



Coaches' Survey of Meet Formats

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Respondent Breakdown

	Co-Ed	Men	Women	Total
Division I	95	28	53	176
Division II	20	3	8	31
Division III	117	6	18	141
Head Coach	148	25	55	228
Assistant Coach	69	11	19	99
Administrator	1		2	3
Diving Coach	11	1	3	15
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TOTAL	230	37	79	346

Division I	Co-Ed	Men	Women	Total
Head Coach	42	17	35	94
Assistant Coach	43	10	16	69
Administrator				0
Diving Coach	9	1	2	12
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Division I Sub-Total	95	28	53	176

Division II	Co-Ed	Men	Women	Total
Head Coach	15	2	5	22
Assistant Coach	4	1		5
Administrator	1		2	3
Diving Coach			1	1
Division II Sub-Total	20	3	8	31

Division III	Co-Ed	Men	Women	Total
Head Coach	91	6	15	112
Assistant Coach	22		3	25
Administrator				
Diving Coach	2			2
Division III Sub-Total	117	6	18	141

Meet Format

Do you favor or oppose separate championships for each Division and Gender?

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Division I	126	73%	28	16%	19	11%
Division II	4	14%	23	79%	2	7%
Division III	67	50%	51	38%	17	13%
Total	197	58%	102	30%	38	11%

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Co-Ed	118	52%	78	35%	29	13%
Men	23	66%	9	26%	3	9%
Women	56	73%	15	19%	6	8%
Total	197	58%	102	30%	38	11%

Do you favor or oppose combined championships for each Division?

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Division I	64	37%	91	53%	17	10%
Division II	26	84%	5	16%		0%
Division III	100	72%	31	22%	7	5%
Total	190	56%	127	37%	24	7%

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Co-Ed	146	65%	67	30%	13	6%
Men	10	27%	23	62%	4	11%
Women	34	44%	37	47%	7	9%
Total	190	56%	127	37%	24	7%

Do you favor or oppose a combined men's championship?

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Division I	8	5%	153	89%	10	6%
Division II	3	10%	25	81%	3	10%
Division III	11	8%	116	85%	10	7%
	22	6%	294	87%	23	7%

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Co-Ed	14	6%	200	89%	11	5%
Men	4	11%	30	81%	3	8%
Women	4	5%	64	83%	9	12%
	22	6%	294	87%	23	7%

Do you favor or oppose a combined women's championship?

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Division I	8	5%	151	89%	11	6%
Division II	2	7%	26	87%	2	7%
Division III	9	7%	121	90%	5	4%
	19	6%	298	89%	18	5%

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Co-Ed	12	5%	201	91%	8	4%
Men	3	8%	31	84%	3	8%
Women	4	5%	66	86%	7	9%
	19	6%	298	89%	18	5%

Do you favor or oppose a "Festival Format" championship?

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Division I	11	7%	149	89%	8	5%
Division II	2	7%	26	87%	2	7%
Division III	12	9%	108	80%	15	11%
	25	8%	283	85%	25	8%

	In Favor		Oppose		Not Sure	
Co-Ed	14	6%	188	85%	19	9%
Men	3	8%	31	86%	2	6%
Women	8	11%	64	84%	4	5%
	25	8%	283	85%	25	8%

Duration, Relays & Awards

How many days would you prefer for each format?

	3 Days		4 Days		5 Days		Opposed	
Separate Championships	203	59%	64	19%	3	1%	74	22%
Combined by Division	23	7%	169	49%	27	8%	124	36%
Combined Men	8	2%	26	8%	13	4%	291	86%
Combined Women	9	3%	27	8%	10	3%	293	86%
Festival	8	2%	11	3%	38	11%	283	83%

Preferred Relay Format

	Prelim Final		Timed Final	
200 Freestyle Relay	295	87%	45	13%
400 Freestyle Relay	285	84%	54	16%
800 Freestyle Relay	63	19%	276	81%
200 Medley Relay	292	86%	46	14%
400 Medley Relay	286	85%	52	15%

Awards Presented

	Champ Finalists		Champ & Consol	
Division I	172	53%	154	47%
Division II	30	54%	26	46%
Division III	119	48%	127	52%
TOTAL	321	51%	307	49%

Awards Placement

	Current		Immediately After	
Division I	129	75%	44	25%
Division II	24	80%	6	20%
Division III	101	75%	34	25%
TOTAL	254	75%	84	25%

COMMENTS

Combined Championship - Benefits

- 👉 benefits- only 1 week for the coaches
- 👉 1 week is easier on travel.
- 👉 1) Possible cost savings. 2) Schools who have one coach for both genders, would be able to keep their teams together through the champ meet.
- 👉 a choice that must be made to help save money in an effort to save mens swimming.
- 👉 If no one has notice mens swimming is dieing and the suit are not helping.
- 👉 A combined championship could really sell all swimming. More media for men's and women's swimming. Bigger venues, bigger crowds.
- 👉 A combined M & W Meet in each Division will make it easier to find a championship site and allow teams that send both M & W to economize travel expenses
- 👉 Absolutely no benefits for the student-athletes.
- 👉 Absolutely Zero
- 👉 All swimmers will have possibility to compete against each other regardless of divisions. Allows the Men's and Women's teams to travel together, support one another. Don't have to travel back to the same venue a week later.
- 👉 ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ALL 3 DIVISIONS AT ONCE? IF SO, NO BENEFITS. ALSO PERCEIVED IS SPELLED WRONG, I BEFORE E EXCEPT AFTER C.
- 👉 as a diving coach it would make it a lot easier if we had both men and women who qualified - there aren't assitant dive coaches to train the men while the women are at NAAs. Also with one meet the cost of running the meet should be less since officials and workers won't have to be hired and housed for 2 weeks.
- 👉 As a Diviosion II and a former Division III coach I see the positives outweighing the negatives of a combined format. Particularly true for smaller teams that can then help each other (men and women contingents)
- 👉 As the head coach of both genders it makes it easier and more cost effective to myself and the school
- 👉 Based on this years combined M+W division III championships, the excitement and enthusiasm

was great for both genders. Unified beginning and end of season for both genders based on the same dates for NCAA's. Less travel and time away from family and University.

- 👉 based upon "combined" meaning coed...coaches with combined team training can supervise all swimmers/divers throughout their taper. Cost savings of travel of coaches. championships operations consolidated onto one weekend.
- 👉 being able to coach/taper both men/women at the same time.
- 👉 Being able to taper and rest both teams at the same time. Plus small teams do not have the coahing staff to both go to a NCAA meet and coach the other gender at home.
- 👉 Being the only head coach for both I can be at practice and oversee training for both teams and both will be tapering at the same time instead of multiple tapers for multiple weekends.
- 👉 Benefits vast majority of teams by allowing larger squad sizes. Larger teams achieved a higher % of best times. Benefits teams that share a head coach.
- 👉 better atmosphere, better format of meet, more recovery time between events and sessions end earlier when spread out over 4 days.
- 👉 Better chance of more media coverage. I believe you have a better chance to package a pay per view for a 4 day combined meet. If you could get good coverage for those 4 days and charge \$50 per household the numbers look like this just 20,000 families you have 1 million 40,000 you have 2 and if you did a great job in a couple years a half million you end up with 25 million. Those are numbers that can be reached .
- 👉 Better use of time and budget.
- 👉 Bigger crowds and more attention
- 👉 Bigger crowds, ease of coaching for combined programs.
- 👉 Budget
- 👉 budget savings, getting to watch/participate both championships
- 👉 BY DIVISION ONLY (not festival) economic benefit by common staffs/personnel making one trip...surface transporation costs...team camaraderie after swiming combined all year long
- 👉 Coaches (of combined teams) are not operating two training/taper schedules, are not leaving

swimmers behind for one week while at the women's championship, and coaches aren't away from home/office/recruiting for 10 out of 14 days. More fans in attendance. With combined meets and more swimmers, there is a greater likelihood of having the championships at the "super pools," the national-level pools that are proven to be "faster (Texas, Minnesota, IUPUI, Federal Way, Georgia Tech)."

- 👉 coaches are able to be with both teams leading up to and for their championship. it takes them away from campus for less time, great for those that teach. teams are able to feed off each other
- 👉 Coaches can be with both teams (men and women) for smaller teams that have both sexes, they can be a big cheering section
- 👉 Coaches of coed teams would have both teams on the same sort of schedule and would not have to leave the men's team at home while traveling with the women, for instance.
- 👉 Coaches of combined programs are able to be there without sacrificing the schedule of swimmers who did not make the meet.
- 👉 Coaches of combined programs can be with their male athletes through the entire rest process. Possible cost savings for officials and/or anyone who needs/wants to be at both meets.
- 👉 coaches staying with their team before their biggest meet
- 👉 Coaches that are the head coach for both their men's and women's teams are able to remain together.
- 👉 Coaches who have coed teams don't have to leave the men's team for 5 days right before NCAA's. Teams with a few athletes from each gender have a bigger squad.
- 👉 Combined men's and women's championships within each division...Teams that practice and compete together continue to be able to support each other during the championship meet
- 👉 Possibly more participants from your team at the meet
- 👉 The events are more spread out during at four-day format allowing for better recovery and better event selection
- 👉 Combined Men's and Women's within DII works great and I wouldn't want to change that.

Combining with the other divisions may add more excitement and publicity to the event.

- 👉 Combined within each division.saves money; allows the coach to be with his team.since many coach both M & W.
- 👉 Combining championships (mens & womens) is better for our program financially. We are a combined program that would welcome the financial benefit of only having to take one trip to a championship meet instead of two separate trips. In addition, there are safety concerns associated with having our male athletes at home training while their coach is at the women's championships. A combined championship (men & women) would ensure that our swimmers and divers are safely training/competing with their coach at all times.
- 👉 Combining Men and Women would provide for a faster meet and outstanding crowd participation. More rest between events
- 👉 Combining Men's and Women's championships is a great format. DII has been doing this for years. As a DII coach I love it.
- 👉 Convenience for diving coaches/combined programs
- 👉 COST
- 👉 cost
- 👉 Cost effective for coaches of both men's and women's programs as well as for running the championship
- 👉 Cost, men and women can cheer for each other
- 👉 Decreased cost of travelling and time at championship meet. Teams used to practicing together can compete together.
- 👉 Diving coaches can coach men and women without leaving one sex behind a week before the most important competition of the year.
- 👉 Division two already has this and it works just fine. D I and III coaches should make this decision for themselves.
- 👉 Don't see any
- 👉 Draw more attention to our sport
- 👉 ease of travel and preparation for schools that have one head coach for both men and women
- 👉 easier for coaches who coach both men and women, and who also teach classes, to miss one week instead of two. Also cheaper and more environmentally responsible.

- 👉 Easier on budget. Easier on coaches. Easier on how to taper
- 👉 Easier on coaches in terms of planning a season, training, tapering, traveling, etc. Also, the extra money saved in travel could be used to add more competitors to the meet. I think it also helps build more of a team atmosphere between men's and women's programs; i.e. if only one male/female qualifies and five male/females qualify, I think it would benefit the single qualified individual since more members of their team would be present and there to support him/her.
- 👉 Easier on coaches who work both sports.
- 👉 easier on the budget and coaching staff to have one meet.
- 👉 Easier travel, one less weekend of travel. Entire staff get to travel to the NCAA's
- 👉 Even more excitement and larger groups from one school. For instance if I had two girls and three guys. I think the group of five would be more exciting.
- 👉 expense savings
- 👉 Financial savings
- 👉 For a coed program it is better to manage training and staff.
- 👉 For diving coaches it is difficult to have separate meets because it means we must leave half of our athletes at home unsupervised which is a huge safety issue. Additionally it would cut down on our already busy travel schedules, as well as the cost on the schools to maintain their programs.
- 👉 Gives less known or televised divisions like 2 and 3 to possibly be shown to more people since it would be combined w/ D1
- 👉 Great spirit and enthusiasm.
- 👉 greater exposure
- 👉 Greater interest in swimming championships; Potential for 4-day meet
- 👉 Having a combined gender meet helps the teams that have one head coach for both genders.
- 👉 having both teams taper on the same schedule/training plan. don't have to worry about covering the team that stays behind while the other goes off to ncaas.
- 👉 helps those who coach both men and women
- 👉 I am having a hard time figuring that out at the moment.

- 👉 I coach both men's and women's so it would be easier to coach at both meets and not leave any athletes unattended at home or a coach behind. I also think at the D3 level it is a better experience of the athletes. Also saves money.
- 👉 I do not see any benefit for a combined Div 1 meet.
- 👉 I do not see any benefits to combining divisions. I do like the Div II format of combined men and women. I do not wish to comment on the other divisions however.
- 👉 I don't see any benefit whatsoever to combining championships in Division I, but Division II and III seem to work.
- 👉 I don't see any benefits for this and am totally Oppose to this and the idea that is has been pushed quietly behind the scenes
- 👉 I enjoyed watching both the men and women.
- 👉 I like that head coaches do not have to leave their assistants home working with the men while the head coach is at the women's championship meet. I like that it gives a more exciting feel having both men and women at the same meet.
- 👉 I must admit I enjoyed having the combined Men's and Women's format this year. Easier on travel and better format for smaller teams...could allow more participants by saving money on coaches travel???
- 👉 I prefer that the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.
- 👉 I really enjoy what happens in DII with the combined men's and women's championship meet.
- 👉 I swam in Division I, and now coach in Division II. I like how Division II has a combined championships meet. It gives the athletes more time to rest between events, the fans get to see more swimming, and since most D-II teams are combined programs, the athletes that train with one another on a daily basis get to watch each other compete at NCAAs as well.
- 👉 I think a combined championship would allow for more involvement from all parties. It would also give athletes the chance to meet other competitors from different divisions.

- 👉 I think that it would be very exciting for those teams that have strong programs on both sides. Programs with a combined staff would only be away for one week and not have to be away from the men on the last week of their taper.
- 👉 I think the energy surrounding a combined championship could be outstanding. In addition, combined programs now can bring their full staffs to the women's meet without feeling that their men's team is being ill-prepared b/c they don't have a full staff at home. I think male athletes feel especially slighted when their specific coach is gone for an entire week before their NCAA meet b/c the coach is at the women's meet. Both meets are equally important and both genders are equally important. When you share coaches it is tough to decide who to take on the road and who to leave to train the other gender. In addition, a combined championship eases budgets across the board. This is a valid concern, especially if we are unable to control the price of suits, etc.
- 👉 If you are talking about combined, as in all three divisions together, I am completely Oppose to it. If it is combined within each division, it is easier from a training schedule. Most of what we do is combined so it is what we know best. I am head coach for both men and women.
- 👉 If you coach men and women you save some travel.
- 👉 Improved attendance and atmosphere. Since 90% of programs are coached by one head coach less time away from family and cut down on cost to NCAA and schools
- 👉 Increase in fanbase at the meet, more connections made between athletes.
- 👉 Increased awareness of swimming.
- 👉 Increased excitement. Helps keep combined teams on similar schedule.
- 👉 Increased media exposure and possible costs savings.
- 👉 involves one weekend for the coach - if you are going to combine at DIII it needs to be on the women's champ weekend not the mens
- 👉 It easier on family life. The kids seem to like it.
- 👉 It might be easier on staffs and budgets that coach both genders
- 👉 It will be more exciting and possibly get more press. It keeps the coaches of the combined

- teams together with their teams right up to the day of competition.
- 👉 It will save programs
- 👉 It would draw more attention to the sport, that is for sure. It would be nice if the format could be parlayed into more television coverage. Swimmers, coaches, and fans would all get to see the best swimmers in all divisions
- 👉 Its better for the coaches who are the head coach for both men and women. Cuts down on Travel time and makes training schedules easier during the year.
- 👉 Keeps cost down for schools that have both men & women teams
- 👉 Larger crowds, possibly better media coverage
- 👉 larger teams from each school, providing more of a team atmosphere. Easier for combined team coaches
- 👉 Larger teams typically means more deck presence and energy on deck for that team
- 👉 Less cost of travel for NCAA. Less time away from work and responsibilities. Decrease cost of running meet.
- 👉 less expense
- 👉 Less money for most teams. Very big crowds.
- 👉 Less time away from teams for coaches who coach both. Less time away from home for these same coaches.
- 👉 less time for coach away from campus...
- 👉 Less travel for coaches that coach both genders.
- 👉 Less travel for coaches who coach both men and women. Team spirit with both men and women athletes present.
- 👉 Less travel, not leaving male athletes training while at the women's meet
- 👉 Lower cost, possibly invite more athletes to the meet. Many times men and women swim and compete together throughout the season, including conference Champs. why change it for NCAAAs?
- 👉 lower cost?
- 👉 lower overall costs to teams?
- 👉 -Lower travel costs -Fewer responsibilities for the hosting facility (one week instead of two)
- 👉 Lower travel costs when Men and Women are combined, no coaching conflicts either.

- 👉 Many DIII programs have the men and women train and compete together. It could be the same for the Championships
- 👉 Men and Women combined saves money for teams traveling back and forth...lessens amount of time away from work and recruiting
- 👉 Men's and women's teams are traditionally close-knit teams. The coaches wouldn't be spread out week-to-week. Travel would be easier. Sufficient time in between events in case of doubles (ie 100 fly and 100 back). Every other meet is done in this format.
- 👉 Money saving, easier on the coaches training wise
- 👉 Money, time saved, better use of facility
- 👉 Money. A combined meet for men and women at the NCAA D1 level will save money, and will put more people in the stands, increasing excitement for spectators
- 👉 More athletes per team at the meet, more of a team atmosphere for smaller teams. Coaches miss less class time.
- 👉 more coverage... possibly? Possibly not. Some reduced travel costs.
- 👉 More efficient, less time, cost effective, gives smaller teams more support from fans and teammates, gives athletes more rest between events/potential day off from individual events
- 👉 More exciting meet and money saving for dual qualifiers
- 👉 More exposure...more of an olympic trial feel.
- 👉 More focus on the "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP" for our sport
- 👉 More hype and focus on swimming.
- 👉 More of a "team" atmosphere in my own program. More time spent together in one week, rather than away from the men one week, traveling a second week. Great crowds.
- 👉 More of a team atmosphere that we are used to during the year.
- 👉 More participation, men and women already compete together, bigger teams generating more team interest and support, coach only travels once and can prepare team for championships, substandard venues eliminated due to space requirements for number of participants
- 👉 More potential for swimming two events in a day with some extra rest between events.

- 👉 More publicity for the sport, greater recognition among the division athletes.
- 👉 more spectators & alumnae; more team spirit; potentially more recognition and sponsorship for the sports of swimming and diving; diving coach will be able to work with all his athletes; cost saving for NCAA;
- 👉 more spectators....but offset by too crowded a situation
- 👉 More support for both men and women with combined genders. Both genders can get a chance to see others swim. Coaches of both men's and women's teams don't have to be away from opposite team while one championship is going on. Cheaper for travel, less time spent if combined championship.
- 👉 More team dynamic less costly for the school
- 👉 More team energy. Easier for coaches to plan/manage tapers and travel.
- 👉 More team support- Budget savings
- 👉 most DIII schools train/compete with both genders; having combined would keep that feeling of team to include both genders
- 👉 Most of the DIII teams already train and compete together. The benefits would be a continued "team" idea between the two and it would help coaches with their DIII champs plans/training.
- 👉 Most schools have few athletes at Nationals. Bringing BOTH men and women together creates more of a sense of "team" to the event for those schools.
- 👉 Most teams compete together all year. The combined format reflects the nature of the sport where men and women train together, compete together, and it allows them to support each other. It also makes it easier for the smaller teams that may have one man and one woman competing.
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- 👉 None for the SA's and they are the only consideration in my mind. ESPN and the NCAA will save some money.
- 👉 None for the sport-we get crowded out of NCAA consideration too much as it is right now. This will only make things worse.
- 👉 none from my perspective' but it will get the meets over sooner and out of the NCAA 's way
- 👉 NONE!!!
- 👉 NONE, unless you are fooled by speculation
- 👉 None.
- 👉 None.

- 👉 none. Keep them seperate.
- 👉 None. This would dilute the integrity of each of the seperate meets.
- 👉 NONE. KEEP THE DIVISIONS SEPARATE, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
- 👉 not sure
- 👉 obviously more conducive to move in our sport for combined programs
- 👉 only for the media and for publicity
- 👉 Only time and money
- 👉 Operating cost Savings Increase Market Exposure
- 👉 Opportunity for better media coverage
- 👉 Our teams train together during our season. They compete in every meet as a combined team except for Nationals. It was nice to have one final meet to have both teams taper and rest for at the same time versus separate groups.
- 👉 Programs should be able to save money instead of paying additional cost to fly coaches and trainers to two seperate meets. Also, I think there will actually be more excitement on the pool deck!
- 👉 Save money, more excitement.
- 👉 Save money, therefore increase the cap.
- 👉 Save on time away when particular teams only have one coach. Who will coach when the coach must be at championships for one week at a time?
- 👉 Saves the NCAA office staff time and money.
- 👉 savings of human resources allowing coaching staff to travel to one meet without leaving 1/2 the team back home with other coaches; less time away from other campus duties.ie teaching; teams training together get to compete together as they do all season; less financial burden on NCAA to only travel coaches once verses twice; support/fans/alumni would not have to pick which team to go support
- 👉 small teams have the opportunity to have a larger presence at NAAs, reduction in travel in DIII where most programs are combined
- 👉 smaller teams benefit from M and W together; men do not have to be without coach for a week, while women and coach are at nationals
- 👉 Speaking purely for a D3 meet only - the smaller teams (12 or less combined men & women) benefit from being together at the meet. There is a gain of "a team" concept that is lost when a

represented team only has fewer than 5 athletes in attendance. I would further hope that as a combined championship for D3 there would be a significant amount of savings. These savings could be reinvested into the meet through an increased cap size or an increase in per diem.

- 👉 spelled perceive wrong. more excitement
- 👉 Sport awareness
- 👉 Team atmosphere allowing men and women to finish the season together.
- 👉 The ability to find a great site for just one meet vs 2 average sites for 2 meets. Bigger crowd, especially for the women. I liked the combined atmosphere and it was good for teammates of different genders to support each other.
- 👉 The atmosphere is much more exciting. Additionally, head coaches who coach both teams are not away from their men's team while the women are competing. The pace is much more natural and does not push athletes too quickly. All year Women's & Men's teams compete together only to be divided at the most important meet of the season in a separate championship.
- 👉 The coaches coaching both teams are not split they can keep everyone together
- 👉 The format has potential to be great.
- 👉 The only benefit may be for the coaches who have combined programs...one less weekend away for them.
- 👉 There are none. The meet would require even faster qualifying time standards limiting the number of participants
- 👉 This year it probably benefited the small teams that had small teams of both genders. This way they could all train together.
- 👉 Time - space - costs
- 👉 Travel costs and time away from home for schools would be less. Assistants, trainers, etc, go once instead of twice. It would be a great meet.
- 👉 Travel efficiency and costs
- 👉 TV - publicity - maybe
- 👉 We are a D-II school and I like the combined format. It provides a nice atmosphere and the coaches do not have to leave their men/women at home during taper to go to the other championship.

- 👉 We had a great experience with the combined. the men and women were very excited to finish the year together.
- 👉 When you have one Head Coach for both teams, it works much better. If I'm not mistaking, the vast majority of programs have one coach.
- 👉 Within Division, it creates more excitement and comradery. Together all season anyways.
- 👉 Within each Division keeping the men and women together would promote team spirit since in many cases they train and travel together anyway.
- 👉 Would help coaches and teams that are combined programs
- 👉 You already ask this. Are you going to continue to ask until you get your answer?
- 👉 Zero benefits for the student athletes.
- 👉 zero.

Combined Championships-Drawbacks

- 👉 Size of meet, length of meet, Hotel, restaurant and facility accommodations for fans and athletes
- 👉 inadequate warm-up and warmdown space, inadequate deck space and team seating areas, longer prelim and finals sessions resulting in inadequate rest for swimmers between sessions and consequently slower swimming times in finals and over the course of the meet, fewer head coaching opportunities for women and men as many teams will combine, thus creating loss of head coaching jobs, less tv coverage. we will wind up with one 2 hour segment instead of 2 ninety minute sessions, less attention on women's swimming as men will steal all the thunder, men will dominate the deck space at the meet with their physical size and presence not to mention the warm-up/warmdown space, diving will take forever to complete if conducted as a combined meet , Prelims and finals will have to start much earlier, logistics of transportation, lodging and meals will be doubly complicated, ncaa will move to make consols obsolete, ncaa will reduce number of athletes permitted to qualify for the meet"
- 👉 Size of meet / number of athletes on deck. 2) Media coverage could be spread too thin to adequately do the meet service.
- 👉 1. crowded facility. where would it be? currently i can only think of indy being remotely possible. 2. less days of 'championship' swimming. currently we have 6 for ncaa1 (3-men; 3-women). this concept would cut it down to 5 days or less with the 'festival' idea 3. potential of losing consolation finals 4. smaller teams being further marginalized. the rich get richer. larger teams will have a distinct advantage. 5. additional class time will be missed. 6. potential smaller cap size. 7. crowded spectator conditions. 8. at this point in their (the athlete's) careers, they deserve a meet for their gender. they have grown up with crowded, 2-gender meets. at this level, they deserve a meet where it is about them. 9. the women's meet would get lost into the men's. 10. very crowded decks 11. where does diving go?"

- 👉 4 days is academically challenging - especially for the higher level academic schools. The sessions are longer, but manageable. Not presenting awards to 9-16.
- 👉 4 days is way to long.
- 👉 A combined championship takes the focus away from one gender or the other; the team races between schools can get lost in the shuffle
- 👉 A little crowded
- 👉 A venue large enough with all the support resources to handle it. U of Minnesota handled it very well!
- 👉 An extra day away from campus and classes. Fewer facilities available to host that big of a meet. Conferences may not be able to mirror the NCAA combined format, depending on current #s and facility availability.
- 👉 arranging travel accommodations for both teams (up to 40+ people) is challenging. getting everyone on the same flight can be impossible.
- 👉 based upon "combined" meaning coed. potential for more missed classes on the part of student athletes. some divisions might find loss of "female" competition value if coed.
- 👉 BY "COMBINED" IF YOU MEAN COMBINING DI DII AND DIII, YOU ARE LOOKING AT AN ABSOLUTE SHIT-SHOW FOR ANYONE NOT D-I!!
- 👉 Can you sit this many athletes on the deck
- 👉 can't coach athletes as well, too much school missed
- 👉 Coaches who are set in there in way that don't want to grow.
- 👉 Combined championships (men & women) could lead to women's accomplishments being overshadowed, Shortages of spectator seating and hotel space, Elimination of some worthy facilities as potential hosts because of the above mentioned shortages Large com
- 👉 Combining all of the divisions, either by gender or by combining all divisions and all genders will make an extremely long meet. But most important, take away from the uniqueness of each division. I see no benefit whatsoever to this format.
- 👉 Cost...per diem needs to be increased more if we go with this format.
- 👉 Could be more crowded

- ☞ Crowded conditions - favor one gender or one division over the others. Reduced participation at all levels
- ☞ Crowded facility, loss of identity, length of sessions, disconnect with tradition and alumni, limited facilities that can handle a championship, limited ticket availability, increased cost of sponsor/head quarter hotel if we follow the DII winter sports model, decrease in flight options. Possible elimination of consolation final heats. DON'T DO IT!!!
- ☞ crowded facility; limited places you could hold it
- ☞ Crowded pool conditions. Difficulty in finding facilities that can give adequate deck, pool, and spectator space.
- ☞ crowded warm up
- ☞ Crowded warm up space. Women's meet gets overlooked.
- ☞ crowded warm-up, longer sessions with less rest between. Difficult for coaches of two large teams, especially if those 2 teams are at a different competitive level for that meet (different team goals, etc.)
- ☞ crowding, two different meets need two different showcases
- ☞ Deck and warm-up space.
- ☞ Deck seating. too crowded, warm ups too crowded, fan seating. Length of meet. It would be a mess numbers wise.
- ☞ "deck space spectator space"
- ☞ Decreased participation. I would rather increase the size of each championship
- ☞ DIII would be completely overshadowed by DI swimming.
- ☞ Diluted Focus and too crowded. Excitement is lost in the short weekend.
- ☞ div I would cast too big a shadow on other divisions
- ☞ drawbacks - we didn't have a award presentation for the consolation finalists also warm ups on some days was tight.
- ☞ Each division have markedly different "feels" to them. I have been a part of Division 1 and Division 2 Championships and they are TOTALLY different. Combining them would take away from each and add nothing.

- ☞ Extra day necessary to run championships keeps athletes away from campus an extra day, number of participants limits possible venues
- ☞ Extra day of school Lost of the feel of a single gender meet
- ☞ Facility. Time. Numbers.
- ☞ far too crowded and will take away from the DII & DIII meets
- ☞ Few tickets available to spectators with a combined meet. Limitations on venues that could host the meet.
- ☞ Fewer athletes invited. They do the work. This is for them and their commitment.
- ☞ Fewer pools large enough to host it. May have to run two courses at the same time.
- ☞ Fewer swimmers invited to the meet to accommodate the increased number of bodies at a combined championship
- ☞ Having a combined program adds additional time to the meet, but the amount of time it would add to NCAAs is not unreasonable. In addition, there are several great facilities that have enough deck space and audience seating to host a combined championship.
- ☞ Having men and women together can present coaching challenges and changes team dynamic
- ☞ Housing/Facility problems
- ☞ I believe this will work in DII and DIII, but in D1 I would be very concerned that a combined championship would limit head coaching opportunities for women due to a likely increase in combined programs. DII and DIII ADs have shown willingness to hire women to run combined programs, but this is not the case in DI
- ☞ I didn't think there were any drawbacks to having the combined format for the division III championships this year.
- ☞ I do not see any drawbacks.
- ☞ I don't believe there is a facility that would allow lane space for this to happen.
- ☞ I fear a combined format will lead to further restrictions in the number of participants.
- ☞ I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.
- ☞ I see too many to discuss and since i am Oppose i am not interested in being sold on someones

perceived benefits that will waste more time with this discussion

- 👉 I think having a combined championships, draws away from the experience of each gender. As a women's coach, I think the women do not get as much of the right kind of coaching when they are in a combined team setting. Also, the format would at least need to be a 4 day format, which increases the amount of missed class time for all swimmers/divers.
- 👉 I think the entrant numbers would go down. I also think the meet can get long and you end up living at the venue with very limited down time to recharge and refocus.
- 👉 I think the woman's meet would get over looked by the men
- 👉 If you are only there for diving, it costs more since it is spread out between four days....you are required to be there for coaches meetings but do not get reimbursed for that travel day
- 👉 If you are talking about combined, as in all three divisions together, I am completely Oppose to it. If it is combined within each division, you tend to lose the identity for each meet. The women have a tough time being heard over the guys and the men are tempered by the women. Neither gender acts as if they would minus the other.
- 👉 If you coach both genders, not enough time and energy can be spent on each individual swimmer. Some swims will inevitably be overlooked. - ,
- 👉 If you combine the DI, DII, and DIII meets into one. I believe that the DII and DIII swimmers would be overshadowed by their DI competitors.
- 👉 If you're thinking about having all 3 Divisions participate in one big meet, there are several concerns. One, the D-I meet will take away from the fast D-II and D-III swimming. D-I is faster, we all know that, so I don't think it would be helpful to have the D-I swimmers putting up ridiculous times that might possible diminish the D-II and D-III accomplishments. Second, deck space and warm up/down space is already limited, why increase the total number of athletes.just to make it more packed. It's cool to see each Division have there own weekend; there time to get all the attention. It wouldn't happen if it were combined.

- 👉 Increase time in length of sessions. Increase time between events Possibly needing a larger venue to host due to increase number of athletes"
- 👉 Increased pressure to combine men's/women's programs- less opportunities for coaches employment, especially for women! Longer meet or less participants!
- 👉 Is this a real question?
- 👉 It could take some of the attention from the more accomplished Div. 1 athletes. It could also make the meet much longer if it were not organized properly.
- 👉 It is a disadvantage to schools that do not have both a men's program and a women's program. Will it take away from the smaller women's programs?
- 👉 It is too long, it will take STUDENT-athletes out of school for more days in order to compete in a USA Swimming Open type of meet.
- 👉 it takes away the history and identity of the championship.
- 👉 It will cut back on the number of athletes that will be able to go to the meet because the "Meet" is so worried about time
- 👉 It will provide the first step in reducing the number of qualifiers to the meet. More school will be missed. the warm-up pool will be more crowded resulting in poor warm-up preparation. The deck will twice as crowded as it is now.
- 👉 It worked very well this year for D-3 Nationals. I didn't think there were any drawbacks. Budgets might be impacted more for larger teams. Hotels were a bit of a struggle to get from the NCAA, but worked out in the end. Are there facilities that can accomodate all of the athletes? Who would decide who got to sit where?
- 👉 It would be mass confusion beyond D2
- 👉 It would be way to long and the other levels won't feel as special.
- 👉 It would make it a larger meet and there would not be adequate space for all athletes to warm up effectively. This would also overshadow the women's meet.
- 👉 It would obviously be a large meet and take a lot of management. However, from a performance stand point I don't see many drawbacks, if any.
- 👉 Just the size of the event. You'll need more space than Texas A & M like facilities.

- ☞ Lack of commitment to each sport. Women will be overshadowed. Crowded facility, timing of event too long.
- ☞ Lack of lane space. Not enough seating or deck space. Less recognition of athletes.
- ☞ Lack of pools that can accommodate such a big meet
- ☞ lack of spectator seating, athlete seating, adequate warm-up space, hotel rooms, etc.
- ☞ larger teams have different focus . trying to serve two masters as a coach; longer time away from school
- ☞ length of competition
- ☞ Length of meet ... needs to be organized. Worked well this year . minor adjustments will make it better.
- ☞ Length of meet, availability of a facility to host, ability of the city/town of the facility to host such a large meet (hotels, restaurants, etc for athletes, support staff, family and spectators). Divisional athletes may feel undue pressure to perform with higher caliber athletes. Athletes may not see benefits in viewing and cheering for athletes from all divisions.
- ☞ Length of meet, missing too much class time, facilities.
- ☞ LENGTH OF MEET, REDUCTION OF COMPETITORS, DII/III BEING OVERSHADOWED BY DI
- ☞ Length of meet.
- ☞ Length of sessions. Deck/Pool space.
- ☞ Length of the sessions and meet overall, a host facility able to handle the meet as it occurs when most campuses are having classes.
- ☞ less focus
- ☞ less hotel dining options, or overbooked, longer sessions
- ☞ less participants due to size of a combined mens and womens meet, possible elimination of consolation heat, a very cramped pool deck if we were to keep the current size of each meet
- ☞ less swimmers invited to the meet.
- ☞ Less time for rest...limited deck space and seating
- ☞ less time in 'spotlight'. one week compared to two. chance of less participants and losing consols. Only a few pools in the country could host.

- ☞ limiting the numbers to attend the championship
- ☞ Limited athletes
- ☞ Limited entries in the future
- ☞ limited hosting opportunities due to deck and pool space.
- ☞ logistics
- ☞ Logistics only.
- ☞ -Logistics –Hotels –Travel -Food & Restaurants – Parking -Drug Testing -Deck Space -Decreasing the number of Participants -Quality of the NCAA Championships -Limited number of Facilities to host the championship (as a West Coast school) Logistics, however spreading out the meet into 4 or even 5 days will accommodate most concerns.
- ☞ Logistics, length of sessions, seating capacity, deck space
- ☞ logistics; training opportunities; different dynamic-women overshadowed by men; fewer coaching opportunities; only a few facilities can host event; diving being separated from swimming; potentially a smaller number of athletes invited;
- ☞ long
- ☞ long day-time consuming
- ☞ longer days
- ☞ Longer days, crowded pools, limited facilities to host.
- ☞ longer days, longer meet, must start earlier in day giving athletes less sleep
- ☞ longer days... might result in fewer people participating. Opportunity exists for more logistical problems
- ☞ longer meet, bigger facilities needed
- ☞ Longer meet, but this is not significant for me. The meet this year was run very well.
- ☞ Longer meet, no interest in watching the other meet. Less pool space (seats and lanes) and tougher time getting rooms. Also, women's meet gets overshadowed by the men's.
- ☞ Longer Sessions
- ☞ Lose the gender differences in meet atmosphere
- ☞ loss of coaches when they start combining men's and women's programs. Size of the meet and length of sessions! This will be either a huge meet or the NCAA will again cut down the number of invitees.

- ☞ Loss of each genders personality. The NCAA using it as an excuse to make the meet even smaller
- ☞ Loss or reduction in participants; reduction in training and/or preparation at meet site.
- ☞ Make the timeline work. Ensuring that DII and DIII are not detrimentally overshadowed by DI. Possibility of less athlete participation. Pool space.
- ☞ Men and women compete for different reasons, so a combined championship is NOT educationally sound. The athletes miss an extra day of class- AGAIN not educationally sound. It costs the schools another full day for all athletes and only save the cost of the coaching staff for the extra week, and then only in some cases. The excitement of the meet was also lost for both genders.
- ☞ Missing at least 4 days of class, Deck Space and warmup space become very crowded
- ☞ I fear the cap may eventually be reduced because people will think a combined meet is too big, with current number of invitees
- ☞ more classes missed, crowded deck, diluting event, women getting shafted, and having to move off campus to larger venues, I love going to different college campuses andf it stimulates ASD's to build facilities!
- ☞ More classes missed; there are very few facilities that can - or will accomodate Div. III; difficulty in finding housing and feeding your teams; coaches with large co-ed teams are not able to give the athletes the individual attention that they deserve
- ☞ More missed class time. Crowded warm ups. Meet will be too long. Deck too crowded. Separate teams will be disadvantaged. Schools will move to combine teams resulting in fewer female head and assistant coaches.
- ☞ more school missed
- ☞ more time away from school and more time at NCAA Championship
- ☞ Much more tiring being a 4 day meet than 3. But I feel the positives outweigh this factor.
- ☞ NCAA . limits to the total number of competitors.
- ☞ neither gender gets their due! a four day format makes kids miss too many days of classes. a four day coed meet is more expensive for colleges; maybe not the ncaa, but the allotted per diem does not cover costs and each school has to pay

for since we are there an extra day. how many venues can host a meet of this size that the ncaa would send us to??

- ☞ No Comment
- ☞ no significant drawbacks
- ☞ None
- ☞ none
- ☞ None
- ☞ none
- ☞ None
- ☞ none
- ☞ None
- ☞ none
- ☞ none.
- ☞ none. I was concerned that the sessions would be too long and not allow enough time in between trials and finals. This was not the case at the U of Minnesota.
- ☞ None...Division 3 was great this year but I'd rather it be over 3 days instead of 4.
- ☞ Not able to have as many participants
- ☞ Not enough space on deck. Less athletes qualifying
- ☞ Not enough venues and space to hold it well
- ☞ not enough warmup space in the competition pool
- ☞ Not giving the spotlight to the student athlete at each level and gender
- ☞ not recognizing consolation finalists.
- ☞ Number of participants at site, lack of seating, lach of possible venues for hosting a meet this large
- ☞ One sex teams maybe at a disadvantage from team aspect.
- ☞ Overcrowded on deck, in the W/U pool, in the stands. Issues with logistics
- ☞ Participant size of competition
- ☞ Pool and deck space which is already limited would become a very serious issue. I don't believe there is an NCAA facility that can hold a combined championship. A combined championship in any fashion would cut down on athletic participates esp. on the men's side.
- ☞ Pool Space, Diving, Women's meet taking a back seat to the Men's meet or being overshadowed by the Men's meet, Seating for athletes, deck space, eventual cuts in participation opportunities both at the NCAA Meet and overall as programs

adjust their rosters, length of sessions becomes an issue for a Championship Meet.

- ☞ Pool too crowded, more missed school if expanded, may hurt women's coaches if more programs combined
- ☞ Pool/warm up space is a HUGE problem which in turn could affect performance. Deck space for athletes (especially small teams shoved to the side), not enough seating for fans/parents. Bigger is not better. It may be an easier schedule for the coaches that coach both men and women. However they chose to coach both genders and (usually) they are compensated for their busy schedule.
- ☞ Possibility of a smaller field selected.
- ☞ Possibly a longer meet, more missed class time for students.
- ☞ presence of men could possibly take away media coverage from women
- ☞ Puts a limit on which facilities can be used.
- ☞ Seating, deck space, locker room space, and post meet hotel diasters.
- ☞ Shorter break between prelims and finals
- ☞ size
- ☞ Smaller number of participants/smaller and longer meet
- ☞ So many things. We can start with Longer sessions, that will impact our elite athletes ability to perform at the highest Level. We have the fastest meet in the world right now, and adding time to these sessions, taking away warm up space, deck space, massage therapy space will impact the student athletes ability to perform at their highest level. Right now, this meet helps USA swimming develop our athletes to be the best in the country and in the world. Combining the championships would deter from that world domination that the USA now has. There is really no facility that would be able to adequately host this type of event. Even if there were, it would be very limited to where the event could and would be held. This would impact recruiting in a big way, especially in that region or area that the Championship is always being held. It will also impact the budget of teams far away, always having to travel the furthest.

- ☞ Some may feel that more attention is given to one gender over the other when the meet is combined.
- ☞ some may see one championship being overshadowed by the other but I think if you alternate who goes first for each event as stated in the rules that this would take care of itself
- ☞ Some smaller programs will be overshadowed by the traditionally larger participants even more.
- ☞ Sometimes the men's times and dives would out-shine the women's
- ☞ Space for competitors, warmups, spectators. The lower divisions will be overshadowed by the DI swims. Time, length of competition, timeline.
- ☞ Space on deck
- ☞ Space on deck and warm-ups/no provision for diving (time factor)/DIVISION II AND III WOULD LOSE THEIR INDIVIDUALITY AND BE LOST IN THE ATTENTION DEVOTED TO DIVISION I!!!
- ☞ space-for spectators-athletes-warmup-diving.-guys/girls-different psyche
- ☞ Spotlight being taken off the women. Extremely long program - would likely lead to reduction in numbers/opportunities
- ☞ Takes away from camaraderie and focus on one gender. Makes for much longer sessions and puts more stress on student-athletes due to later night sessions and less rest time
- ☞ takes away the gender type feel. The women's meet has a much different feel and the men's meet would dominate this
- ☞ The difficulty for the larger teams to have to bring up to 36 swimmers to the NCAA Championships.
- ☞ The drawbacks of combining the championships is two fold. I think the women will get lost in the shuffle and I believe that the NCAA will decrease the amount of athletes invited to the meet.
- ☞ The four day meet is a challenge academically particularly with an early afternoon mandated NCAA meeting on the day before competition. It is very difficult to miss 4-5 days of class in the middle of a semester. In addition - a 4 day meet with the ability to only race in 3 individual events results - if a team is not large enough to field a relay - in a day off from competition which is contrary to how the students have trained, prepared and competed all year. I would suggest that if this format is adopted that the entry limits

be held at 7 total events but with an increase in the individual maximum to 4 events.

- ☞ The major drawback in my opinion to combining Division I championships would be longer and earlier preliminaries. Division I has shorter and later preliminaries to benefit the athlete. Also, I feel by combining the championships, we are taking away the excitement of having two major competitions in consecutive weeks which brings more notoriety to our sport and institutions.
- ☞ The meet could be too big and too long. Not enough time between Prelims and Finals. Evening sessions running too late
- ☞ The meet is longer, adding an extra day which can make it very difficult for student-athletes with their academics because they have to miss more class time. For us, DIII NAAs this year were during our finals week so there was a chance that our swimmer wasn't going to be able to compete the first day due to final exam conflicts.
- ☞ the number of student-athletes invited would go down, swimmers would warm up finger nail to toe nail, combined meet days would go down from 6 days at DI to 3 or 4.
- ☞ The size of the meet
- ☞ The spirit seen in the past of a separate meet is removed, slightly.
- ☞ The student/athletes will miss an extra day(s) of classes.
- ☞ There is no pool in the country that can host this meet. You would have to have something like the Olympic Trials at the Qwest Center to make it work and that would be very expensive. I think there is also a very good chance that at some point in time the NCAA will try to reduce the size of the meet or take away the consols.
- ☞ There will be less possible days for swimming and diving being in the news.
- ☞ TIME
- ☞ time
- ☞ Time and space - how long would prelims be? Is there enough deck space and spectator swimming for teams from all three divisions?
- ☞ Time and taking away the "spotlight" from genders or divisions.
- ☞ Time, duration, and location difficulties. Some performances detracting from other performances.

- ☞ time, lane space, air quality, venue not being big enough for athletes, coaches, support staff and spectators. having the attention taken away from the lower divisions, and attention taken from each specific gender
- ☞ Time, logistics. I don't want it to become another YMCA or USS championships type meet with thousands of athletes and little personal touch.
- ☞ time, pool crowding, spectator crowding, hotel issue. Too much time away from class.
- ☞ Time.
- ☞ Time. There is no other collegiate meet throughout the year that is combined/separated as this meet would be. This leaves no room for preparation of this type of meet.
- ☞ Time?
- ☞ To big, too much time away from class. It is more difficult to give individual attention to swimmers or divers. It is difficult now to find hotels close to the host site.
- ☞ Too many swimmers in the pool for warm up
- ☞ too big, it could cut back the number of people invited
- ☞ too crowded, both genders deserve their own Championship!!
- ☞ too crowded, few facilities can host everyone
- ☞ too crowded; less athletes maybe; not enough attention on each gender's accomplishments
- ☞ Too large meet- Possible elimination of competitors - possible elimination of consolation finals - loss of coaching opportunities
- ☞ Too large. No campus could host. Not adequate warm up or warm down. Women will be overshadowed.
- ☞ Too Long, no "flow" for the meet
- ☞ too long, too big, takes away from the focus of one gender or another.
- ☞ Too many athletes at their end-of-season meet with hormones raging in the spring... 'nuf said.
- ☞ Too many athletes on pool deck/ diving boards and locker rooms. Hard for all to get enough practice time. Mixing divisions would be too massive and too many events and awards ceremonies.
- ☞ too many bodies
- ☞ too many kids to coach, coach men and women differently, meet is too long

- ☞ too many people at one event, seating, pool time, space in pool area
- ☞ too many people....hassle of booking hotels, etc. - Too many to list
- ☞ too much of a crowd possible reduction of number of athletes....possible loss of consolation finals
- ☞ Too much time away from Academics!!
- ☞ Too much time, too crowded on deck.
- ☞ Track and Field being the exception - I believe- all other sports championships are separate. We deserve the same. Men's swimming further getting lost or overshadowed.
- ☞ Venue limitations.....warm-up space was tight but manageable.....
- ☞ Venues and cities able to handle the larger amount of athletes will narrow the list of possible sites (& host schools)
- ☞ Warm up area pretty cramped. Earlier prelim/finals start time hurts west-coasters. Not as much fanfare for consolation finalists.
- ☞ warm ups would be tight
- ☞ Warmup was chaotic and the women were run over. Harder for a coach at the meet when you have a larger group of men and women. The cost of the meet PER INSTITUTION goes UP because the NCAA per diem is less than actual costs per day and the number of days increases due to the four day format. A four day format takes the students away from academics for another day. The recognition for each event is diminished as the meet becomes larger. As this year's meet progressed the importance and recognition of the women's events became less and less. Fewer venues able to host meet. More congestion on deck at meet.
- ☞ Water down each Championship.
- ☞ We may lose a little bit of the intensity of having just a women's/men's meet.
- ☞ will lead to further cut-backs in men's programs
- ☞ Will most definitely hurt the atmosphere at the men's meet, which is a pretty nice testosterone fest as we have it now.
- ☞ Without additional pool space there would not be enough room for all the athletes. You have to remember that the Div. I Meets are the premier meets in the NCAA. I consider them the 2nd best

- meet in the world behind the USA Olympic Trials. I see a real disservice to all athletes
- ☞ woman's teams would definitely be overshadowed. This comes from experience of someone who has been involved in a combined conference meet and only had women's teams
- ☞ Women complain about men swimming over them in warm-up, men complained about lack of warm-up space. Fewer adequate facilities
- ☞ Women down played, not enough space, watered down meet
- ☞ Women overshadowed by Men's performance TOO many athletes = cut of total number in field
- ☞ Sessions too long
- ☞ women overshadowed limited venues time away from class, more difficult to manage larger groups, crowded pool and deck, coach men and women differently,
- ☞ women will be overshadowed. Half the spectators will see the meet. Potentially smaller fields and loss of conso finals. 5 days less press for college swimming, just to mention a few
- ☞ women's accomplishments overshadowed women's only schools would be lost
- ☞ You will greatly decrease the amount of participation at both meets

Separate Championships - Benefits

- 👉 "To be a KING IN Small City"
- 👉 1) Sole focus of the event is on that division and gender.
- 👉 1. preserve opportunities in regards to the cap 2. preserve consols. i forsee going by the way of track if we have a combined championship 3. the ability to focus on one gender and provide a premium student-athlete experience. 4. the ability to host championships at numerous facilities around the country. that is something that would be totally lost with a combined championship. 5. better conditions for optimal performance: less crowded pools and decks; teams focused on one gender performance; less distractions."
- 👉 3 day format is great! We did like the smaller numbers with more deck space available.
- 👉 3 days. More emphasis on everyone we can do consol and finals awards. More places to have it
- 👉 A higher quality of meet.
- 👉 A separate championship for each division allows each to have its own identity, to celebrate its own achievements and recognize the unique quality of each.
- 👉 Able to have more participants
- 👉 According to a female swimming world champion, the women will do better by themselves without having the men around to distract them.
- 👉 Adequate recovery time
- 👉 allowing myself to focus on one team
- 👉 Allowing the women to have ALL the focus one weekend. Allowing the men to have ALL the focus another.
- 👉 Allows the genders to compete the way they are suited. Less time lost from classes. Less cost to individual institution.
- 👉 Allows women's athletes to be compared with women's athletes and not with men.
- 👉 Attention to athletes, best set up for productive warm ups/downs. -.
- 👉 based upon "separate" meaning separate by division...Validity of winners in the divisions being the fastest rather than comparing to other division winners.

- 👉 Better conditions. Each sports, Men and Women, receive and get the attention deserved. After going for a few years I have notice that the meets are very different and run on different emotion and have different strengths. Combining with take away from both meets
- 👉 better highlights each gender and their performances.
- 👉 Better participation. More focused team competition. Better racing conditions
- 👉 better quality meet
- 👉 better time schedule for swimmers - glad I didn't have any relays
- 👉 Both genders get equal time in the spotlight and the full attention of their coaching staffs.
- 👉 By having separate championships, it also gives attention and notority to those schools and our sport.
- 👉 By separate my interpretation is by division. The attention is solely on that division. In a combined meet, the fastest swimmers (D1) would get all the attention with DII and DIII being viewed as inferior.
- 👉 can concentrate on each gender, manageable numbers, meet is 3 days
- 👉 Clarity of focus -.
- 👉 coach men and women differently, Great bonding experience for sep teams, easier to handle smaller groups, better conditions for peak performance
- 👉 Coaches are able to give each swimmer/race their full attention
- 👉 Coaches can focus solely on the men's or women's team together.
- 👉 Continued development of our top elite athletes in the country and on a International level. Making for a great competitive atmosphere (in which if it were combined this atmosphere would be deterred from). Creating the most optimal environment possible to swim faster than ever before.
- 👉 Cost is less combined meet is shortened to three days.
- 👉 Decisions and changes can be made to benefit specifically that championship and not universal to fit other interests.
- 👉 -Deck space, -the best competitive environment for our athletes, -a great team championship

environment that would be lost if combined, -
having the women in the spotlight for a weekend
(rather than overshadowed by the men), -
logistics easier, -more opportunities

- 👉 Div 1 Men's meet is the best meet in the world, women honored as women in a separate meet.
- 👉 Divisional focus
- 👉 Each gender gets a week of press
- 👉 Each division can compete against its respective gender/division in a format that is not extended so much as to "wear-out" the swimmers
- 👉 Each division deserves to conduct its own championship in order to show who is the best in their respected division.
- 👉 Each gender can act as they wish. The championships take on the feeling of each gender. More natural for each gender to be themselves. There was energy at this year's championship but it was different.
- 👉 each gender gets highlighted at their end of season meet. less class time missed!
- 👉 each gender is able to shine
- 👉 Each gender is showcased for that weekend, shorter sessions, coaches are able to individualize team talks and meals for that gender, 9-16 get honored.
- 👉 Each gender/division has full attention.
- 👉 each group gets their own time to shine. less time spent at pool
- 👉 Each sex is given chance to showcase their swimmers, Coaches can focus on one team during the meet, Meet can be maintained as a 3 day meet, More facilities available to choose from assuming we are open to hosting Division III Men's and Women's Championships at different sites if we can't get same site for 2 weeks"
- 👉 Each sport getting the spotlight
- 👉 each sport will have ability to market their meet. Fill the stands for each meet. Sell advertising for 2 meets. Move meets to more places (spread the wealth and visibility) and many more
- 👉 Easier logistics for larger teams
- 👉 Easier on DIII coaches who coach both genders
- 👉 Easy format we are comfortable with; allows each sex to have their own recognition and separate identities.....
- 👉 equality in coverage

- 👉 Every athlete and champion has their day in the sun. Women are not overshadowed by men.
- 👉 EVERYTHING
- 👉 Excitement will still be there. More space. Quicker format.
- 👉 Faster, more warm up/warm down space and more deck space
- 👉 females spotlighted, then males. actual warm up space., two weekends of excitement for the 'swimming world' not all crammed into one.
- 👉 Fewer classes missed (3 day format); Greater enthusiasm on deck; more deck space; more venues to choose from; ability to honor both consols and finalists on the award stand; getting hotel rooms easier
- 👉 Focus of the meet is on the true Divisional NCAA Champion.
- 👉 focus on 1 gender, 1 division - for coaches and spectators
- 👉 Focus on a singular goal and not being distracted by other meets going on at the same time
- 👉 Focus on just one group. More facilities (maybe) available to host.
- 👉 Focus on one gender.
- 👉 Focus on the division, gender in the championships, better space, won't limit contestants
- 👉 Focused atmosphere, enough time for warmups, enough space in the pool/locker rooms... hotels.
- 👉 giving each gender their opportunity to have the spotlight, ability for more kids to participate and swim at night
- 👉 giving individuals time to shine. Less people on pool deck gives more spectator seating to all interested in seeing the event
- 👉 Greater attention to all athletes.
- 👉 Helps with "focus"....
- 👉 highlight each gender and division, Field will remain the same,
- 👉 I am old school and do not want to change
- 👉 I believe the separate championship(s) have worked well up to this point.
- 👉 I like for each gender to have their own meet...I coach both and feel that they each have their own strengths.
- 👉 I like having separate championships - it makes each team special

- 👉 I like to travel with the women seperately. It gives me (a man) more insite into their competitve nature
- 👉 I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.
- 👉 I think coaches can focus on each gender in a more constructive way. The 3 day format mimimizes missed class time as well.
- 👉 I value the individual spotlight on each separate gender.
- 👉 Ideal warm-up conditions. No reduction in the size of the field. Decks that have a manageable number of athletes and coaches on them. I think that the Men's and the Women's NCAA Championships are different in a good way and we would lose that.
- 👉 Increased opportunity for spectators to get a ticket.
- 👉 Increased participation. Greater media coverage focused on more student-athletes
- 👉 Increased recognition for event winners and conso finalists. According to research better environment for the women.
- 👉 Intimate setting that rewards the best athletes... or it gives the athletes that feeling.
- 👉 It allows DIII swimming to have a real national meet. A combined meet (DI, DII & DIII) would make the DIII meet the side show/ intermission for the DI meet.
- 👉 It allows for each competitor to do their very best in my opinion.
- 👉 It becomes special to that gender and division
- 👉 it creates an atmosphere that is special, unique and promotes excellence. It is also historically correct.
- 👉 It gives more attention to that specific gender. The tradition of having the championship focus on that gender and not being overshadowed in anyway.
- 👉 It gives the women time to shine and men time to shine separately. Top 16 are all recognized up on the podium for each event.
- 👉 It has always worked well before. Coaches can concentrate on a smaller group of athletes.
- 👉 It has worked well in the past

- 👉 It is very important that the women and men are separated so each team is not distracted. Additionally, this is a society that is trying to empower women. How can women feel empowered when men are right there going faster times? I feel the men will steal the highlights of the meet.
- 👉 It keeps level in the correct place.
- 👉 It will at least help to maintain the integrity of the championships.
- 👉 It works great the way it is. Why are we trying to fix something that isn't broken and "think outside of the box" for no reason other than to "think outside of the box"
- 👉 It would keep participation at its current level which is already currently quite low. I also feel that in a combined championship the men would overshadow the women.
- 👉 it's an easier time line rather than living at a pool for four days.
- 👉 It's just a faster meet to run.
- 👉 It's the greatest meet in the world, why change it.
- 👉 It's worked great for this long and I see no reason to change it.
- 👉 keep spotlight for the championships on the women
- 👉 Keeping focus on one division. More space, more participation.
- 👉 length of competition (3 days)
- 👉 Less classes missed with a three day format. Larger teams can deal with the logistics easier.
- 👉 less crowded
- 👉 Less of a chance of the meet being too big
- 👉 less people involved...not too crowded
- 👉 Less time away from classes. More attention to swimmers and divers. Easier to find a hotel close to the host site.
- 👉 Less time spent at pool, more in bed resting and preping. Atmosphere is different.
- 👉 Let each Division do their own thing
- 👉 Maintain gender specific atmosphere
- 👉 Maintain women's identity and maintain men's identity separately
- 👉 Meet is short
- 👉 More appreciation for the swims.
- 👉 More athletes
- 👉 More athletes invited than if combined. Let's keep their dreams alive. -.

- 👉 more attention for each event winner, better warm up, able to have the meet at different 'fast' pools around the country, not just the only place that could seat the fans. Many schools have built multi-million dollar pools with the idea of hosting a NCAA Championship meet.
- 👉 More attention to each gender, less crowded.
- 👉 more attention towards each 'side' of the teams.
- 👉 More days to have swimming in the news if handled correctly. Division II and III won't get lost in the shuffle.
- 👉 More facilities available to choose from to host. Ample pool, deck and spectator space. Allow each gender to be in the spotlight!
- 👉 more focus on each gender and division. more space for warm-up and seating, and deck space.
- 👉 More focus on each individual sport, mens swimming and diving a much different event to womens. Length of time to complete each session most conducive to better performances for the athletes.
- 👉 More focus on team championship.
- 👉 more focused attention
- 👉 more hosting sites available. less crowded pool and deck space.
- 👉 more hotel dining options, shorter sessions
- 👉 More individual attention per gender if you have enough staff to cover th eteam that is at home for the second weekend.
- 👉 More individuals get recognized
- 👉 more intense mens atmosphere
- 👉 more lane space, more deck space, more spectator seating, less trouble getting hotel rooms and dining out, less stress on the athlete. its been great, why change it? the athletes enjoy it. its a great atmosphere as it is.
- 👉 More recognition for consolation finalists. More warmup space - sitting areas. More time spent with each gender alone.
- 👉 More recognition for respective finalists and teams.
- 👉 More rest between prelims and finals
- 👉 More room. Can host on college campus's.
- 👉 more sites available
- 👉 More space in the pool, more deck space.
- 👉 more space-for spectators-athletes-warmup-diving./ hopefully adding more athletes to the meet

- 👉 more swimmers able to compete in the competition.
- 👉 more time and less athletes to coach
- 👉 more warm-up space, more space on the deck, plenty of facilities that can host
- 👉 multiples of many -.
- 👉 No Comment
- 👉 No rushing through the meets. Shorter days, more rest for athletes. More opportunities for fans.
- 👉 None -.
- 👉 None
- 👉 None
- 👉 none
- 👉 None
- 👉 none
- 👉 None
- 👉 None unless you only coach one gender.
- 👉 None.
- 👉 none.
- 👉 none.
- 👉 None.if just for a specific gender...unless you just look at the format which will go more quickly.
- 👉 not crowded; more attention on each gender;
- 👉 not sure
- 👉 Numbers would remain consistent with the current meet
- 👉 One extra day to attend classes and school has to be our priority!
- 👉 one focal point, men only then women only! can stay on college campuses
- 👉 one shining moment for each gender. does not provide an incentive to combine programs. Potential cost savings to eventually increase the participant cap
- 👉 only benefit will be to the coaches who coach both men and women. they will not have to be away for 2 weeks, leaving the guys to train a week prior to their biggest meet without their head coach.
- 👉 Opportunity for DIII swimmers to be recognized with out being in the shadow of DI swimmers
- 👉 opposite of above answers
- 👉 opposite of all the above
- 👉 perfect for attendance and number of bodies in the water
- 👉 Perhaps a bigger meet. shorter timeline,
- 👉 Plenty of rest between prelims and finals. And none of the above problems.

- 👉 Prime emphasis on each group of SA's. Adequate warm up and deck space. Length of meet is adequate and supports academic responsibility. Performance for each group will be better.
- 👉 Promotes best swimming performances
- 👉 Quicker sessions, More intimate/personal environment
- 👉 Quicker sessions, tighter competition
- 👉 Recognition for each gender by themselves. More space in pool and in restaurants, hotels, etc... Performances could suffer in pool.
- 👉 recognizing finalists
- 👉 see "above"
- 👉 Separate Championships keeps our individuality. Currently, swimming is focused on each gender for a week. Combining would lose a week of publicity. Also, instead recognizing a handful of women AND men that had outstanding performances each week, you would have a smaller number of men and women being recognized. Ask Natalie Coughlin about her Olympic publicity in the shadow of Michael Phelps.
- 👉 Separate men/women environment. More rest between sessions.
- 👉 Separation allows spot light for each group (division of gender). Environment is different. Example is music played at men's vs. women's champs. -.
- 👉 shorter days, more rest for the swimmers
- 👉 Shorter duration and more convenient location. Easier on the budget. Everyone gets more of a chance to shine.
- 👉 shorter meet
- 👉 shorter meet, focus on just one gender may be easier for bigger teams
- 👉 shorter meet, more facilities available due to reduced needs
- 👉 shorter meet, with more rest. More participants
- 👉 Shorter meets and travel is a little easier.
- 👉 Shorter sessions
- 👉 Shorter, more orderly meets. Increased competition due to one set field of competitors.
- 👉 skill levels are so different so the lower levels will not as much opportunities to enjoy a benefit of winning an event, especially not for the ones who are trying to make it back at the DIII level
- 👉 Smaller meet allows more people to qualify

- 👉 Smaller rosters, more hosting options, each gender gets own spotlight
- 👉 Something very unique about the current championship - best meet in the world. Don't fix it if it isn't broken.
- 👉 spacing, availability of facilities, showcasing our top athletes male and female
- 👉 Special attention, SPacing
- 👉 Spotlight on each Championship is brighter in the Swimming Community. Pool Space is not an issue. Seating and deck space remain adequate. Length of Sessions is perfect for a Championship Meet.
- 👉 Spotlight on individual genders, shorter sessions, greater choice in venues to host meet
- 👉 stated above
- 👉 still very highly competitive meets, with equal quality and recognition for, both genders
- 👉 superior coaching, better environment, less chaos
- 👉 Swimmers are not over shadowed by more elite competitors.
- 👉 The benefit is maintaining the INTEGRITY of our sport - Men's Swimming. It is perfect the way it is
- 👉 The focus being on swimming, not the after party.
- 👉 The focus is on the best athletes in one gender; many facilities can host the event, probably greater number of athletes invited;
- 👉 THE INTEGRITY OF DII AND DIII ATHLETES.
- 👉 The meet doesn't take as long
- 👉 The meet will be more elite and should more focused.
- 👉 The meet will go faster.
- 👉 The meets currently run smoothly.
- 👉 the meets keep getting faster!
- 👉 The Mens championships and Womens and the different divisions DESERVE their OWN championship (the meet is for the athletes) not the coaches or officials -.
- 👉 The opposite of what I just mentioned.
- 👉 There are a lot of pools in the country that can handle just a men's or just a women's meet. The meet will run quicker and there will be ample warmup and warmdown space. The decks will be crowded but manageable
- 👉 There is a benefit (as I have heard from my peers) for the larger teams to remain gender specific as the dynamic is difficult. My question is whether this change was really a negative in terms of

performance or rather simply a 'reaction to change.' There is also the benefit of allowing each meet to take on the spiritual dynamic of the gender competing - and further for the coach to embrace this dynamic. As a result - it is potentially a more positive experience for the athletes competing.

- 👉 they are different atmospheres for men and women, there is enough warmup space without females getting overwhelmed by the men
- 👉 things will stay the same
- 👉 This actually showcases teams in their division. Smaller meets, more intense atmosphere.
- 👉 This allows for each team (men's & women's) to have their OWN meet, and not have to share the spotlight. The NCAA Championships are an opportunity to put their talents and hard work on display, and they should not have to share the stage. In separate championships, each team can prepare more independently, and the coaches can give more time to each team, resulting in a HIGHER QUALITY meet. This format allows teams enough time to eat, rest, and evaluate their race plans for finals in between sessions with coaches. There is not enough time for that with any variety of a combined (gender and/or division) meet. The student-athletes' experience and performance would suffer under a combined set-up, and separate championships provides for the fastest-possible meet. -.
- 👉 Though I am in great favor of a combined championship I can still understand the draw of a separate women's meet and separate men's meet. This allows each gender to feel more ownership over their championship. If I was with a non-combined program I would be even more pro-separate championships. However, the fact is most programs are combined or combining and I believe a combined championship would be exciting, practical, and in the best interest of all athletes.
- 👉 timing of event spaced out more rest for swimmers
- 👉 Tradition. Focused competition. Excitement will sustain for all division championships.
- 👉 Travel accommodations are less competitive. More availability for all teams closer to the venue.

- 👉 Truly gives each gender a chance to showcase their own gender.
- 👉 We can invite more swimmers because of the size of the venues. -.
- 👉 we have an excellent championship. why would we change?
- 👉 With a separate championship for each division and gender, more spectators can be accommodated. In a combined meet you could not accommodate all those spectators that want to attend the meet.
- 👉 Women benefit
- 👉 women highlighted in their own meet, may get overshadowed in combined meet -.
- 👉 Women probably get more attention from media when by themselves.
- 👉 Women will have opportunities to be leaders and have their own championship!
- 👉 Women's and Men's teams will coalesce behind the team title atmosphere.
- 👉 Women's meet is held in different venues in different parts of the country - exposure to young women rather than a same site each year - has the emotion and intensity that a great championship should have - women are the spotlight of their own championship
- 👉 Works well the way it is, so coaches can focus on one group of athletes. Negative or positive, I am not sure, but having both genders there changes the environment.

Separate Championships - Drawbacks

- ☞ a slight cost factor -Wally Morton, Cleveland State
- ☞ \$\$\$ Cost \$\$\$
- ☞ 1) More meets that cost somebody morre budget money.
- ☞ A lot of time on the road. Coaches time away from men's teams when at women's meet.
- ☞ Additional cost to send staff members and athletes to two seperate locations on seperate weeks. Atmosphere is different, less energy.
- ☞ Again, that the meet will move faster. It will be good for the athletes competing in only one or two events, but for those swimmers who will be swimming a whole lot, the meet might move too fast for them to be fresh for their later events.
- ☞ Aside from the administrative task of finding 3 hosts and staffing the event, I do not see any drawbacks. However, decisions on matters like this should be made with the interests of the athletes in mind, not those of the people administering the event.
- ☞ atmosphere
- ☞ Being away from campus with one group while another group is training at home.
- ☞ Better conditions for athletes to perform and fans to watch.
- ☞ Booking a facility for two weeks is difficult and limits us to colleges. Coaches being gone from their team and gone from home for two weeks.
- ☞ Budget and time away from family
- ☞ Coach off campus when one team is still preparing for championships, additional cost to NCAA for facility rental and other expenses limits number of participants, lower excitement because other gender is not present for support, loss of "team" atmosphere
- ☞ Coaches are on the road for 10 of 14 days if they have separate women's and men's qualifiers.
- ☞ Coaches are on the road for two consecutive weeks... Leaving the men behind during the women's championships -Brooke Larsen, Carleton
- ☞ Coaches away from campus for two straight weeks. Difficult to manage and coach while several coaches are at the women's meet, while the men's team is still resting and tapering at home.

- ☞ coaches being away from one of the teams
- ☞ Coaches coaching back-to-back, media attention is thinned out.
- ☞ coaches gone for 2 weeks. Coaches leaving the men for a week
- ☞ coaches have two week in a row away from campus, trying to get the same venue two weeks in a row,
- ☞ Coaches need to miss time with the men when they are at the Women's Meet. Cost is greater for those who need/want to attend both meets.
- ☞ Coaches of combined mens and womens progams missing a week of practice for the men while at the women's meet. The programs this effects have large (and VERY competent) staffs that can make it work though.
- ☞ coach's time away from home and men's team
- ☞ Coach's time is strained, and the ability to train each gender for separate meet also adds a variable that would be easier if eliminated. The separate meets also present challenges for those small teams that may onl send one person to each meet.
- ☞ Cost
- ☞ Cost and lower media coverage
- ☞ COST AND TIME
- ☞ Cost for the school, host, facility, and teams. Lack of audience (would be increased with a combined championship). Male athletes may be required to train without their coach, if their coach is at women's NAAs.
- ☞ cost in sending two seperate teams to the meet over the seperate weeks. team atmosphere is lost. having to leave coach/athlete behind while rest of team is at seperate meet.
- ☞ cost to attend both, time involved in attending both - but benefits outweigh negatives
- ☞ cost, isolation
- ☞ cost, travel time for coaches of combined programs
- ☞ costs
- ☞ Costs of travel would be more.
- ☞ Costs, travel of coaching staffs
- ☞ Crowds may not be to capacity or as big as they could have been, combined programs must travel the week before the men's championships.
- ☞ Decreased "big stage" exposure

- ☞ Dilutes attention to sport over two weekends, travel for coaches of combined programs
- ☞ divides our men's & women's team which train & compete all year together as well as the coaching staff.
- ☞ Dividing teams and coaches.
- ☞ Diving coaches are away from those athletes who are not attending the one gender event;
- ☞ Divisional focus -
- ☞ ESPN and the NCAA will spend more money.
- ☞ eventual cost increases leading to a diminished championship
- ☞ expenses, time, less of a team atmosphere.
- ☞ extends season
- ☞ Facilities not able to host two weeks.
- ☞ Facility. Always so hard to find a site that will host two weeks of swimming. If different sites, it is hard to find comparable sites.
- ☞ Financial impact of having travel costs for two different trips.
- ☞ financial.
- ☞ For smaller teams can be there with just one man and one woman athlete.
- ☞ Getting enough sites to host. More budget money
- ☞ greater cost to schools that participate in both men's and women's championships
- ☞ Hard for small staffs of combined programs to divide the staff for training versus meets. Also harder to plan season.
- ☞ Higher Cost
- ☞ Higher cost and those coaches that coach both men and women are without a coach during the women's championships.
- ☞ I am ONE OF THE BEST student swimmer in USA, not DI, DII, DIII DII will look less than DIII.
- ☞ I do not see any drawbacks.
- ☞ I do not see any other than if they separated the DII men's and women's meets, I would not like it, because I wouldn't want to be at one national meet while the other gender is resting for their national meet.
- ☞ I do not see drawbacks in having a separate meet. The meet is well run and has the ability to show case Women's Swimming and Diving.
- ☞ I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.

- ☞ I see no drawbacks except someone who coaches both teams has to actually go coach both teams (at their championship) meet which IS their JOB !
- ☞ I think we need to try to create a more exciting atmosphere for the general public to catch their interest.
- ☞ in teams with one coach, they have to leave men's team to go to women's meet.
- ☞ Is more difficult to maintain training when you are away at the women's meet and your men are still training for their meet the following week. Can't be at two places at the same time.
- ☞ It is a lot of time for coaches to be away from their families. -,
- ☞ It is tough for head coaches for both the men's & women's team to leave the men's team behind during the last critical week of taper with his/her assistant since we have to be at the women's championships.
- ☞ it's the same old thing we've been doing.
- ☞ It's too expensive and takes up too much class time. It also splits the coaching staff and athlete supervision as they travel.
- ☞ keep the way they are
- ☞ Lack of bids; back to back weekends
- ☞ lack of attention, smaller crowds, less media coverage
- ☞ Lack of co-ed team support. Additional travel increases hassles/concerns. Additional cost to institutions for expenses that exceed per diem.
- ☞ Lack of publicity for the sports, far ranging championship sites. -,
- ☞ Large combined team coaches would have to travel two consecutive weeks. -,
- ☞ Leaving my men's national team for 5 days
- ☞ leaving one sex back home, that isn't receiving the diving coach's expertise. safety of the diver is definitely a consideration here since majority of dive coaches do not have a paid assistant.
- ☞ Legitimacy of having enough coaches for the meet and training of swimmer/divers at home for the next championships.
- ☞ Less enthusiasm -,
- ☞ less exciting
- ☞ Less team atmosphere
- ☞ logistical
- ☞ longer - takes away from whole team concept
- ☞ low energy

- ☞ Makes it more difficult for coaches with season planning, training, tapering, and traveling to the same place twice. It also is difficult to reserve a top-rate facility on consecutive weekends.
- ☞ Many as stated in the 1st box -.
- ☞ maybe cost more money
- ☞ meet atmosphere could be increased with both men and women
- ☞ men are without a head coach before nationals if coach is women
- ☞ Money and time to put on different championships
- ☞ more costly for men's and women's teams
- ☞ More expense
- ☞ More missed classes for div iii coaches, small teams less team spirit
- ☞ More time away from campus - away from training the men's team. Less team-oriented, more individualistic.
- ☞ more travel and time away from team/campus for coaching staff
- ☞ N/A -,
- ☞ No change....No test of marketability May lose programs, if we do not create a market
- ☞ No Comment
- ☞ None
- ☞ None
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- ☞ none
- ☞ none - my preferred choice
- ☞ NONE - there are none now!!!
- ☞ none based upon separate by division
- ☞ NONE!!! -,
- ☞ none,if it is not broken,do not fix it!!
- ☞ None.
- ☞ None.
- ☞ None.
- ☞ None.
- ☞ NONE.
- ☞ None. It is educationally and philosophically sound.
- ☞ none. KEEP AS IS!
- ☞ Not as much excitement/enthusiasm with separate format. All season genders are together anyways
- ☞ Only having two sets of officials, etc.
- ☞ only one, programs that have the same staff for men's and women's teams need to be on the road for 2 weeks at a time. Other than that, NONE!
- ☞ People's focused pulled in to many directions.
- ☞ Plane tickets for coaches? Thats about it.
- ☞ probable overall cost/inconvenience to combined teams. -,
- ☞ Programs that have the same coaching staff have to be away from the men while they are at the women's meet.
- ☞ see "above"

- ☞ See comments for benefits of combined championship.
- ☞ Separate men and women within divisions increases travel costs and time away for coaching staff.
- ☞ separating genders in DIII when that is the only time it happens for most teams
- ☞ Separates coaches that coach both a men's and women's team from the other team during championships.
- ☞ shouldn't attempt to fix something that isn't broken
- ☞ slightly more costly, bigger divide between mens and womens teams
- ☞ smaller teams have less fan support and smaller teams have less team support - less of a team atmosphere - ,
- ☞ Some coaches do both men and women and going to both is hard on the coaches and means that while the coach is with the women the men are left behind with out a caoch
- ☞ Some duplication of costs
- ☞ Some NCAA admin person will be gone from home more, which will ultimately mean more work for that person.
- ☞ Splits teams that have been together all season.
- ☞ Staff fatigue, but coaches have dealt with this forever. - .
- ☞ stated above
- ☞ Teams and coaches spread too thinly.
- ☞ The atmosphere is generalized by combining. - .
- ☞ The cost and the coach.if he/she coaches both teams.is unable to work with the team at home. Remember.many D-III programs are one person operations.
- ☞ The drawback is that it can feel very small at a meet when you have a single athlete.
- ☞ The drawbacks I see of having seperate championships are the same that I highlighted as a benefit of having a combined champisnship. In the age of combined programs it just isn't fair to leave one team home and take their coaches on the road the week prior to their NCAA championship.
- ☞ The focus is on championship swimming! Less distractions-crowded deck, men vs women, arm-up/cool down space.
- ☞ The meet is beneficial the way that it is.

- ☞ The only drawback of the NCAA Championships is the timing of the meet. We continue to try to be recognized by the media for our sport yet we put ourselves at the same time as Men's/Women's Basketball and Wrestling. Both of these sports get live coverage and their is not any room for us on the national spotlight. In a time when we are trying to promote our sport to make it relevant, it is time we need to change our championship dates.
- ☞ The team that is at home training is having to do so without its head coach.
- ☞ There are no drawbacks to having separate championships. To promote swimming to the media and to the universities, it would take away a Division II or III opportunity to enhance swimming at their school or level by a combination of championships. I am strongly Oppose to this newer proposed format.
- ☞ There are none. Having separate meets does not hurt men's swimming. We would not get more publicity if we combined meets. Fewer swimmers would be recognized for a shorter amount of time.
- ☞ time and money
- ☞ time away from campus and coaches who coach both genders cannot be with one of their teams in the week leading up to NCAAs. Also, women seems to get 'shown up' by men since men's NCAAs is always after the womens meet. If you keep them seperate I think they should alternate which goes first
- ☞ Time away from men's team when traveling with women's team (for combined coaches)
- ☞ Time away from other team. Cost!
- ☞ timing of meet does not give proper national recognition
- ☞ too much time. too expensive
- ☞ Too much travel. Requires more staff
- ☞ Training difficulties for combined programs.
- ☞ travel
- ☞ Travel 2 weeks in a row. Site availability.
- ☞ travel time
- ☞ Travel. Too much time away from other duties some may have on campus. (I.E. Teaching classes).
- ☞ Traveling two separate weeks for meets - .

- 👉 Two weekends away for coaches with more expenses
- 👉 Two weeks for coaches; men training on own without coach (if attending women's championships)
- 👉 two weeks for the coach and separate training schedules
- 👉 We are most likely going to lose this format in any case
- 👉 Zero
- 👉 zero.

Festival Format - Benefits

- 👉 Able to actually see the competitions of other divisions.
- 👉 ABSOLUTELY NO BENEFIT TO COLLEGE SWIMMING. WHILE THIS CAN WORK FOR USA SWIMMING WITH AN ARENA, A PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND DURING VACATION TIME IN THE SUMMER IT WOULD BE A DEATH KNELL FOR COLLEGE SWIMMING!!!! THIS WOULD DO FAR GREATER DAMAGE TO COLLEGE SWIMMING THAN ALLOWING THE CURRENT SWIM SUITS!!!!
- 👉 Absolutely none
- 👉 ABSOLUTELY NONE
- 👉 absolutely none
- 👉 ABSOLUTELY NONE!! It would destroy the spirit and passion of D3.
- 👉 Absolutely NONE!!! Take a look at this year.
- 👉 ABSOLUTELY NONE!!! This is not a multi-sport event as is the Olympics.
- 👉 absolutely none.
- 👉 Absolutely none. Honeymoon will wear off real fast.
- 👉 Absolutely none. This is not USA swimming. Does NOT have the hype of Olympic Trials. Too much time for a community to give up pool time.
- 👉 absolutely zero
- 👉 advertising; TV
- 👉 as a D3 coach I don't see any benefits from this format.
- 👉 ATTENTION
- 👉 Being able to compete against the best, regardless of level.
- 👉 Bigger crowd?
- 👉 bigger draw
- 👉 builds our sport
- 👉 Could be really fun!
- 👉 Crowded facility, loss of identity, length of sessions, disconnect with tradition and alumni, limited facilities that can handle a championship, limited ticket availability, increased cost of sponsor/head quarter hotel if we follow the DII winter sports model, decrease in flight options. Possible elimination of consolation final heats. DON'T DO IT!!!
- 👉 d 3 & 2 swimmers thrilled to see d 1 performances

- 👉 Everyone in one place
- 👉 Excitement for sport
- 👉 Excitement towards the event.
- 👉 Exposure for the sport
- 👉 Exposure of sport
- 👉 EXPOSURE...tv coverage?
- 👉 focus on all levels of swimmers
- 👉 Forgetting about the other sports involved, the Olympics have a "festival-type" format, and that is part of the intrigue that makes athletes set the Olympics as a goal. A festival format would make NCAAs more than just a meet with fast swimming, attracting more attention from media outlets and, consequently, from sponsors. The increased visibility would be great for the sport. It would also provide a great forum for swimming minds and athletes, past and present, to come together.
- 👉 Fun to see other divisions.
- 👉 get a chance to interact with teams you may not get the chance to otherwise
- 👉 gets meets overwith in less time and less committment from NCAA
- 👉 Great atmosphere. Spreading excitement across the divisions. Cost savings. Increased publicity.
- 👉 Great promotion for our sport!
- 👉 Greater interest in swimming championships
- 👉 greater media exposure
- 👉 Having all of the top athletes from each division at one location at the same time hopefully more coverage because of the size
- 👉 I am not in favor of the festival format. If it were considered at all, I would say it should be only once every four years.
- 👉 I am not sure that there are any benefits.
- 👉 I am not sure.
- 👉 I do like the festival format but this option needs to be explained a little more. If it means that only each divisions is combined and teh meets occur on consecutive weekends then I'm in favor of it. I would not want all three division to be combined in one big meet. I think a festival format will create more excitement and intrest in teh sport and event. Additioanl ticket sales or advertising revenue could be used to invite more participants to the meet. Also, having it in the same location every year will make travel plans much easier, especially reserving hotel rooms ahead of time.
- 👉 I do not see any

- 👍 I don't know much about this but would love to hear about the format
- 👍 I don't know of any.
- 👍 I experienced the Winter sports festival this year in Houston and it was a logistics nightmare.
- 👍 I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.
- 👍 I see no benefits of having a Festival.
- 👍 I think it is a great concept, but I do not think it is very practical.
- 👍 I think the festival concept is intriguing but not at the expense of the number of invited athletes.
- 👍 If top 16 from each division were invited to the festival, it would be an exciting atmosphere for all involved.
- 👍 In addition to the safety benefits mentioned above in the combined championships box It will give all the athletes at our sports highest team level an opportunity to meet each other and become friends. This will likely raise the level of competition at each division. Additionally it would make for a very fun event that could help draw more people into our sport at the college level.
- 👍 increased exposure, more spectators, etc
- 👍 It could be exciting for college swimming but that does not outweigh the drawbacks, which are more applicable to on-campus college swim/dive teams.
- 👍 It gives athletes and fans a chance to watch tons of fast swimming in one place. The swimming community can focus all their attention there and a meeting ground for all levels of the sport would be established.
- 👍 It may attract media attention.
- 👍 it will feel like you are at the olympics
- 👍 it would be awesome...we don't do a very good job at promoting our sport. I worked at ESPN before coaching and so I've been exposed to other sports and how they market their product. It's almost laughable how much we limit the exposure of our sport due to "old school" thought. Also, our athletes would get more excited about this type of a format...look at the final 4 in basketball.

- 👍 it would be good for DIII kids to see/interact with faster swimmers
- 👍 It would be nice to be able to watch the larger D1 programs compete.
- 👍 It would save some money for the NCAA.
- 👍 larger fan base. possible rise in level of competition across the 3 divisions.
- 👍 Marketability
- 👍 more attention to our sport...more meaningful and exciting culminating event like other sports have in place (football, basketball, softball etc.)
- 👍 More exciting for fans.
- 👍 more exposure
- 👍 more fans, cost
- 👍 More hype and focus from the outside world onto swimming.
- 👍 More media attention, more excitement surrounding event, potentially less cost, swimmers can experience seeing more range of talent.
- 👍 More media coverage
- 👍 more spectators & alumnae, potentially more recognition and sponsorship for the sports of swimming and diving;
- 👍 more spectators at one site but still the same just all together
- 👍 no benefit, keep it the same. it has worked really well, so don't change it
- 👍 No benefits
- 👍 No benefits
- 👍 No benefits.
- 👍 NO ONE HAS REALLY EXPLAINED THE FESTIVAL FORMAT ADEQUATELY FOR ME TO COMMENT ON.
- 👍 no way. I can't think of 1
- 👍 none
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- 👉 None
- 👉 None - I am vehemently Oppose to this concept
- 👉 none - terrible idea
- 👉 NONE at all
- 👉 None at all!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 👉 NONE AT ALL. THIS IS THE WORST IDEA I HAVE HEARD IN 25 YEARS OF HANGING AROUND SWIMMING POOLS SINCE THAT TIME THAT FINA (OR THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE?) THOUGHT IT'D BE NIFTY TO SWIM IN A CIRCLE, LIKE HORSE RACING, TO DRAW MORE "SPECTATOR APPEAL". IT'S REALLY, REALLY, REALLY, A BAD IDEA. I CAN CONFIRM THIS OPINION WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED COLLEAGUES.
- 👉 None- except television enticement.
- 👉 None I would have to sold on this concept. Not enough information ether about the thinking behind the proposal and the proposal itself
- 👉 NONE that really matter to the swimmers, which is what this SHOULD be all about. The student-athlete experience!
- 👉 none whatsoever.
- 👉 NONE!
- 👉 NONE!
- 👉 none!
- 👉 NONE!!!
- 👉 NONE!!!
- 👉 NONE!!!! I am Oppose to a combined championship, but can see why some would want it. I see NO value to a festival format.
- 👉 none!!!!!!!!
- 👉 NONE,unless you are fooled by speculation.
- 👉 none.
- 👉 none.
- 👉 None.
- 👉 None.
- 👉 None.
- 👉 None.
- 👉 None. I do see plenty of negative issues however.
- 👉 none. Keep it to USA swimming meets
- 👉 None. We will never be basketball. Don't ruin the integrity of our sport (more than the suits already have) by changing it.
- 👉 None. Div. II 2009 festival a perfect example.
- 👉 None. This would be a mess.
- 👉 none....in a team sport you have a short window of competition for a division each day and so can run lacrosse simultaneously. swimming and

diving cover too long periods of time each day to do festival.

- 👉 NONE.No way it could be done effectively in our sport if all three divisions where at the same venue.
- 👉 None; but big bucks to the host.
- 👉 Not in favor
- 👉 Not much. Perhaps more media attention for swimming.
- 👉 not sure
- 👉 not sure what you mean as a festival format?
- 👉 not sure what you mean by "festival format"
- 👉 Not sure.
- 👉 Not sure.
- 👉 Nothing!!!!
- 👉 On a every so many year cycle (4?) might like to try this format to generate cohesion in the swimming community
- 👉 Once again, I don't see any benefit to any festival-format championships. At the Division II National meet, this format was not properly communicated or executed to the well-being of the schools. I feel that with the festival format, the athletes best interests and performances have to take a back seat to the interests of the festival.
- 👉 OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
- 👉 Perhaps more press and more cost effective.
- 👉 Perhaps more TV exposure, but this will be offset by taking away from what do and are about as a sport.
- 👉 Possible additional media coverage for D2 & D3.
- 👉 Possibly economies of scale.
- 👉 possibly lower cost to teams overall.
- 👉 Possibly more excitement overall, community wrap around the event, better media coverage
- 👉 Promotion of the sport to a larger audience. However, I do not see much more benefit than this.
- 👉 publicity for swimming
- 👉 Revenue for someone...
- 👉 same as combined
- 👉 Should bring more focus and interest to our sport. The event must be scheduled so as not to compete with Basketball's wild championship run.
- 👉 Sounds fun, but no beneits.
- 👉 Sport awareness
- 👉 swimming & diving at it's best

- 👉 The after party will probably be more fun.
- 👉 The benefits are a true spotlight on the sport of swimming and diving. There, no doubt, would be a lot of attention given this event by the collegeiate sports world and the swimming audience in general.
- 👉 The would create more excitement much like USS Nationals and Worlds.
- 👉 This format has no benefits only drawbacks.
- 👉 This would be ridiculous
- 👉 To many distractions
- 👉 Too many bodies not enough pool space
- 👉 Unless NBC pays lots of money I'm not sure if there are benefits.
- 👉 unsure
- 👉 Very much increased publicity for the sports. More of a celebration atmosphere, celebrating the athletes. Much greater recognition. Economic benefits for chosen site, as well.
- 👉 Who's idea? Just print N-U-T next to their name.
- 👉 Wonderful for a parent who has several children participating in different levels of collegiate swimming. Wonderful for anyone who has to or wants to attend every meet (there probably aren't too many of these people).
- 👉 would be nice to have everyone in the same place and get to see what the other divisions have done or are doing
- 👉 would d3 be the middle school warm-up game for the d1 show?
- 👉 Zero
- 👉 zero. that would be rediculous.

Festival Format - Drawbacks

- 👉 a lot of time, planning and the possibility of loss in money from lack of fan turnout
- 👉 Absolute chaos. Division II & III will get lost in the mix.
- 👉 all of the above from combined
- 👉 ask the folks at Houston
- 👉 Being overshadowed by D-1
- 👉 Chaos.
- 👉 Combining all 3 divisions into a festival is not a good idea. In fact, I spoke with about 50 coaches on deck at NCAA's, and each coach was absolutely horrified by the idea. This format would severely neglect the Division III schools - and I would be very disappointed if the NCAA chose to head this route. It would take away from the Division III STUDENT-athlete experience.
- 👉 "Combining the divisions is what concerns me the most. I feel, for the most part, that the three divisions in swimming allow for swimmers and divers at different levels to experience success among peers of similar skill and opportunity. Would a DI championship running simultaneously with a DIII championship make the DIII participants feel lesser? I'm not sure. In addition, the scheduling of this event would really be difficult...I'm not sure what format would be best or if there is a good format for running a ""festival"" of this magnitude over 4 or 5 days. I don't want to see the number of participants limited more than it already is."
- 👉 COST and LEVEL OF COMPETITION
- 👉 crowded and long program
- 👉 Crowded facility, loss of identity, length of sessions, disconnect with tradition and alumni, limited facilities that can handle a championship, limited ticket availability, increased cost of sponsor/head quarter hotel if we follow the DII winter sports model, decrease in flight options. Possible elimination of consolation final heats. DON'T DO IT!!!
- 👉 Crowded pool, deck and spectator areas. Very few facilities could host such an event. Division II and III would be overshadowed by DI. Probable limitations on # of student athletes invited to compete.

- 👉 crowds
- 👉 D2 and D3 could/would be seen as JV competitions by the D1 programs and media.
- 👉 D-2 and D-3 would be overlooked in this format. I would also have to ask what is the need for separate divisions. In most cases D-2 and D-3 Champions not even fast enough to qualify for D-1 Meet
- 👉 d3 lost in mix
- 👉 Decreased participation due to size of the meet. Media paying attention to only Division I
- 👉 DI schools will overshadow the other 2; no venue large enough to accommodate; the number of days away would increase drastically
- 👉 Did you read about Division II problems?!?! Plus everyone would be overshadowed except DI.
- 👉 DII & DIII s-a would be overshadowed by DI times/scores. DI s-a that do not qualify for their meet would ask why 'slower times' from DII & DIII s-a get to be in the festival and they don't, because a time is a time. Combined men & women teams would outnumber women only programs, thus if you only have 1 or 2 women from your school make the meet, the Auburns, Texas, and Arizona's of the world would outnumber 10/15-1. You would only have more parents of the s-a at one spot, the press would not cover the meet any more than they already do because of DI Basketball
- 👉 D-III becomes belittled and are essentially the bonus heat of the meet.
- 👉 DIII completely overshadowed
- 👉 DIII schools would be overshadowed.
- 👉 DIII will get completely overshadowed by DI and II. The DIII final will become the "C Final". Size of meet will limit the size of the DIII field at a time when we want to increase the field.
- 👉 DIII would be overshadowed by the DI swims. People would leave to go to the bathroom or get food, when the DIII finals are going. HORRIBLE IDEA!
- 👉 diluting event, too many class days missed
- 👉 Diminishing Divisions II and III's accomplishments. Lack of pool space. Lack of time available (how long would prelims last? finals?).
- 👉 Division I swimmers and teams will overshadow Division III swimmers. DIII swimmers deserve to be on top at their national championships!

- 👉 Division II & Division III will not be showcased due to the overwhelming performance differences with Division I.
- 👉 Division II and III will be overshadowed We are limiting the number of facilities we can get I just don't think the public has much interest in seeing this
- 👉 Division II and III would be greatly devalued and not appreciated in a festival format.
- 👉 Division III is shadowed compared to Division I and II
- 👉 Division III lost with in the mix of the festival
- 👉 Divisions 2 & 3 might be overlooked.
- 👉 Divisions II and especially III will have less importance and less support in the face of all the much faster swimming at the D-I meet.
- 👉 Divisions would lose their autonomy. This would be nightmare.
- 👉 easy way out...no pool could accomodate it
- 👉 everything. time, lane space, air quality, venue not being big enough for athletes, coaches, support staff and spectators. having the attention taken away from the lower divisions, and attention taken from each specific gender. i could go on.
- 👉 Focus on a singular goal and not being distracted by other meets going on at the same time
- 👉 focus would be taken off of D. III athletics - best athletes (D. I) would steal the show
- 👉 Forces Divisions II and III to be the "warm-up card" for the Division I meet. That is like bagging apples, oranges and bananas together and paying only for the apples.
- 👉 Having it in the same pace very year would make it tough and more expensive for schools who have to travel further. Maybe give more money to trams that have to travel further.
- 👉 I am concerned about space for the athletes...how do we get everyone in and out of a facility and allow for great performances across the pool?
- 👉 I am very Oppose to this for many reasons, but it's a logistical nightmare for one.
- 👉 I do not believe the NCAA can pull of an event like Trials this summer.
- 👉 I do not see how a large festival would benefit the athletic performance. To have all 3 together would probably diminish performance of

- everyone and drag out the meet to a possible 5 day format!
- 👉 I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format.
- 👉 I think this will eventually lead to us being squeezed out.
- 👉 I think you would lose a little bit of the importance of each final if there are finals going on in all divisions and in both genders
- 👉 I would like to see a proposed format before we go through with this. My fear is that Division II and III are going to end up losing their identity, because Division I and the big swimming schools are going to calling the shots.
- 👉 it could take away from the intensity of the d1 meet
- 👉 It could take some of the attention from the actual swimming.
- 👉 IT IS UNFEASIBLE AND WOULD KILL COLLEGE SWIMMING! THIS IS NOT USA SWIMMING!!!
- 👉 It may be too large and confusing to run.
- 👉 It will be a big mess.
- 👉 it would be a nightmare and the focus would be on DI others would be lost in the frey
- 👉 IT WOULD BE, TO REPEAT MYSELF, AN ABSOLUTE SHIT-SHOW FOR ANYONE NOT DI. HOUSING AND LOGISTICAL LIMITATIONS COME TO MIND. THIS WHOLE IDEA IS SO IDIOTIC I CAN'T BELIEVE I AM EVEN WRITING THIS. GOD HELP US.
- 👉 It would take away from each divisions mission and purpose.
- 👉 It would take away from the accomplishments of D2 and D3 athletes.
- 👉 It would turn into an after-event party that will be out of control. Loss of attention to awarding excellence in sport for men and for women seperately
- 👉 Lack of control. Too many distractions. These kids need to swim, eat, sleep, and study during the meet. They don't have time for anything else.
- 👉 lack of spectator seating, athlete seating, adequate warm-up space, hotel rooms, etc.
- 👉 Larger numbers of participants and spectators requiring a large host site and venue

- ☞ Logistics of having such a huge meet. Devil in the details as to qualifying times, scoring, running of meet, etc.. Missed class time for student-athlete.
- ☞ length of meet would be too long and accomplishment and value of division 2 & 3 athletes could be overlooked in this format.
- ☞ Length of meet, crowded WU conditions. Takes away from D3 accomplishments.
- ☞ LESS ATHLETES to celebrate their achievements! Limited facilities to host such a monstrosity!
- ☞ Less excitement on the achievements of Division III swimmers. Extremely crowded venue.
- ☞ Limitation by the NCAA of the number of competitors. 4 full heats in each events should be an objective. "A" - "B" cuts must be firm. Relay only swimmers should not be allowed to swim individual events until all swimmers with "B" cuts faster than the relay swimmers are allowed to swim.
- ☞ limited athletes
- ☞ Limited entries in the future
- ☞ limited number of entries
- ☞ Limited site selection to continue to have a team swimming and diving championship
- ☞ Limited venues; Div. III will be viewed as a JV or club sport rather than varsity
- ☞ Limiting participant #s Size Facilities to host such an event
- ☞ Limiting the number of swimmers in the meet, number of swims for individuals and relays.
- ☞ logistics
- ☞ Logistics to put meet together that allows for quality swims...more days/ limited venues that can accommodate
- ☞ -Logistics -Hotels -Travel -Food & Restaurants - Parking -Drug Testing -Deck Space -Decreasing the number of Participants -Quality of the NCAA Championships -Limited number of Facilities to host the championship (as a West Coast school) - Logistics, missed class time, length of sessions, limited venues to host festival
- ☞ Logistics. There has been no discussion of what this would look like, how it might impact time standards for each division, how it would impact the present participation rates within each division. How meet format and timelines would work... all of this information needs to be fleshed

- ☞ out and discussed within each division before this is seriously considered.
- ☞ Long meet.
- ☞ long week
- ☞ Loss of division identity. Fewer opportunities to view the meet.
- ☞ Loss of significance for DII & DIII. These athletes go from being the main event at their own championship to the opening act. The additional need for travel accommodations, would be greatly inconvenient and I cannot see how the number of participants would be able to remain as high as the current levels. Warm up, meet pace, and set up would be extremely different from any other collegiate meet.
- ☞ loss of team atmosphere. lower divisions feeling sup-par. meet is too big, loss of individual accomplishments. limited deck space/pool space. limited hosting availability.
- ☞ loss of training time; potential reduction in participants. Very difficult to envision how diving would be scheduled.
- ☞ Lots
- ☞ Lower Divisions get less respect - coverage - positive attention
- ☞ may rush meet or bad times for some races
- ☞ Meet length would be too long both with daily events and number of days. Our kids already miss enough school.
- ☞ meet logistics/format based on size of meet. Potential increase in the amount of missed class time.
- ☞ Meet will be long or we will have to fly kids in and out. We will lose the team feel. Division III will be lost. I can see no positives
- ☞ missing too much school division I will still be the highlight and division III would be overshadowed
- ☞ More missed school. Crowded warm-up situation. Crowded decks. Reduced number of qualifiers.
- ☞ No comment
- ☞ No place big enough to host.
- ☞ non-div. 1 swimmers and divers are diminished athletically by comparison in competition to the D1 athletes
- ☞ none
- ☞ none
- ☞ not an option, to big no good facilities to host division 2 & 3 treated like undercards

- 👉 Not comparing apples to apples. Divisions wouldn't matter as much as a D-1 swimmer without national cuts could go to a D-2 school and essentially participate at the same meet.
- 👉 not sure
- 👉 Not Sure
- 👉 not sure what you mean by "festival format"
- 👉 Nothing would detract more from a Division II or Division III swimmer's races than after going a best time, watching dozens of other swimmers go much faster from Division I. The D2 and D3 swimmers would be 2nd-class citizens at such a meet, and they deserve to receive support and respect for their performances. A festival-format championship would result in an unsatisfying and underwhelming experience for all involved other than Division I. But for any team, getting in all the events in prelims AND finals would take way too long for this to be at all feasible.
- 👉 Only one facility could host the event...IUPIU; LOGISTICS;
- 👉 Our swimmers need their own venue.
- 👉 Parties
- 👉 people on pool deck, seating, etc
- 👉 Perhaps some Divisions or some performers would be overshadowed by the top 3 or 4 team competition.
- 👉 Prelims would take forever. There would be more missed class time and it would be an overall mess.
- 👉 Same as above drawbacks.
- 👉 Same as above.
- 👉 Same as with a combined championship. We already have the US Open/Juniors this way and have the NCSA meet. Keep Collegiate swimming unique and the best interest of the athletes in mind.
- 👉 same community will not support all 3 Divisions. minimum options for host. quality of each meet will be diminished. less days of press coverage. Div II nad III will lose credibility.
- 👉 Same. Way too large. No campus could host. Not adequate warm up or warm down. Women will be overshadowed.
- 👉 see #2 above
- 👉 SEE ABOVE RESPONSE
- 👉 See Houston D2 Festival
- 👉 See previous comments.

- 👉 See what happened with division 2. It was a disaster.
- 👉 Site availability. Travel costs. One division overshadowing another. Timing of running all at one time. Missed class time due to longer event.
- 👉 site to have such a thing, crowded, too many differing abilities and focus, after champ problems (social)
- 👉 Size, overshadowing Div. III, longer sessions, crowded warm-ups, hotel, dining difficulties.
- 👉 Space issues, DI getting the spotlight over DII and DIII. Possibly less participation. Difficult timeline.
- 👉 Space, DII and DIII would serve as Junior Varsity for the big boys. Very long days, diminished performance
- 👉 Standards are very different, I don't think the DI group would care to swim against the DII & III kids
- 👉 Ta many people giving the chance for to many problems
- 👉 takes away from the meet. also increases the cost due to lack of both air fare availability and hotel space. It would also limit facilities and overcrowd the deck.
- 👉 Taking student-athletes out of school for a longer period of time, or during the week (instead of weekend). Pool space/warm up space before the meet began while the other meet was going on.
- 👉 The biggest issue is space. There is no facility that can hold this type of meet and still keep participation at the level that it is at and where it should remain
- 👉 The biggest question I have is what the schedule would look like for a meet of this nature???? Who would host a meet of this magnitude? The length of the meet Missed class time!!!! Division I overshadowing the other two divisions
- 👉 The D-I athletes will overshadow the D-II and D-III accomplishments. Haven't heard the details of how it would be worked out so I don't know how I could be in favor of it.
- 👉 The drawbacks are numerous. As I mentioned, festivals take away from the athletes best interest for the sake of the festival. Also, the NCAA delegates were a non-presence on the final night of our recent festival, creating an unsafe environment for the athletes. This was never an issue when programs were not required to stay at the same hotels with other programs. I feel that

there could be possible liability issues with the festival format if the NCAA decides to continue this practice.

- ☞ The focus will be on the elite (D I) swimmer and the other swimmers & divers will be lost in the shuffle.
- ☞ The length of time to complete sessions will not benefit the athletes performance, also days of competition would have to increase to compensate the number of athletes and time to complete events taking students out of school for a longer period of time.
- ☞ the meet being too big, too drawn out, and less recognition for the athletes
- ☞ the more weeks we have news in swimming the better
- ☞ The number of days that athletes will miss school. Most programs miss a week for their conference meet and a week for NCAA's. Will they miss more if the festival is longer than 3 days?
- ☞ the only possible way this would work would be Division 3 one weekend, Division 2 the next, Division 1 the third weekend. To have all three divisions in one weekend at the same meet would be horrific.
- ☞ The size would be unwieldy, the deck crowded beyond workability, Divisions II and III would lose any special identity and excitement for the accomplishments of their athletes. Division I athletes would be bogged down by the influx of D II and III athletes.
- ☞ The smaller schools will get lost. The great swims by a DII or DIII school will seem insignificant compared to the swims that DI will be bringing to the meet. Especially for D III we don't play on the same field with not having scholarships and traditionally having tougher academic standards. I also think that a festival format would be impossible for performance with warm up and cool down space.
- ☞ THERE ARE NO GAINS FROM GOING IN THIS DIRECTION. I believe that this is a D1 coaches, USA Swimming and CSCAA Board agenda which is being shoved down the throats of the D3 - and I imagine D2 - schools.
- ☞ There are three different divisions in College athletics for a reason. Athletes get to choose, Athletes get to earn what division they want to

swim in and be a part of. Please do not take away from our student athletes ability to choose and earn what division and championships they want to excel at.

- ☞ There is a reason that the Divisions are separate and should be kept that way. They are not combined for any other sport.
- ☞ There will be ZERO interest in seeing the D3 athletes. It will actually be embarrassing having the D3 athletes competing at the same time as the D1. I am CERTAIN the D3 kids will feel like second-class citizens. The D1 kids could never appreciate great swims within D3. How could they. The kids chose divisions for completely different reasons. In speaking with D1 coaches, they cannot even imagine competing with D3 kids. Nor can I!
- ☞ This could be one of the worst idea's EVER for college swimming
- ☞ This idea would essentially downgrade the DII and DIII championship meets to also ran status.
- ☞ This is a terrible idea - the drawbacks are numerous
- ☞ this should be drawbacks? talk to DII about the discipline problems inherent to a festival.
- ☞ This will not benefit DIII at all. We will become the JV heat of the meet. No recognition, no sense of accomplishment, in the shadow of DI/DII. What pool could accomodate this? How much time would we be away from campus?
- ☞ This year's festival at the hotel was a nightmare. Horrible!!! This should never be done again.
- ☞ Time and size. I think the NCAA championships should have an intimate setting and feeling. I do not know how this could be created with a Festival format. I also do not know how one could structure the meet as to not marginalize DIII swimming against faster DI swimming.
- ☞ Time and space! More missed classes to accomodate a longer format.
- ☞ time consuming, would be enormous meet. Numbers would likely be reduced = even FEWER opportunities for D1 males. Lines would become blurred between DI, II and III. May take the gloss off D1 performances, when there are significantly slower performances from D2 and 3 athletes at the same meet (it seems to have done this in Ohio High School, for example). Further, why should

we have swimmers at the ""national meet"" when hundreds of D1 swimmers would be sitting at home because they couldn't make their cuts? Would the tv coverage be only of 1 division?"

- ☞ Time, expense.
- ☞ Time. Facilities. Limited or reduction in number of athletes.
- ☞ TO BIG-space-for spectators-athletes-warmup-diving.-guys/girls-different psyche
- ☞ To large. You will have the a larger group of swimmers who have the mind-set to party because they are just happy to be there. This can create a critical mass and involve more swimmers and have some ugly scenes.
- ☞ To many to count
- ☞ To many to mention.
- ☞ too big.even fewer participants down the line
- ☞ Too crowded on deck, in stands, during warm-up, etc. Limits our choices of venues. Hotel and restaurant difficulties. Sessions too long. Would need to be too many days.a format like this would work in the summer, but not in a college setting where the students would miss too much class time. Divisions II and III would look like JV.
- ☞ too crowded, level of swimming varies greatly, may take away some recognition from d2 and d3
- ☞ Too large, no venue big enough, not as many qualifiers, too confusing
- ☞ Too long and exhausting for coaches and athletes
- ☞ too long and hosting issues year to year
- ☞ too long of a meet
- ☞ Too long time frame for each day Facility problem. Hotels,parking,meals problems.
- ☞ too long!!!! may seem like it loses the wind out of its sails by the third championship
- ☞ too long, too big
- ☞ too long,loss of the division III connection.
- ☞ Too many athletes for any pool to handle. It will diminish the efforts of the division 2 & 3 athletes. It will be much harder to get hotel rooms and flights and possibly car rentals. Warmup and warmdowns will be insanely impossible
- ☞ Too many athletes . . . I can't really formulate in my mind how this would even work. Would there be smaller cap for each division? If so, we would be taking away opportunities from our student-athletes.

- ☞ too many athletes in one place at one time, will be trouble at the end of the meet
- ☞ Too Many athletes The disparity of Division talent of a full field, timed sport may jeopardize recruiting and programs
- ☞ Too many bodies
- ☞ Too many days away from classes. Increased expenses for travel, hotel and food
- ☞ Too many participants, Divisions II and III are treated like JV, Division III's identity and philosophy are minimized or trivialized
- ☞ Too many people at one loacation. Also, there is a lot of difference between the divisions.
- ☞ Too many people for warm-up and seating, timeline would be extremely long, and those athletes in Division II and III would be overshadowed by those in Division I.
- ☞ Too many people, not adequate space, warm up and warm down facility, will probably force limits on contestants and roster sizes
- ☞ Too many people. Other sports have not liked it.
- ☞ Too many spectators, not enough pool space, difficulties hosting that many people at once.
- ☞ too many swimmers - a hold week out of school
- ☞ Too many to explain. It is unrealistic. This is supposed to be about the athlete and their experience. We would be compromising their ability to be successful.
- ☞ Too many to list. Only one city benefits greatly economically. Where/How would Diving fit in? Space (pool, deck, athlete seating, specator seating) on all levels. Facilities...we build these beautiful facilities on all of these college campuses only to ensure that none of them will ever host an NCAA Championship. Loss of opportunities for aspiring swimmers and divers. I don't see a crowded pool atmosphere as being festive for our elite athletes/coaches who are trying to perform at their highest level.
- ☞ Too massive. Not enough emphasis on each division. Division 1 would outshine Division 3. Too long/noisy to stay excited.
- ☞ Too much craziness, not enough sport.
- ☞ Too much distraction
- ☞ Too much in one area.
- ☞ Too much missed class and not adequate facilities

- ☞ too much school being missed, swimmers breaking records in DIII or DII not being recognized as well
- ☞ Too much time for a community to give up pool time. Too many athletes and it would take too long.
- ☞ Venue. Not having the ability to stay where WE think it best for our athletes. Having the most important aspect of their athletic career becoming secondary to the show.
- ☞ warmup warmdown and size of meet, ncaa would want to reduce size to make the meet manageable and we do not want that
- ☞ Water down each Championship.
- ☞ watered down competition, a ZOO, ask serious div 2 coaches it was a joke. serious athletes did not get proper sleep or consideration in the planning of events and venues.
- ☞ watering down the Div 1 meet, timelines, overcrowding, distractions from competing at the highest level
- ☞ watering down the sport
- ☞ Waters down the importance of each championship instead of letting each stand on its own merits.
- ☞ Way to crowded!!!
- ☞ Way to many distractions
- ☞ Way too big
- ☞ Way too big of a meet.
- ☞ Way too big, not enough room for warm up/warm down. Division III will not get enough recognition as it will be all about the Division I level.
- ☞ WAY TOO BIG, WAY TOO MUCH SCHOOL MISSED
- ☞ Way too long
- ☞ Way too many athletes, coaches, trainers
- ☞ Way too many people. Div 2 and Div 3 totally overlooked.
- ☞ way too many swimmers trying to utilize one competition site at once
- ☞ WAY too much time away from Academics!!!
- ☞ Diminishes all the DII and D III swims!!
- ☞ what facility would shut down for 12-13 days for us to have this kind of meet. going d3,d2,d1 or running all at the same meet, i don't think d3 and d2 will get the recognition they deserve.

- ☞ Where do I begin?... Marginalizes DII and DIII; Intimidation by DI to other non-DI athletes; To big, no personal attention.
- ☞ where would you have it? too crowded. It would take too long. DII and III being overshadowed.
- ☞ Who would attend? The students cannot afford to miss more class time, parents have to work and will still only come and watch their child. The only festival I see working would be a multi sport festival by devision.
- ☞ why go this route?
- ☞ Will definitely take away the swims from d-iii! D-1 will over shadow. These athletes chose d3 for the d3 atmosphere!
- ☞ Will take away from D2 and D3. Additionally, it would more time away from campus and missed classes.
- ☞ Would it make the number of invited swimmers go down? How would a venue accomodate such large numbers?
- ☞ would need only largest facilities; much longer meet - probably 5 days; DII and DIII swimmers would get outshined by DI

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- A combined DI, DII & DIII meet is worst idea I have every heard of for DIII swimming. This would be like have the MLB All-Star game at the same time as the AAA, AA & A All-Star game.
- A combined men's and women's D1 meet would be nice, but combining all three divisions at one meet in one weekend would be a terrible idea. The Division 1 meet is special because it is so darn fast and having the other two divisions there would certainly take away from the atmosphere. I swam D2 and make these statements as a Division 1 assistant. D2 and D3 simply cannot compare with the excitement of the D1 meet and should not be in the same pool in the same weekend. Jake Shellenberger, Penn State
- Add snychro diving as a 'relay' scoring event at nationals since d2 and d3 do not have platform. If we are going to combine d3 nationals to save money for the NCAA, we should be able to adjust diving so it is more represented as an event. Or get rid of the 'video' system. Going to a d2 system for diving is the ONLY fair way because it puts all the qualifying divers in front of the SAME judging panel at the same pool, and the best will make the meet. The current selection system has been around long enough for coaches to know that it does not work. Put all the qualifying divers in front of the same panel, make cuts to the top 20 for each board.
- As far as I am aware (and I have been at NCAA Championships for each of the past 20 years) the D3 coaching community has never asked for nor supported at 'festival style' meet. As such, for the CSCAA to suggest in a memo that D3 is in favor of this move is a misrepresentation of our coaching body calling into question the ethical makeup of the organization's leadership. It further serves as yet another example of how the CSCAA - under past and current leadership - does not understand nor is willing to honor the parameters in which D3 functions. This lack of understanding was highlighted by Phil's presentation to the D3 coaches at NAAs where his comments, suggestions and assertions clearly hit off mark leaving many of us questioning and wondering exactly how we were being represented.
- ASK the athletes....they do NOT want a combined meet!!!!
- Assuming that we would have a facility similar to the University of Minnesota, combining the men and women was/is a positive step forward.
- At the Division 3 level, the combined men's and women's meet worked well. I'm not sure the meet would have the same feel if both Division 1 and Division 2 would be competing and sharing the same deck space.
- At the Division I Men's NCAA Championships the coaches voted against combining the championships by a vote of about 100-2. I feel strongly that our CSCAA Organization is trying to force this down our throats. I do not care what United States Swimming desires. If they think they have the solution let them fix their summer championships so they can get more than 100 spectators. Is our executive Director salary paid by United States Swimming? He conducts himself as if USS is his boss.
- Ban the suits - we as coaches never asked for this and it was rammed down our throats, now we are asking for a change, CHANGE IT!!
- Be honest and tranparant on the results. To date you have not done that
- Before we start combining all the divisions and men and women, I think we need to explore two other options. 1 - I think we need to move our championships to a time of the year when we can crown a national champion and actually get one article in the paper or on TV. 2 - I still think we should explore the option a national championship for dual meets. This could be done in two weekends and really get people excited about the team aspect of the sport. I could only imagine people filling out their brackets for swimming. Thanks for listening.
- Chance of a smaller field and no consols makes this an easy choice. FIGHT to keep women and men separate! Each meet deserves their own time.
- Clearly there is little support for any of these combined championship formats from the coaches. It is a move to placate other organizations or possibly the NCAA, but please don't act as if its in the best interest of swimming.
- Coaching at an academically driven college, I do not think that students would be able to handle missing the class time that a Festival type format would need to facilitate.
- Combining the championships or creating somekind of festival would be a step backwards to the great

strides and competitiveness that NCAA and USA Swimming currently possess.

- Difficult to answer in favor of new formats without knowing how they might work with timelines and pool space. Give us a sample location, describe the pool space available and what the event order and timeline would be and then it becomes easier to make a decision.
- Do something about the damn suits!!!!
- Don't try to make NCAA like USA or Olympic trials. NCAA is unique and should remain that way.
- For our sport to grow! We must attract attention, provide competition opportunities for a greater range of swimmers. The excitement of this event needs to be captured and used as a tool to sell College swimming to a wider range of schools and kids.
- I am also the AD at my institution
- I am glad for this survey, but very troubled that the topic of a "festival" format would even be considered without a detailed proposal of what the meet would look like and what the impact would be on swimmers in each division. This should be studied carefully and all coaches from each division should be able to give INFORMED input BEFORE a decision is made.
- I am not in favor of a combined swimming championship
- I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF COMBINING OR FESTIVALIZING!
- I am strongly Oppose to combining the divisions, either both genders or separate. It would be a major mistake for DIII. We have a great meet as it is with lots of energy, enthusiasm, and a sense of accomplishment. We do not need to ride anyone's coat-tails to make other improvements.
- I am vehemently against combining men and Women championships
- I am vehemently against the combination of championships for Division I, II and III. I am vehemently against the combination of Division I men and women at the same championships. I am vehemently against the festival format. In short, I am vehemently against any of the proposed changes to NCAA Swimming and Diving.
- I am very Oppose to a combined meet, I think ultimately, it will serve as the downfall of our sport
- I can't believe that any collegiate coach (I, II, or III) would support combining all three divisions into one location during the same dates. There would be no

positives if the NCAA would combine DI, DII and DIII. I am in support of combining Men's and Women's DII into one meet (and the same for DIII, but at a different location). I do believe that DI might be ready for a Men's and Women's combined championship meet. Keep DII and DIII the same!! In my opinion the festival format is a bad idea all together. This even means between sports (example: 2008-2009 DII swimming and diving; Wrestling; and Indoor Track and Field).

- I do like the combined men's and women's format in Division II. However, many coaches in our division are both the men's and women's coach. I think that is less true in Div I. That may make it more difficult to accommodate everyone at a co-ed championship. I don't agree with combining men's and women's NCAA's and or all three divisions.
- I have some other ideas for changing/improving the way we conduct our NCAA Championships. The selection process for inviting both swimmers and divers can be redesigned to better work with the "cap" on the number of athletes attending NAAs. My plan would radically change the way we do this. It's "out of the box" thinking, but solves some of the negatives with which we now suffer (example - a kid swims a "B" cut and has to train 3 weeks before knowing if he/she will be invited to Nationals or XYZ University has the 12th fastest 400 freestyle relay in Division 3 and that team does not get to participate at the NAAs). I will forward these ideas to you this summer."
- I hope this questionnaire is being sent to the collegiate diving community that is not a member of the CSCAA so the entire diving community has a voice.
- I like keeping the divisions separate, but bringing the two genders into the same meet, as D2 has done for years and D3 did this year.
- I prefer the NCAA Division II format remain the same. Since I do not coach at the Division I or III level, I do not feel it is fair for me to vote for their format. This survey is flawed in that there is no option to indicate "status quo". The survey automatically assumes there is a need for change, since the "status quo" option is not available. Why are coaches from all divisions voting on how the other divisions should hold their championships meet? the survey should be filled out according to Division affiliation and asking whether we wish to combine with either or both of

the other divisions. We should not be casting votes for how other divisions should hold their championship."

- I really believe that the 1000 Free should be included in the event list at NCAAs. It is an event that we swim all year long and it would help us with our distance programs
- I really hope student athletes and coaches' opinions on this stuff is weighed heavily. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input.
- I see benefits to having the men and women combined within D3 as well as having them separate. I am vehemently Oppose to combining the different divisions in one championship!
- I think a festival meet would be a disaster. I am from Div 3 and coaches in div 1. Div 2 and 3 would be totally overlooked and would not share the same quality experience they have now. Is it really saving money?
- I think it is important that the decision makers in this process are absolutely sure that the decisions made reflect what the membership really wants.
- I think many of the coaches would like to know where the idea of "festival" came from and what is the impetus behind it. I think we should stick to the current format. I'm not exactly sure there is a big discussion about changing the championship format all of a sudden. I don't think it's a good idea, for anyone involved in the sport. I haven't spoken with a coach that wants to go to a festival.
- I think you have to remember that our kids are supposed to be students first!! and what is in their best interest?!
- I thought I might dislike the combined championship this year for DIII but it was so great in so many ways, in particular that we were done in one week as Oppose to two and also that our teams got to see each other swim instead of trying to catch up with each other via internet or phone as Oppose to resting. I think alumni are more likely to come back since they can see both the men and the women from their teams all at once. I think the swims feed off each other.
- I truly hope that this does not get passed through. After competing at NCAA's for 4 years and being on the National A Team I see absolutely no benefit in combining the NCAA Championships. In fact, I have never heard any athlete ever complain about the

Championships being separate or talk about the benefit of having it combined. As a coach I've seen it from both ends I and would never want these Championships to be combined. Kevin Clements, LSU

- I understand that a combined championship saves money, and a festival-format championship could bring in more money through television, advertising, etc.. However, this decision cannot be about money. This is about providing the best situation for the student-athletes who commit so much of their time to this sport. We need to work in their interests - not in economic interests. It is the responsibility of the NCAA to provide a great experience for the student-athletes across the country who are fortunate enough to qualify for NCAA Championships - viewing the meet as a way to make money is not what the NCAA should be after. Please take into account the detrimental effects a combined and/or festival format would have on the experience and times of the swimmers involved.
- I vote for combined men and women championships in separate divisions.
- I want the option that give the athletes the best opportunity to succeed. I also want a decision to be made soon and to stick with that choice every year so I don't have to go into the offseason not knowing how to make up my schedule because I don't know when NCAAs are going to be held, if they are combined, how long they'll be, etc.
- I would be for combined meets (men and women) for each division but having all divisions at the same time . no, no way. It would be too much and the focus needs to be on the swimmers.
- I would just want to see how this is going to be conducted. When the CSCAA says lets have a Swimming Festival and this is how we propose to do it, then I can make a better decision, right now I'm oppose to it, but I can change my mind if it looks like its going to benefit ALL SWIMMERS AND DIVISIONS. Right now it doesn't.
- I would really need a lot more information about the festival format. I really would need to understand the thought processes and discussions surrounding this proposal to understand and maybe support it.
- If Div. I Championships aren't already drawing enough attention and excitement to our sport, I can't see how adding Div. II, & III athletes to the event will generate

even more interest from the general public and media.

- If it ain't broke, don't fix it. A combined meet WILL NOT give more attention to the sport. I would rather have athletes at the meet than one extra paragraph in the newspaper. Their hard work and dedication deserve our support! DO NOT do anything to REDUCE the number of athletes at the meet!
- If the sole purpose for this idea is to "Save our Sport," we need think differently. Changing for the sake of change is not a good policy to practice. Collegiate Swimming and Diving will never capture the American sports media market, nor will our sport ever bring in significant income to each of our institutions. Saving our sport simply comes down to endowing scholarships and being creative with budgeting. Making changes that will inevitably lead to decreased collegiate opportunities for aspiring swimmers and divers is an ill conceived idea. Our leadership with ASCA, CSCAA, and USA Swimming should simply be putting more resources into helping our college coaches raise money, and finding creative ways to make our sport less expensive. I can't imagine that the idea of a combined Championship will save money without decreasing opportunities, and it certainly won't help endow programs' scholarships.
- If this is pressure from the NCAA to save money on our championship meet and we have to choose some sort of combination. I would like to know that so I can have input on a required change, otherwise I like the format the way it is.
- IF we combine Men and Women in each division but keep the divisions separate, we should change our season start to mid Sept and end to mid April. This would get us away from National Championship conflicts with basketball (March Madness).
- If we go to a combined gender championship in each division, we would have to give some thought to how diving would fit into the schedule. We might have to consider diving at a separate site, or starting diving the evening before swimming.
- In the festival format the meet would need to be more than three days and I don't think that is what college swimming is about. That is for Trials, etc.
- Join Men's and Women's Division Championships are financially responsible in these hard economic times.
- Just wondering if there are supporting details as to how a festival would work?

- Keep DI championship meets the same. This is a really bad idea. Think about student athlete before you think about the 'festival' format. If you want more fans-publicity, change the dates to late spring, you'll never compete with March Madness. Lastly, you did not give all of the options for the championship meets, i.e. DII coaches may want to do a combined meet as DI coaches may want a separate. Let have a honest survey and not a 'let get the outcome we want' survey.
- last question contains typo
- LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE. IF NOT : CALL ME ON MY CELL AND I'LL ATTEMPT TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO WHOMEVER CALLS ME.
- Move meet to after final four basketball championships get live TV or live stream. few people want to see yesterdays news. "
- Move the Division I meet away from Final Four basketball
- Moving from our current seperated formats makes no sense unless we have a pool situation like the 2008 Olympic Trials in Omaha. I don't know the costs of that meet but I would assume that the NCAA would not be willing to bear that cost. The festival concept is the worst possible scenario of all of the options and can only marginalize swimming and diving more than we have already suffered.
- My guess is regardless of this survey, in some format, the festival will take place in the near future.
- No tech suits to qualifying for nationals. Once at nationals, can wear permitted (FINA rule) tech suits.
- note that the word perceive is spelled "i after e"... note also the need to clarify whether by combined you mean "combined coed" or if you mean "combined divisions". hence your opportunities for comments above may not correctly reflect the coach's beliefs.
- Perceive. E comes before the I.
- Perhaps DIII an DII can combine but DI is a special meet and should not be limited in it's scope.
- PLEASE EXPLAIN THE FESTIVAL FORMAT FOR THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT ATTEND USS MEETS.
- Please keep all of the divisions the same.
- "Preference: Combined W&M Championship at each Division, separate Championships for each gender at each Division Stronly Oppose to the Festival-format question (is not clear. Do you mean combined by gender like we do in D-II or combined by divisions.

Leave it like it is. I have coached in D-I and D-II and it works just fine like it is. They don't combined any other sport Championship why should they do this in swimming. for about 4 weeks there is nothing but great swimming in all Divisions. why do we want to cut it down to 1 or 2 weeks? This is not the Olympics. Let each division do their own thing. Women's basketball is on it's own. you don't see them even in the same city as the men.

- Seriously: Im not so concerned about the format of the championships as I am the suit issue.
- site would have to be outstanding and very large...only two exist....tempory site would be expensive
- The 5 day format is the only one that makes sense in combined gender meet. The length of the prelims (with the exception of the 3rd day) in the 4-day format is exceptionally long. With teams already giving up the entire week to be on site, I don't see a problem with extending the meet one more day.
- The combined M+W meet was not terrible, but was not nearly as beneficial to either the men or the women as a separate meet. The festival idea is a terrible idea for DIII. The NCAA Championship is the time to celebrate DIII student-athletes, not the time for DIII to celebrate DI and II. Please do not marginalize what the DIII swimmers have worked so hard for. Let them enjoy their meet in separate genders and in their own division.
- The committee should also discuss adding the 1000 free for DIII to a championship meet format.
- The largest issues to me are the limited amount of facilities available to Div. III (with separate or co-ed format); and more importantly the students missing more classes with the 4 day format. If the NCAA combines the championship (4 day format) I envision that the conference meets will also do the same 4 day schedule. So the athletes will potentially miss more classes. Another factor of importance is finding a facility in the conference's geographic area which can accomdate the larger numbers of a co-ed championship.
- This ideas has not been well-received by the coaches at Divisions I and II. I believe that the Division III coaches were forced, because of limited bids, on having a combined championship this year 2009. However, the opposition to the move is palpable with the Division I coaches- even threatening to some.

While seeing shrinking numbers of women head coaches coaching Division I athletes in swimming and diving, this is seen by some women coaches as another move to combine men's and women's programs and eliminate even more opportunities to coach.

- this is a poor concept for ncaa1 and i hope the cscaa supports single gender championships. feel free to contact me for any additional insight
- this is crazy. ask EVERY 2008 Olympic Coach. Not one was for these changes last summer.
- This is not a USA Swimming Championship meet or track and field Championship. This is the NCAA Swimming Championships! Do you really think the men swimmers want to combine with the women?? Listen to all voices of the D-1 coaches and keep D-1 separate!
- this is the most ridiculous idea i have ever heard.
- This should not happen, it would really dilute the importance and function of the championships. this was a bad idea started by someone uninformed and promoted by someone(s) with ulterior motives gone unmentioned. It will be the beginning of the end for college swimming as we've known it.
- This would ultimately be horrible for the sport because numbers would have to be reduced. No way a single facility could host this size meet with keeping numbers where they are.
- Use the internet to increase our visibility
- We do need to think outside of the box to help nurture and protect our sport, but combining events will only serve to further degrade any Men's sports that aren't Football, Basketball, and Baseball. Perhaps we should push in another direction, perhaps even back towards the days when each institution paid their own way to the Championships to increase our numbers and exposure.
- We need to focus on the student in student athlete. These format changes all lengthen the time away from campus and more importantly the classroom. Any additional missed classes should not even be considered as an option. Student athletes, not athletic students!!!
- We need to think more outside the box with fresh ideas. A lot of coaches in influential positions are ones who have been around a while. I would love to see that transition a little bit...a blending of old and

new....both are instrumental to the growth of our sport.

- We should try to get more athletes to the meet, this past yr was much better combining d3. i think 24 invites per event is a good number, 3 full heats of the top swimmers in each event.
- Why are we looking at this? I do not care that US swimming wants to go to a combined championships. Once we go to combined we are NEVER going to get separate back. Why don't we look at having the championships at one site plus have the CSCA conference Saturday pm Sunday and Monday am. This would increase attendance at the conference and not interfere with the men's meet. having them at same site could really be sold as a "week of great swimming" to the fans
- You can't compare apples and oranges. I like the combined genders in D III.

