

**Proposed Policy Changes**  
**VSI HOD Meeting**  
**April 27, 2008**

**Changes to Policies:**

**F. Travel Fund Criteria** (replace the current wording with the following)

1. To be eligible for travel expense reimbursement, an athlete must meet the following criteria:
  - a. be a Virginia registered swimmer at a USA Swimming National Championship, USA Swimming Junior National Championship, National Disability Championship, U.S. Open or any Trial class meet.
  - b. must have swum an individual event in at least one (1) USA Swimming sanctioned meet as a VSI registered swimmer within the six-month period immediately prior to their reimbursable competition. Exceptions for documented illness, injury etc., will be considered on an individual basis.. (USA Swimming sanctioned meets, as defined under this Travel Fund Criteria, do not include individual team time trials, intra-squad meets, or any other type of meet that limits entries to only one swim club.)
2. College swimmers are eligible for travel reimbursement only if they were a VSI registered swimmer prior to college and participated in at least one VSI sanctioned meet that occurred before March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to attending college. Exceptions will be considered for swimmers whose families moved to the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the treasurer of VSI within 30 working days after the meet for full funding. Extenuating circumstances can be submitted in writing to the VSI Board of Directors for review and consideration for full or partial funding.

Rationale: These criteria were approved by the Senior Committee at its October meeting and are presented now for approval by the House of Delegates.

**M. Marshals** – Current Wording:

A minimum of two Marshals will be present at all VSI sanctioned meets. They will be responsible to the meet referee(s) and the meet director and perform duties as outlined in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Marshals must be current, registered non-athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming. The minimum acceptable age for Marshals will be 18 years of age.

Change to:

A minimum of two Marshals will be present at all VSI sanctioned meets. They will be responsible to the meet referee(s) and the meet director and perform duties as outlined in USA-Swimming Rules and Regulations. Marshals must meet all requirements as set forth by USA-Swimming. The minimum acceptable age for Marshals will be 18 years of age.

Rationale: USA-Swimming has removed its membership requirement for Marshals.

## Proposed Records Policy

After researching a number of other LSC's policies and procedures, I found that there are almost as many polices out there as there are LSC's. So, like a Chinese menu, I borrowed some from column A, some from column B, and some from column C. With that being said.....

Records may be set only if all requirements of the current USA Swimming Rule Book have been met

### Records

1. In order to be considered for VSI Age Group and Open records, a swimmer or relay team must be registered with USA Swimming and representing a VSI club when the time is achieved.
2. VSI records will include only those events or distances recognized by USA Swimming or VSI Swimming. VSI records represent the fastest time in each event by a VSI swimmer or relay and may be achieved in either age group or senior competition.
  - a. Virginia Swimming shall establish and maintain age group and open records for both 25 yard and 50 meter courses for the 10 and under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and open age groups
  - b Records must be achieved in accordance with Article 104 of the Technical Rules of USA Swimming and the policies and procedures of Virginia Swimming in effect at the time.
  - c.. The fastest time swum by a VSI registered athlete or relay at time of performance in any VSI or USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meet, or in an International Championship event recognized by USA Swimming will be recognized as a record. The swim must appear in the SWIMS National Times Database.
  - d. A tie of an existing record shall be recognized as such in the Records list.
  - e. Any swim timed with semi automatic or automatic timing used as the primary timing system may establish a record.
  - f. Any intermediate time or time achieved in a time trial is not acceptable as a VSI record.
3. Final results for meet outside the boundaries of VSI must be submitted for record verification. It is the responsibility of the swimmer, or their

representative, to submit the proper documentation to verify a record performance. Forwarding a copy of the meet results (via mail or email) or notifying the Records Chair where the results can be found online will serve as acceptable documentation.