

Dear FCSL Members,

The cancellation of the FCSL County Championships this year was unprecedented - the first time in 70 years- and truly a disappointment to all. Due to the severe weather experienced at Roxbury, as well as the radar indicating even more severe weather to come, a decision to cancel the meet was made to ensure the safety of everyone. A cancellation of this nature has never occurred before and quite frankly, was something that the league's bylaws never anticipated due to the many variables required to execute the meet in the first place. The league will examine what system should be put into place if we find ourselves in this situation again.

Since the cancellation, many board members came together to attempt to devise a plan to see if we could secure a pool and to determine if swimmers, coaches, volunteers and referees could attend a make-up date. Roxbury graciously offered their pool for Friday morning, August 24th. An email was sent to all coaches asking them to reach out to their membership to see if they could participate on that day. Only six of 31 clubs responded that they were able to participate with both swimmers and coaching staff. This combined with the many other variables that go into running Counties led us to the conclusion that a make-up meet was not feasible.

In order for a fair and equitable conclusion to the 2018 season to occur, the Championship Committee will look at the best way to score the championships based off the County Championship entries so that we can name a County Champion. Awards based off this determination will be distributed at the June kick-off meeting.

Finally, we are truly grateful to Mike Simerman and Marj Trifone who worked countless hours helping us work through all the complexities of this very difficult process.

We share in the disappointment for the conclusion of the season, but look forward to applying the lessons learned over the past few weeks and making the 2019 and future seasons even more successful.

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