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(3) 8 & Under Scoring: points scored by the 8 & Unders age groups at the B Championship meet will be included in the overall team scores at the 12 & Under Championship meet.

Rationale:

One of the major topics discussed about the 12 & Under Champs meet is that the meet is too big and the sessions are too long. At 1 session per day with 350+ swimmers that is also getting too large for many of our facilities to host. This would help alleviate almost a hour and a half on both Saturday & Sunday using the 2025 meet timelines. This would allow for more opportunities to award swimmers during the meet, rather than at the end of the sessions as well.

For the 8 & Under swimmers, it would also help with long term athlete development and promote the B Champs meet more. Taking away time standards for 8 & Under swimmers encourages those new and younger swimmers to focus on building legal and proper stroke mechanics, rather than results at such a young age. By turning the 9-10 age group into a 10 & Under age group at the 12 & Under Champs meet you can still have the more advanced 8 year olds at that meet as well with more appropriate competition.

By starting every kid in the 8 & Under age group going to B Champs it also helps take away some of the stigma of having to go to B Champs when kids age up into new age groups and makes it more a regular part of everyone's swimming development.

We can add in the 8 & unders scores to help teams who may be concerned about losing those points at the championship meet.