



DANSK SVØMMEUNION

National events

Possible change of long course championships

Coaches' network meeting: October 3rd 2018 in Tommerup

Overall priorities – long course championships

- Support swimming as a summer sport to ensure compliance between national and international activities.
- Create a common meeting point for Danish swimming at the Danish long course.
- Increase the sporting value of the DM track by ensuring reasonable conditions for the swimmer.
- Ensure that the long course championships still have a size that can be conducted in facilities in Denmark.

Adaptation of national event structure

- Danish junior long course will be removed as a stand-alone championship.
- Danish Open is extended from 4 to 5 days.
- Individual races from Danish junior long course are conducted in connection with Danish Open. Preliminary heats are conducted in 2 sessions.
 - 1. session: 4-6 fastest heats in each event
 - 2. session: remaining heats.
- Relays events from Danish junior long course will be conducted in connection with the Danish long course – in the end of the morning sessions.

Numbers from 2018

Danish Open contained in 2018:

- 10.5 hours of preliminary heats (individual events) over 4 days.
- 8 hours of finals (individual events) over 4 days.
- Participating swimmers:
 - 24 age group swimmers
 - 249 junior swimmers
 - 171 senior swimmers

Danish junior long course included in 2018:

- 11.5 hours of preliminary heats (individual events) over 4 days.
- 7.5 hours of finals (individual events) over 4 days.
- 4 hours of relays (straight finals) over 4 days.
- Participating swimmers:
 - 451 junior swimmers

Considerations on length of the championships

Changes means:

- Extending the preliminary heats of Danish long course with 1 hour each day due to the addition of relays events for junior swimmers.
- A total of 4.5 hours preliminary heats at Danish Open over 5 days divided into 2 sessions with 1 hour extra warm up after the conclusion of the first session.
 - Expected: 09.30-11.00 1. session: 3 heats in 400 meter events, 4 heats in 200 meters and 5 heats in 100 meter events and 6 heats in 50 meter events.
 - Expected: 12.00-14.30 2. session: remaining heats.
- A total of 2.5 hours Danish Open finals (split in 2 sessions) each day over 5 days with open A and B finals and closed junior A and B finals. Only open A final and junior A and B finals in 400 meter events. Straight finals with best heat in the finals in 800 and 1500.
 - Expected: 17.00-17.45 1. session: open B finals and junior B finals
 - Expected: 18.30-19.30 2. session: open A finals and junior A finals

Decision

- Proposal is presented at the coaches' network meeting on October 3rd.
- If there is positive feedback towards the proposal and to implement it from 2019, further work is being done towards the implementation of the changes.
- Alternatively, constructive input (in writing) for other solutions is sought as soon as possible with possible implementation earliest in 2020.

Remember:

A change of national event structure is necessary to achieve the goal. However, it is also crucial that there is also attitudinal work in the training environments to ensure positive publicity and prioritization of the Danish long course.