

Time Standard Update

In 2008, the AG/SR/Tech Planning Committee was charged to create State Time Standards for the next Quadrennium (2009-2012) that incorporated the USA Swimming/Hy-Tek Power Point system. It was thought that there would be a more logical progression from age group to age group in standards, and would give a more concrete measurement to change/adapt standards as needed. The committee came up with a recommended point total, as well as alternative point totals to determine the standards. Those standards were put in effect in 2009, and, after reviewing the State entries for subsequent meets, it was noted that some events had significantly more entries.

Using the current standards, we charted the number of athletes in each event, and looked for events that had significantly more entries than other events. The eight events listed below stood out as having more entrants than their similar (in stroke or distance) counterparts. Using the original guidelines, we used some of the Alternative Point totals, and came up with the following changes:

Event	Current	PP	Proposed	PP Change
10/u 50 BR	44.29	528	43.79	550
10/u 100 BK	1:25.99	501	1:24.99	525
10/u 100 BR	1:38.69	502	1:37.49	525
10/u 100 IM	1:24.69	526	1:23.79	550
10/u 200 IM	302.69	501	3:00.59	525
11/12 200 BK	2:41.29	501	2:39.49	525
11/12 200 BR	3:03.79	502	3:01.59	525
13/14 200 BK	2:25.69	500	2:24.19	525

Most of these changes were "house-keeping" in nature, as the power point total used for the event was lower than the recommended guideline, which would explain the extra entries.

Two other events, the 11-12 200 IM and 13-14 200 IM for girls also had more entries, but those events fell in the guidelines that we recommended.

There seems to be an inherent flaw with using these standards for 11-12 200's, due to the lack of data for 11-12 200's (specifically 11 yr olds, which we use for our standard), and even more so in meters. The PP fluctuate more dramatically with these events.