

Motion 1811LL2

Increase splash fee for Long Course meets from \$10.00 to \$14.00.

Purpose:

The number of swimmers that can be accommodated at a 50 meter pool running short course meets versus running long course meets is approximately double. The difference is less if the long course meet is run double ended.

The splash fee for Pacific Swimming meets was changed to \$8.00 for short course and \$10.00 for long course in 2011. The rationale for capping the long course splash fee at \$10.00 at that time was the fear expressed by meet hosts that an increase in splash fees to above \$10.00 would prohibit swimmers from entering swim meets. An option for the meet host to charge a lower splash fee was included to allay the fear that swimmers (from certain geographic area of the LSC) might not want to enter meets with the increased splash fee. Since the introduction of the splash fee increase, there have not been any cases where a meet host exercised the option to charge a lower splash fee (monitored over a 1 year period). There does not appear to be a drop off of entries that can be attributable to the increased splash fee. The economics of facility cost and host income when running short course meets versus long course meets remains inequitable.

This proposal is to address the facility costs and consequently the difference in income between running long course and short course meets and an effort to encourage more meet hosts to bid for and run long course meets.