

## **Wisconsin 12 & Under Short Course State Championship Special 12+ Division**

Because of the order of the meets which comprise the Wisconsin Age Group Championship, there are a small number of swimmers who are not yet 13 by the date of the 13 & Over Championship, but who age up in the week before the 12 & Under Championship. To accommodate such swimmers and give them a opportunity to swim in a State Championship meet, a special 12+ age group has been added.

Swimmers whose 13<sup>th</sup> birthday falls between February 28 and March 6 are included in this age group.

They will be subject to 11-12 time standards for entry into the meet.

They will be seeded with the 11-12 swimmers by their seed time and will swim in the 11-12 events, but scored separately. That is, final place and points in 11-12 age group events will not be affected by the presence of 12+ swimmers in the event.

The 12+ age group swimmers will only be eligible to swim on relays in the 11-12 age group if there are enough 12+ swimmers to form a relay.

Order of finish will be awarded for 12+ age group based only on 12+ swimmers competing in an event.

For the purpose of awarding team points, the points that would have been awarded had the 12+ swimmer been in the 11-12 age group will be awarded. That is, a 12+ swimmer who would have placed 5<sup>th</sup> in an 11-12 event will be awarded team points equivalent to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. Under no circumstances will points be taken away from 11-12 event finishers, but the 12+ team points will be awarded in addition to 11-12 team points.

Because of the small number of 12+ swimmers, individual high point award will only be given if a 12+ swimmer exceeds the number of points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place swimmer in the corresponding 11-12 age group.