

CLARIFICATION OF RULES FOR 2006 JUNIOR NATIONALS

Before the Junior Nationals next week, I would like to make these rules very clear so no one is confused.

In our attempt to follow FINA rules, the format for JO Nationals will be 24 divers in the prelims (12 from East and West) doing a full list of dives. The top 12 divers will come back and dive in the finals. The finals will consist of **OPTIONALS ONLY** – with the scores from the voluntaries (in the prelims) carrying over and added to the score of the optionals in the final to determine the winner. It will be this format for all age groups and all events (1m, 3m, platform).

In looking at this rule, it is very easy to figure out that **THE TOP TWO DIVERS OUT OF THE EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL NOT QUALIFY DIRECTLY TO THE FINALS**. They would not have any voluntary scores to carry over, plus a couple other issues that would not be fair.

As far as platform is concerned, this rule **WILL BE FOLLOWED** at Nationals:

14-15 Boys and Girls, 16-18 Girls – **List must show 5 groups**

16-18 Boys – **List must show 6 groups**

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