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FYI for tomorrow night

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Subject: Request - 2018 Winter JO time standards

Hi David,

Peter McNamara and I have been in touch regarding the low number of swimmers we currently have participating at the 2018 Winter Junior Olympics (348 as of this morning).

With the recent cancellations of age group meets and no improving of air quality until possibly Monday, we (PST) would like to ask the Pacific Swimming Board to change the 2018 Winter JO time-standards to a USA-S Single Age Group Motivational A time for all events.

We propose to keep current time standards until Monday, Nov 19th at 12pm (first priority) after which time standards will be lowered and swimmers can enter until meet is full (7pm Friday, 2pm before distance on Sat/Sun) or we have reached official meet entry deadline (Wednesday, Nov 21st at 11:59 PM).

In addition, if approved, we would like Pacific Swimming to send out an email notification to all teams to inform them of the change in time standard, reason why and entry procedure.

There are currently only 348 swimmers entered and a few of the larger teams don't attend this meet. In addition, at this stage it is possible that some additional meets will have to be cancelled this weekend due to poor Air quality. All of this makes us worried that we will not reach last years' sign up numbers (which were already low). Next to financial set backs, a low attended JO meet is in our opinion not in the best interest of our sport. We also feel that even if most of the 'last chance' meets will go ahead this weekend, that areas where air quality has been particularly bad, swimmers didn't have a opportunity to train properly for a longer period amount of time and as such are put into a disadvantaged position to qualify at a 'last chance meet' at no fault of their own.

I will be at the BoD meeting tomorrow and would be happy to speak to this matter.

Please let me know your thoughts and if our request could be put on tomorrow's agenda.

Sincerely,
Stefan

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