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TO: Coaches, Parents
FROM: Anthony Camargo, Co-meet coordinator
SUBJECT: JO Top 12 qualifier meet

Because we have decided to allow 12 athletes from the Pacific Association meet qualify to the Region 14 meet, this poses a new question about the necessity to run finals – specifically the 100m, 200m, 400m and sprint hurdles. As a result, we would like to garner your input as to how we should proceed. The biggest difference between the two options is how awards will be done, as qualifiers will stay the same.

Option 1: Do not run finals. Since 12 qualify onto the regional meet, and there are less than 12 lanes, there is no need to run an additional race to “qualify” for the meet which they have already qualified for. Awards will be given to the top 3 overall times in each event, with 12 going to the regional meet.

Option 2: Run finals as normal. Since 12 qualify to the regional meet, and only 8 qualify to the finals, only those top 8 CAN show up later in the day to run the finals in order to either improve time or attempt to place in the top 3 for awards purposes. If an athlete does not show for the finals, said athlete will STILL qualify for the regional meet, along with the 4 who did not make the finals. Awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in the finals. There will be no penalty for not running in the finals, except the potential to not win an award.

With either option, trials for these races will be run in the same requirements of the JO Championship Series with RANDOM seeding, heat winners qualifying to “finals.” Allowing 12 to qualify on to the region meet will eliminate the very slight possibility that someone who was in a faster heat but not a winner get passed out of the opportunity to still try to advance to the national meet.

Let Maria and/or Joanne know your choice, Option 1 or Option 2. We will let you know at the PAC meet which one we will be using moving forward.
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