

February 8, 2013

Honorable Mayor Robert Foster and City Council City of Long Beach 333 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802

Mayor Foster and Council Members:

I am writing to express support for the development of a state-of-the-art indoor competition venue as part of the proposed Belmont Pool Revitalization Project to be considered on February 12, 2013.

The Pac-12 is a nationally prominent collegiate conference in the sports of men's and women's swimming and diving. We appreciate the long-standing relationship we've developed with Belmont Olympic Plaza and have benefitted from this partnership over the years.

Attached is a summary of the Pac-12 Swimming and Diving Championships facility specifications (Appendix A) for your information. I hope this information is helpful for all concerned during the facility approval and design process.

We typically schedule our championship meets well in advance and would value the opportunity to consider scheduling future championships in Long Beach should the project be approved, completed, and meets Pac-12 specifications.

Sincerely,

Kevin Weiberg

Deputy Commissioner & COO

Pac-12 Swimming & Diving Championships Facility Specifications

Per Pac-12 SPR 13-4-a and 14-4-a, the Conference Championships are to be conducted in an indoor facility that is adequate in length and width, and in diving, locker, and spectator facilities.

Swimming Championships

Under this general specification, the following guidelines apply to the facility requirements for Pac-12 men's and women's swimming championships:

- 1. Digital score boards.
- 2. Fully-integrated automatic timing system.
- NCAA-compliant starting equipment.
- 4. Lighting that is sufficiently rated for television production.
- 5. Permanent spectator side-line seating for approximately 1,500 (with capability for additional temporary seating).
- 6. Auxiliary meeting room space.
- 7. Ample deck space for teams, officials and trainers.

Diving Championships

When diving is included with swimming championships, the following additional specifications apply:

- 8. Competition-level one and three meter springboards.
- 9. Diving tower platforms.