

2015 Short Course Eastern Zone Championship Report May 2015

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New Jersey Swimming placed 6th place overall out of 9 LSC's participating in this year's meet. NJ had 84 athletes compete with many swimmers attaining overall top ten awards per event as well as age group overall.

This year NJ swimming had a very short time line in order to gather results from JO's, calculate and choose to athletes per event, call all athletes and submit entries to the meet host. JO's concluded Sunday evening and entries were submitted late that night. Myself as well as Stephanie Crofton, Andrea Marumoto & Ahmed Abdelaal worked quickly and efficiently to reach out to every applicants with confirmation and rejections. Thanks to these particular coaches on an outstanding and not so easy job at the tail end of not only a long meet weekend but long season. It is my recommendation that we look at instituting a zone qualifying meet earlier in the season as many other LSC's do now. This way we will avoid instances of swimmers withdrawing too late to be able to replace as well as strengthening the team feel leaving additional time for practice with the all-star team and coaches. Another proposal I have is to have either a no refund policy for withdrawals after entry deadline or minimally a loss of deposit if an athlete withdraws and can be replaced prior to entry deadline closing. In light of the short time line between JO's and Zones, we had a very happy and successful weekend in Webster, NY. The kids were an exceptional bunch of very spirited, polite and friendly swimmers. We did start our meet with medical issues and a swimmer needed to be transported to ER for observation (black out), another with a high fever and gaseousness that was sent home. All handled extremely professional by our NJ coaches and on deck personnel. I attribute the positive experience voiced by many of our athletes and parents to our group of great NJ coaches; Miles Cava (PTAC), Pat Collins (CAT), Dan Montgomery (RANY), Mike Stankiewicz (SCAR), Andrea Marumoto (SVY), Sandra Franc (HACY), Stephanie Crofton (TAC)

I would like to thank all those NJ coaches that continue to send their athletes (especially the 13&over). Continue to do so and I assure you that we will again attain top 3 ranking amongst our peer LSC's in the Eastern Zone.

Respectfully submitted
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