (Champs 2010, 2011)**

**MOTION: Order of events (individual)**

- **Saturday: 12 & under: 100IM, 50Fly, 50Breast, 200Free**
- **13 & up: 100Free, 100Fly, 100 Breast, 400 Free**
- **Sunday: 12 & under: 200IM, 50Free, 50Back, 100Free**
- **13 & up: 200IM, 50Free, 100Back, 200 Free**
- **The Meet Shell will alternate the age groups.**

**MOTION was Passed with the Stipulation: in the event the pool venue requires change, the days of events may be exchanged.**

MOTION: Placement of Relays:

- Saturday PM: Medley Relay (all ages)
- Sunday PM: Free Relay (all ages)

MOTION was Passed.

○ **Two heat minimum for Champs**

MOTION: 2 heat minimum in champs.

MOTION was Passed.

○ **Number of Events per individual per day at Champs**

MOTION: amend EFSL technical annex to align with US Swimming rule: swimmer can swim a maximum of 5 individual events per day in a Championship meet.

MOTION was Passed.

○ **CHAMPS Qualification Times**

○ Discussion: Qualification Times for LDC

- Long Course qualification times are based on the BB Standard. BB is too tough. Use BB standard less 15%.

MOTION: Qualification times for the LD meet will be 15% less than the BB time.

MOTION was Passed.

- Short Course qualification times: Newly published BB times set the qualification times.

MOTION: Maintain BB qual time standards.

MOTION was Passed.

○ **Seeding Meeting**

- Discussion: Pros and Cons of the Seeding Meeting procedures and pick-ups by e-mail (48 hour response)

MOTION: email only seeding meeting.

MOTION was NOT Passed.

COUNTER MOTION: continue Seeding Meeting with a trial electronic “pre-seed.”

MOTION was Passed (Martin will develop the protocol for the electronic “pre-seed.”)

- **Champs Warm-ups**

- Longer warm-ups
- Have an open general session warm-up without team assignments (not starts) and then move to specific warm-up with team assignments (includes starts).
- Pool time Friday evening

Warm Up schedule will be dependent upon the host team's access to the pool facility. The host team will work diligently to ensure equitable space and time is available to all teams. No motions were made on this topic.

- **Champs Awards**

Medals for the top three (gold, silver, bronze) and "nice" ribbons for the rest

MOTION: remove the criteria for medaling / awards from the technical annex and place into the Bylaws for Presidents.

MOTION was Passed.

- Include distance champs results in champs program The LD results are already published in the Champs program

- **Champs PreMarshalling + 3 minutes**

Head Clerk of Course for Champs should be a very experienced person, even if not from the host team.

MOTION: no change – host team will ensure qualified personnel are in place.

MOTION was Passed.

- **Number of Authorized Coaches on Deck at Champs.**

MOTION: no restriction on number of coaches on deck (coaches must be identified in advance and "credentialed" by the host team).

MOTION was Passed.

- **Revamp Long Distance Championship**

Discussion: Make the meet an invitational or open meet. No discussion – off the table.

Require two long distance swims prior to the meet instead of QTs. Qual times have been set – withdrawn from the agenda.

Require QTs - QTs were established. *The standard must be upheld by the teams to seed only swimmers with QTs. QTs can be accomplished during the extended meet shell or with an observed swim.*

- **Single EFSL Long Distance Championship Meet:**  
**MOTION:** a single LDC Meet for 2009 in Ligano, Italy in the 50m pool.  
**MOTION** was Passed.

**MOTION:** LDC to be held on a Saturday  
**MOTION** was Passed.

- **Allow 10 and under to swim 400 IM provided they meet the qualifying time.**

**MOTION:** qualifiers regardless of their ages – let them do: swim the 400IM. Target group 10 & U.  
**MOTION** was Passed \*\*pending US Swimming confirmation that this event is valid for the 10 and under age group.

**MOTION:** create a 10 & U time standard for the 400IM.  
**MOTION** was NOT Passed.

**MOTION:** Technical Committee decisions that may be in conflict with the US Swimming Rule Book – events will be exhibition until US Swimming can be consulted for a ruling. – the 400IM & 800Free.  
**MOTION** was Passed.

Miscellaneous Items of Discussion:

**Team Focus Meets:** a minimum number of swimmers required to attend the away meets.

**FORWARD TO PRESIDENTS' MEETING:** Recommend to Presidents the team focus meets concept to encourage presidents / coaches to follow through on meet commitments.

**Statistician Training to be COMPULSORY:** last season we implemented new meet shells. Training is required to implement shells. Teams without proper training for their Statistician cannot have sanctioned meets. If a team requires a waiver for non-attendance, they must ask Martin and get approval. TM 5 is the new software for the upcoming season. All teams will require training.

**MOTION:** Statistician training will be compulsory.  
**MOTION** was Passed.

**Exhibition Events:** Can a swimmer swim a 4th event as an exhibition swim for no points

during a meet?

**RESPONSE:** Authorized ONLY if the event is NOT entered into the meet manager.

**LC and SC Time Conversion:** When swimming in a 50 meter pool and the meet is set up as so in meet manager. How can we get the 100IM that is ran in a 25 meter pool not to convert from 50 meter to 25 meter and keep it separate since it was not swam in a 50 meter pool?

**RESPONSE:** Do not convert times – i.e. check the box.

**Suggestion for dual and/or multiple team meet program during the season.**

**FORWARD TO PRESIDENTS' MEETING:** Add back the extended meet shells for special challenge events.

**Suggestions for further education of coaches, team head coaches:** Peter's suggestion – work together with the officials to ensure techniques are learned by both groups. The backstroke start was an example of apparent miscommunication at Champs.

**Regular medical testing of swimmers.** FORWARD TO PRESIDENTS' MEETING:

**Reestablish that the EFSL abides by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.** Outline in clear language in our by-laws that at no time (especially during swimming competitions like Champs) can rules be created by league officials. Examples from recent Champs include officials trying to enforce pacing rules that don't exist and trying to force coaches to stand behind arbitrary painted lines. These are not rules, and no one in the league has the power, nor should have the power, to simply create rules because they feel like it. *The fact that the EFSL abides by USA Swimming rules was emphasized. Clarification was given that IAW USA Swimming rules, the referee can establish rules/guidelines during a meet in order for safety or good order.*

**Clarification of the pacing rule:** *It was decided that "pacing was not an issue within the EFSL" from the Technical Meeting minutes 2007. For clarification, Bruce will put a scenario in writing for Huub to ask US Swimming for a ruling if this action constitutes pacing.*

**Butterfly** - we need a standardized definition of arms out of the water. See Q&A in the rule book.

**Turn Judges** usually miss the underwater work at the turn for Breaststroke (arms brought back beyond the hipline, 1 x dolphin kick followed by a breast stroke kick bringing them to the surface) and Butterfly (1 x arm pull plus 1 or more kicks).

101.2.2... in US Rule Book.

**All officials need to talk to the swimmers and explain the DQ.** We must make this a priority as it will only make the swimmer better! This needs to be the rule rather than the exception. **Suggestion was made to look into Huub's 'Coaches Corner' suggestion, esp. for Champs, where the coaches may be told of a DQ.**

**Need more mini rule books:** Erin will order the rule books. Erin will order each team an officiating video.

**Require mandatory training sessions for officials** prior to the start of the season.  
Discussed

**Maintain the EFSL Official's listing on the EFSL website.** The teams need to let Huub know who the officials are! See **Roster of Officials Listed by Teams** on the EFSL website.

**FORWARD TO PRESIDENTS' MEETING:** Discussion of waivers for midseason incoming swimmers for the minimum meet requirement to be eligible for Champs participation.

**Dates for Coaches Clinics: 21-23 August 2009 in Mittersill.**

**Dates for Statisticians' Clinic: 15-16 August or 20-21 June Location TBD**

**Date for Officials' Clinic: 29-30 August**

**Divisional Championship Weekend: 23-24 January 2010**

**Seeding Meeting: 30 January 2010**

**CHAMPS 2010: 13-14 February 2010**

**Two new teams will be joining the League and attending the Presidents' meeting in May, one from **Lisbon, Portugal** and the other from **Vilseck, Germany**. Please remember to leave some room for them to attend your meets or for you to visit them in your scheduling.**

**Presidents' Meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

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