

## **CHAMPS 2007 INFO LETTER No. 2** 6 Jan 07

All,

First, I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year, and all the best for 2007.

This mail is intended to inform your team of the meet shell the Orcas will be using at Champs. Additional information is provided as well, but more details will follow shortly after our next Champs Board Meeting scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>.

In my first info-letter, dated Dec 12, I was referring to a meet shell similar to the one we had posted at the President Meeting. This shell had only 4 events on Saturday where we needed to include 2 more so we can swim all the strokes offered in the regular season during both sessions with minimum constrains. This led us to review the whole meet shell! The new/"old" (you will understand in the next paragraph) will bring very good competition throughout the weekend, and bring memory back to those who have been in the league long enough to remember those great days!

**Champs 2007 in Munich** will be at the Olympic Pool Complex where the EFSL will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> End-of-the-Year Individual Championship Meet! In commemoration, the Orcas have chosen to use the very first original Meet Shell used on Sunday Session (there was only one day session back then) that the EFSL kept using for so many years there after. Therefore, leaving the latest/newer events for the Saturday session. Here is this year Champs events order:

### **Saturday Session: The Freestyle Day**

Conducted in the 5 lanes 50 meter Pool under the tribunes

12 & under 200 Free  
13 & older 200 Free  
12 & under 100 Free  
13 & older 50 Free  
12 & under 200 IM  
13 & older 400 Free

### **Note:**

- 1) Swimmers will be able to swim 2 individual events
- 2) Events of the day Awards will be presented at the end of session:
  - a. 1-6 medals, 7-16 ribbons
- 3) Minimum of one heat guarantee:
  - a. One heat is defined as 10 swimmers (2 times 5 swimmers for 5 lanes). If these events would be swum during Sunday Session, 8 swimmers would be a minimum of 1 heat. To make it fair for those who are swimming these

events we decided to have a minimum of 2 heats for each age group **except** the 8 & under and 17-19 age group due to the very limited number of qualified swimmers in certain strokes.

- 4) Only swimmers of the day's parents will be allowed as supporters.

### **Sunday Session: The "Old Days Session"**

Conducted in the main 8 lanes 50-meter pool

All Ages 200 Medley Relay

12 & under 50 Free

13 & older 100 Free

12 & under 100 IM

- o Conducted in the 5 lanes pool
- o Same rules as #3 & 4 Saturday session

13 & older 200 IM

12 & under 50 Back

13 & older 100 Back

12 & under 50 Breast

13 & older 100 Breast

12 & under 50 Fly

13 & older 100 Fly

All ages 200 freestyle Relay

### **Note:**

- 1) Swimmers will be able to swim 3 individual events plus 2 relays events
- 2) Only "A" relays will be seeded (heats to be filled out by "B" relays by drawing)
  - a. All ages Freestyle Relay could be cancelled due to time restrain!
- 3) Awards will be presented throughout the session
  - a. 1-6 medals, 7-16 ribbons
  - b. No relay medals
- 4) Minimum of one heat guarantee (8 swimmers)

It is the **Orcas' responsibility** this year to plan CHAMPS! This Meet Shell has been looked at using different approaches, and has been found the best choice for technical and logistic aspects of the meet, without forgetting that we wanted to keep the originality of our league. Bear in mind that one of the most important factors is the time constrain! As of now, the statistics show that we will be running a Saturday Session in a decent time frame, and we will have alternative approach for Sunday Session (in case we have to do something with the time restriction) that we can use and organize quickly after the Seeding Meeting Final Meet Shell. These calculations are only estimation and forecast, but we are confident that they will stay within that parameter!

There will be **NO practice**, only 30 minutes warm-up sessions.

- o Saturday; in the 5 lanes pool (50 meter)

- Sunday; in the 8 lanes main pool.
- Sign-ups for warm-up slots will be by lottery at the Seeding Meeting.

The **Champs Schedule** overview is as follow, but not restricted to:

Saturday:

- 10:00-Start warm-up session
- 10:30-New warm-up session
- 11:00-Last warm-up session
- 11:30-End of warm-up session
- 12:00-Meet Starts
- 17:00-Meet ends-forecast only
- 17:15-Award presentation

Sunday:

- 07:00-Start warm-up session
- 07:30-Last warm-up session
- 08:00-Scratches deadline
- 08:15-Start parade line-up
- 08:30-Official opening- national anthems, invocation
- 08:40-Parade
- 09:00-Finish parade-Start marshalling
- 09:15-Marshalling first event done
- 09:30- Meet Starts
- Meet's finish time TBA after the Seeding Meeting

The **Seeding meeting** will be held on Feb 03 at Stuttgart, Germany. The Piranhas' President, Nathan Taylor, will be the Logistic Coordinator. Hotels' list, location address and other info will follow soon from him. Plan on 0900 - 1800. Important votes will be taken that day! 2 reps per team (1 coach and 1 president) are recommended. If your team president is unable to attend, a representative must be chosen to vote for the team. At this meeting we will seed CHAMPS. We would like to limit attendance to the teams' President, Head Coach and ONE assistant coach only.

**Teams requirements** to provide timers, officials, clerks, marshals, awards and other meet workers along with equipment (stopwatches, clipboards, starting systems, etc...) will be determined and sent out via email after January 11<sup>th</sup>

**T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts & Champs Apparels** will be available for sale. The design is complete and will be posted on the EFSL website for all to preview sometime soon. Order information (including prices) will also be posted on the website. We want to have the "pre-orders" in as soon as possible, so please provide your team's orders by the dead line set by the Orcas Apparels Coordinator. The shirts will be delivered at Champs. We will be ordering some extras to sell at CHAMPS but not too many as we don't want to get stuck with unsold T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts.

**Meet programs** will be sold at CHAMPS. I haven't talk recently to the Orcas Champs Meet Program Director, but we had proposed to sell "Personal Ads" in the program. Teams or parents can buy a quarter, half or whole page "Personal Ad" for their swimmer that will be printed and included in every program. The ads will be for parents/teachers/coaches/grandparents/aunts/uncles to say "Congratulations" and "Good Luck" etc. More details will be sent out on this very soon.

The **Distribution list** used to send this mail is the latest update I have. Responsible persons in the Organization chart should use this list (Reply to All) to communicate directly to teams. The EFSL website is our primary way of communication, and will be used to post update info and forms to be down loaded.

**Team's Rosters** are due by January 15. Teams Presidents, please send the signed document with statement in according with the Pres. Meeting Minutes items 20 page 15

**Visit** the EFSL website regularly for Champs new items and other useful info.

Thanks,

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EFSL President