

## **2013-5 PROPOSAL: Competitor Age Groups**

### **CURRENT RULES:**

#### **ARTICLE IV: Miscellaneous**

##### Section 4. Competitor Age.

Line 56. The eligibility of a swimmer in a particular age group will be determined by his date of birth. A swimmer will be placed in the appropriate age group on the anniversary of his date of birth. In instances such as the City Championship Meet when competition extends over two or more days, a swimmer's age shall be fixed by his age on the day the meet begins.

### **PROPOSE CHANGE:**

#### **ARTICLE IV: Miscellaneous**

**The eligibility of a swimmer in a particular age group will be determined by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. A swimmer will be placed in the appropriate age group by using their age on May 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year.**

### **REASON FOR CHANGE:**

Rocket City Swim Leagues guiding principles is the intent of this League to encourage children to participate in both intra-city swimming and diving competition. The guiding principles encourage children to learn to love swimming. Swimming in a team atmosphere, continuously with the same age group throughout the season, contributes to the overall comfort level and confidence of the swimmers. Continuously changing the dynamic of the group (especially in relay swims) due to date of birth negatively affects not only the individual swimmer who is leaving his comfort zone, but also the group which he is leaving as well as the group he is joining, possibly making it hard to transition in a timely and effective manner.