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**AMENDMENTS TO
2005 USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS
APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
September 17, 2005**

R-1.1 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 43 102.26 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Proposed by: Rules & Regulations Committee

Purpose: To clarify the policy regarding alcoholic beverages.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

102.26 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** – ~~Sale and use of Alcoholic beverages is~~ are prohibited in all areas of the venue, including, but not limited to, pool deck, locker rooms, spectator seating or standing areas, and in all areas used by swimmers. Exceptions to this provision can be made only with the approval of the USA Swimming Board of Directors.

R- 2 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 24 102.4 RELAYS

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.5 ~~First and last names of swimmers eligible to compete in relay events shall be entered on the entry blank according to the relay event in which they will be eligible to swim. There is no limit to the number of eligible swimmers who may be listed.~~ First and last names of swimmers eligible to compete in relay events shall be entered in accordance with the meet information.

R- 5 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 34 102.14.5 False Starts

102.14.5 False Starts

D (new) A swimmer who would otherwise be charged with a false start may be relieved of the charge if the false start was caused by the swimmer's reaction to the "Stand Up" command.

E (new) A swimmer shall not be disqualified for an illegal starting position at the start if the race is permitted to proceed. Enforcement of the correct starting position is the responsibility of the Starter.

Renumber existing D as F.

R- 7 ACTION: Adopted/Amended

Location: Page 45 **Article 103.7 WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURE**

103.7 WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURE

.1 /M/ Water temperature between ~~78 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit~~ 25 to 28 degrees Celsius (77 to 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit) shall be maintained for competition.

R- 9B ACTION: Adopted

Location: Page 51 **104.2.3 AMERICAN RECORDS FOR SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY**

~~104.2.3 American Records for Swimmers with a Disability~~

~~A Requirements~~ all provisions of 104.2.1 and 104.2.2 shall apply.

~~B Meet Status~~ The meet must be either a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, and comply with all USA Swimming rules and regulations including Level 1 timing equipment; or a USA Swimming approved championship meet and comply with all conditions for approval as well as the conditions for observed swims in 202.5 and Level 1 timing.

~~C Athlete Classifications~~ Swimmers shall be required to submit proof of their Functional Classifications. Records will be considered as pending until classification is verified.

~~D Submission~~ Application forms shall be requested in advance from USA Swimming. The forms must be completed and the required inclusions attached and sent to the Records Coordinator for Swimmers with a Disability.

Renumber subsequent sections.

R-10 ACTION: Adopted

Location: Page 59 ff. **202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL

.4 No competition shall be approved in conformance with all applicable USA Swimming technical rules including, but not limited to, the following:

- A Article 101 (all) Individual stroke and relay rules
or Article 105 (Disability)
- or Article 701 (Open Water)

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R-11.1 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

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202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS – Official times achieved as observed swims
.....if all of the following conditions are met:

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Delete existing subsections .3 through .6 and replace with the following:

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.3 (new) At least two USA Swimming observers, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or approved by the LSC, must be present, one at each end of the course, to verify compliance of the swim or swims, when blanket observed (all swims observed), with USA Swimming rules specified in 202.4.4A, D, and E, and 103.3.1. An individual swim being observed requires notification to the observers prior to the start of the competition. The times should be entered, upon request, into SWIMS, the National Times Database.

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Location: Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

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202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

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.2 Request for USA Swimming observers for certification of times from meets in the championship progression must be made to the host LSC in accordance with LSC procedures at least 10 days prior to the meet. Applications to the USA Swimming Operations Vice President shall be submitted at least 28 days prior to the meet. Applications for observation of all other meets must be made to the host LSC at least 10 days prior to the meet. Authorization of such non-championship meets must then be approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or designee.

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~~.6 (Deleted by passage of R-11.1) If a meet is receiving blanket observation (all swims observed), a time for any swim in compliance with USA Swimming rules as stated in 202.4.4 will be considered an official time for the swimmer and should be entered, upon request, into SWIMS, the National Times Database.~~

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R- 13 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 68 205.8 NATIONAL TOP 16 TIMES REPORTING AND RECOGNITION

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205.8 NATIONAL TOP 16 TIMES REPORTING AND RECOGNITION

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.1 Times submitted for recognition to the National Top 16 Times Coordinator shall be achieved in the recognized events in 102.1.2 and in accordance with 102.16.4C in any USA Swimming Sanctioned or Approved competition, ~~or~~ USA Swimming Observed Swims, or meets sanctioned by FINA or FINA members and accepted for national times reporting by USA Swimming. These meets must be conducted between September 1 of one calendar year and August 31 of the next calendar year.

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R-13.1 ACTION: Adopted

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135 **Location: Page 70 ff. ARTICLE 207 USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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137 *Sections in Article 207 shall be realigned in the following order:*

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139 207.1 GENERAL

140 207.2 USA SWIMMING SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

141 207.3 USA SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

142 207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

143 207.5 USA SWIMMING DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

144 207.6 TRIALS CLASS MEETS

145 207.7 ~~207.12~~ QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

146 207.8 ~~207.13~~ PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

147 207.9 ~~207.10~~ ENTRY FORMS AND OFFICIAL MEET PROGRAM

148 207.10 ~~207.11~~ ENTRIES

149 207.11 ~~207.8~~ PROGRAMS

150 207.12 ~~207.7~~ ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

151 207.13 ~~207.9~~ AWARDS

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R-14 ACTION: Adopted

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154 **Location: Page 71 207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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156 **207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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158 .1 The Junior National Championships will be swum long course...

159 .2 (No change)

160 .3 The Junior National Championships program will be determined...

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R-15 ACTION: Adopted

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164 **Location: Page 71 ARTICLE 207 USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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166 **207.6 TRIALS CLASS** -- Trials Class shall be the selection meets for United States teams for the Long Course
167 World Championship and Olympic Games ~~USA teams~~ and may be held in conjunction with the USA Swimming
168 National Championships. The Trials class meets shall be governed by the National Team Director and
169 conducted by Program Operations. The event format will be established by the National Team Director and
170 may emulate the Olympic Games or Long Course World Championship program. The men's 800-meter
171 freestyle and women's 1500-meter freestyle will be conducted ~~on the day following the completion of the event~~
172 ~~program~~ if the Trials are held in conjunction with the Nationals Championships. There shall be no relays or
173 scoring in the Olympic Team Selection Meet. Touch pads shall conform to 103.18.3E. Only United States
174 citizens eligible to represent the United States on the Olympic or Long Course World Championship teams may
175 compete in these Trials. ~~Trials Class meets shall not be subject to Article 207.8 and 9.~~
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R-15.1 ACTION: Adopted

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179 **Location: Page 71 ff. 207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING**
180 **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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182 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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184 **.5 Schedule**

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186 **A.** Except as otherwise stated in 207.8.2D (5), a minimum of two (2) hours must elapse between the end
187 of the last preliminary heat and the start of the first race in the finals on any one day, during which
188 time the pool must be available for warm-up. ~~Starting times of the preliminary and finals sessions~~
189 ~~must be the same on all days of the meet.~~ Starting times for the preliminary and finals sessions shall
190 be published in the meet information and reviewed at the general meeting. Starting times shall be as
191 consistent as possible throughout the meet. At the general meeting(no further change)
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R-16 ACTION: Adopted

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195 **Location: Page 75 207.7.12 Scoring**

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197 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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199 **.12 Scoring --**

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201 ~~**E.** Eighteen (18) & under combined team scoring will be conducted only at the USA Swimming National~~
202 ~~Championships, and will be calculated on the basis of the top 16 athletes, eighteen (18) & under,~~
203 ~~competing in each individual event. College or university teams competing at the Nationals shall not~~
204 ~~be eligible for this eighteen (18) and under team scoring.~~
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R-17 ACTION: Adopted

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208 **Location: Page 76 207.7.13 Final Results**

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210 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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212 **.13 Final Results** -- ~~Within two weeks following the event, the meet host shall send gratis copies of the final~~
 213 ~~results to the coaches registered at the event, the National Times Coordinator, the National Top 16 Times~~
 214 ~~Coordinator, the National Age Group Records Coordinator and one of the following recipients for each~~
 215 ~~LSC represented by athletes at the event: the permanent office, the Top 16 Tabulator, or the Records~~
 216 ~~Chair. These copies shall be mailed or provided by electronic media (e-mail or computer disk) at the~~
 217 ~~recipient's choice. The meet host shall also make copies of the results available to others on request at a~~
 218 ~~nominal charge. The final results shall include split times, the age of the each swimmer in each event, the~~
 219 ~~competing relay teams with first and last names and ages of relay members, all men's and women's teams~~
 220 ~~listed by point standings, and all combined teams (men and women) listed by point standings. USA~~
 221 ~~Swimming will provide final meet results to all participating teams and LSC times and records volunteers~~
 222 ~~within two weeks of the completion of the Championships.~~
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R-18 ACTION: Adopted

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 226 **Location: Page 79 207.9 AWARDS**

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 228 **207.9 AWARDS**

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 230 .1 Team Awards

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 233 **USA Swimming National Championships only:**

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 235 ~~Men's & Women's USA Swimming National 18 & Under Combined National Team Champion (first~~
 236 ~~through tenth for 18 & under swimmers scoring in individual events.)~~

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 238 William A. Lippman, Jr., USA Swimming – Combined Team Champion Cup (*perpetual trophy*)
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R-19 ACTION: Adopted

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 242 **Location: Page 80 207.11 ENTRIES**

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 244 **207.11 ENTRIES**

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 246 .4 Entry times for individual and relay events shall:

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 248 A *No change*

249 B *No change*

250 C *No change*

251 ~~D — A qualifying time achieved while participating in Trials Class meets, or while representing the~~
 252 ~~United States as a National Team member in international competition since July 1 of the previous~~
 253 ~~summer, shall also be eligible to enter the USA Swimming spring championship and USA Swimming~~
 254 ~~National Championships.~~

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Location: Page 83 207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

- .1 **Individual Events** – All individual entry times must be made during the correct qualifying period specified in 207.11.4C and must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for that event through the SWIMS National Times database. ~~Verification division of STARS (Swimming Tracking and Recognition System).~~
- .2 **Relay Events** – Times for each entered relay team must be submitted on the entry form. This entered time must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for each entered relay team, in aggregate or as a team, through the ~~NTV system~~ SWIMS database. For the purpose (no further change)
- .3 (no change)
- .4 The above requirements shall be made a part of the official entry form for all USA Swimming championships and other meets at which proof-of-time is required through the ~~National Times Database system~~ SWIMS database.

R-21 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 85 APPENDIX 2-A

APPENDIX 2-A – *Remove in its entirety.*

R-22 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 106 Article 302 ATHLETE REGISTRATION

~~302.3 APPLICATION/RENEWAL – Athlete membership forms may be obtained from the LSC registration chairman. The form shall be fully completed and submitted with the fee set forth in 502.5 to the registration chairman of the LSC, which shall issue a registration card upon approval. The registration chairman, exclusively, shall be authorized to receive and accept such application forms and the registration/membership shall not be effective until so accepted, except that the registration chairman may directly designate by title, position or name, specific deputy registrars to receive and accept registration forms on behalf of the chairman and no other person or position shall be considered to be so designated indirectly or by implication. Identification of the deputy registrars shall be published by the LSC. Athlete membership applications and payment as set forth in 502.5 shall be submitted to the registration chair of the LSC who, upon approval, shall issue a membership card. The registration chair may designate deputy registrars to accept applications on behalf of the chair and forward for approval.~~

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Location: Page 106 Article 302 ATHLETE REGISTRATION

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302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION – ~~An~~ A host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a member coach or a member club ~~representative signing a document~~ submitting a meet entry which indicates a swimmer is registered with USA Swimming ~~for a meet~~ when that swimmer or the listed club is not properly registered. ~~This will be enforced by the LSC and~~ The ~~host~~ LSC will be entitled to ~~the~~ any fines imposed.

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Location: Page 111 ARTICLE 402 NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW

402.1 The Chairman of the National Board of Review shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. A committee, ~~comprised~~ consisting of the President, the General Counsel and the Chairman of the National Board of Review shall appoint other members of the National Board of Review. ~~All National Board of Review appointments shall be confirmed by the Executive Committee~~. The term of the Chairman shall be two years with no limit on the number of terms the Chairman may serve. Each case submitted to the National Board of Review shall be assigned by the Chairman of the National Board of Review to a panel of no less than three members, one of whom shall be an athlete representative, to hear and decide the case. The appointment of the members of each National Board of Review panel hearing a case shall be confirmed by the President and the General Counsel.

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Location: Page 114 ARTICLE 406 HEARING PROCEDURE

406.1 NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW

- .3 The Chairman will mail the Notice of Hearing, together with a copy of the written Complaint received by the Executive Director to the parties. The Respondent(s) shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of mailing to submit a written Response to the charges. The Response shall be mailed to the Chairman, ~~who will mail a copy to the~~ and the Petitioner(s).
- .4 The Petitioner(s) shall have ten (10) calendar days from the date of mailing of the Response to submit a written Reply. The ~~written~~ Reply ~~will~~ shall be mailed to the Chairman, ~~who will mail a copy to the~~ and the Respondent(s).
- .5 Upon showing of good cause, the Chairman may decrease or increase the time limits for any of the foregoing ~~upon request of either party~~.

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Location: Page 114-115 ARTICLE 406 HEARING PROCEDURE

406.1 NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW

- .7 A decision may be rendered by the National Board of Review at the time of the hearing and reduced to writing within ~~seventy-two (72) hours~~ three (3) business days in which event ~~a~~ A written decision will be

348 mailed to the parties within ~~four (4) calendar~~ five (5) business days after the hearing. Otherwise, the
349 National Board of Review shall reach a decision as soon as administratively practicable (not more than 15
350 business days after the conclusion of the hearing) and shall mail the written decision within five (5)
351 business days thereafter. The written decision ~~will~~ shall set forth the right of appeal.
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R-28 ACTION: Adopted/Amended

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355 **Location: Page 115-116 ARTICLE 407 APPEAL – LSC BOARD OF REVIEW TO**
356 **NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**
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358 **407.1 PROCEDURE**

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360 .3 A final and binding decision shall be rendered ~~within 75 days from date of filing of the petition~~ as soon
361 as administratively practicable (not more than 15 business days) after the final hearing by a majority of
362 the acting panel based on the record submitted on appeal and on evidence submitted at such hearing as
363 may be required by the panel. A written decision shall be sent to all parties. The National Board of
364 Review may, in cases where USA Swimming is not a party, assess costs against any party.
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R-29 ACTION: Adopted

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368 **Location: Page 116 ARTICLE 408 APPEAL – NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**
369 **TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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371 **408.1 PROCEDURE**

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373 .1 Any real party in interest, including any officer of the Corporation or the Executive Director, may
374 appeal any decision of the National Board of Review as follows: ~~to the Board of Directors within thirty~~
375 ~~(30) days of the date of the postmark of the mailing of its written decision.~~
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377 a. Matters heard by the National Board of Review pursuant to its original jurisdiction, heard *de novo*
378 or heard pursuant to its discretionary jurisdiction, may be appealed to the Board of Directors within
379 thirty (30) days of the date of the mailing of its written decision.
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381 b. Matters heard by the National Board of Review on appeal from an LSC Board of Review, other than
382 any matter included in 408.1.1a, shall be heard only upon the granting of a petition from a real party
383 in interest. Unless a majority of the President, General Counsel and the Athlete's Vice President (or
384 their respective designees) shall determine, based upon the record below, that an appeal will have
385 sufficient merit and be of such general application as to justify an appeal to the Board of Directors,
386 the petition shall be denied and the matter shall be final, with no further appeal allowed.
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R-30 ACTION: Adopted

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390 **Location: Page 117 ARTICLE 410 (new) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF**
391 **NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW AND APPELLATE BODIES**
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393 *Add new section.*

ARTICLE 410

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF NATIONAL BOARDS OF REVIEW
AND APPELLATE BODIES**

410.1 Standards of Conduct– Members of National Board of Review panels and Board of Directors appeals panels (collectively, “Review Members”) shall:

- .1 Uphold the integrity and independence of the National Board of Review or Appellate Body;
- .2 Avoid any impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in connection with service as a Review Member and swimming-related activities generally; and
- .3 Perform the duties of a Review Member impartially and diligently.

410.2 Grounds for Recusal – Review Members shall recuse themselves from participating in any matter pending before the National Board of Review or Board of Directors:

- .1 In which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned;
- .2 Where they have a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party in the pending matter or have personal knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the pending matter (other than knowledge obtained as a Review Member or known generally to a substantial portion of the membership of USA Swimming);
- .3 Where they or a member of their family are a party or are likely to be a material witness in the pending matter;
- .4 Where they or a member of their family have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding; or
- .5 Where they or a member of their family have served or are serving as counsel in the pending matter or are members of a law firm that served or is serving as counsel in the pending matter.

410.3 Recusal by Member – Review Members shall recuse themselves as soon as they become aware of facts that give rise to the duty to do so by giving notice to the National Board of Review Chairman, or in the case of the Chairman, the General Counsel.

410.4 Recusal/Disqualification Requested by Party - By written notice to the Presiding Officer of the review board panel or the National Board of Review Chairman, any party may request that a Review Member recuse himself or be disqualified from serving on the pending matter stating the reasons for recusal or disqualification with specificity. Such notice shall be given at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing on such matter or, if the party sustains the burden of proving good cause for the lateness of the notice, as soon as reasonably possible after discovery of the reason for the need for recusal. The named Review Member shall reach a decision on the matter and notify the National Board of Review Chairman or the General Counsel of that decision within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the party's notice. If the member's decision is not in favor of recusal, then the Chairman or the General Counsel may, if appropriate, disqualify the member from participating in the pending matter. If there is no disqualification, the hearing shall be conducted as scheduled and, if it is a hearing before the National Board of Review, the party giving the notice may appeal the disqualification decision, together with the hearing decision, pursuant to Section 408.1.

445 **410.5 Substitution for Recused or Disqualified Member** - In the event of a recusal or a disqualification, a
446 substitute Review Member shall be appointed in the same manner as the original Review Members were
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R-31 ACTION: Adopted

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451 **Location: Page 119-120 ARTICLE 502 MEMBERSHIP**

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453 **502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership**

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455 .7 All clubs which register for the first time as a year-round club member shall comply with the New Club
456 Membership Requirements established by USA Swimming.
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R-32 ACTION: Adopted together with Resolution stating terms start with new position and
without regard for previous terms served.

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460 **Location: Page 121 ARTICLE 503 OFFICERS**
461 **Page 125 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**
462 **Page 131 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**
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464 **Effective:** House of Delegates, 2006
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466 **503.1 Officers** All USA Swimming officers, except the Secretary and Athletes Vice President, shall be elected
467 by the House of Delegates at annual meetings held in even-numbered years. The elected officers shall be
468 President, Treasurer, Vice President of ~~National~~ Administration, ~~Vice President of Local Administration~~, Vice
469 President of Program Development, Vice President of Program Operations and Technical Vice President.
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471 **503.2 Vice Presidents** The vice presidents of USA Swimming shall be the chairmen of their respective
472 divisions, and shall be responsible for their respective committees, as set forth in Article 506.1. Whenever the
473 President is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice President of ~~National~~ Administration shall perform the
474 duties.
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476 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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478 .5 The following shall be responsible to the ~~National~~ Administration Vice President: Rules & Regulations,
479 Waterworks (Public Relations and Marketing), Credentials, Communications, Awards and All-America,
480 Registration & Membership, Education, Safety Education and Club Fundraising Committees.
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482 ~~.6 The following shall be responsible to the Local Administration Vice President:~~
483 ~~Registration/Membership, Education, Safety Education and Club Fundraising Committees.~~
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485 *Renumber remaining sections*
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487 **507.1 Organization**

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489 ~~.1 The House of Delegates of USA Swimming shall consist of the following divisions: Program~~
490 ~~Operations, Program Development, Local Administration and National Administration.~~

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Location:	Page 121	ARTICLE 503	OFFICERS
	Page 122-123	ARTICLE 504	BOARD OF DIRECTORS
	Page 125-126	ARTICLE 506	COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS
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.1 The Athletes Vice President shall be elected by and from the Athletes Committee members of the House of Delegates.

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504.1 General Membership ~~Eight (8)~~ Nine (9) Directors shall be the ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8) elected officers of USA Swimming and the Secretary (appointed by the Board). Two (2) Directors shall be elected from each zone by members of the House of Delegates, representing LSCs within each of the four zones. The Chairman of the Olympic International Operations Committee shall also be a member.

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504.3 Athlete Representation The Athletes Committee shall elect to the Board of Directors that number of athlete Directors necessary to assure that not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Directors are athletes. Athlete Directors need not themselves be athlete representatives, but must at the time of their election be actively engaged in amateur swimming competition or have represented the United States in international competition within the ten (10) years preceding their election. Two of these athlete Directors shall be the Athletes Vice President and the Athletes Executive Vice Chair.

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506.2 Athletes Committee

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.1 The Athletes Committee shall be composed of the athlete members of the House of Delegates selected pursuant to Articles ~~507.1.2, 507.1.3, 507.1.4, and 506.2.3, and those athlete representatives elected to the Olympic International Operations Committee.~~ The Athletes Vice President shall chair this committee.

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~~.2 The Athletes Committee shall elect the following:~~

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~~A In even numbered years to serve a two (2) year term (but no more than two consecutive terms):~~

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~~(1) A Vice President, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall be chairman of the Committee and shall serve as an officer of USA Swimming and on its Board of Directors;~~

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~~(2) A Vice Chairman, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall also serve on the USA Swimming Board of Directors;~~

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- 540 ~~(3) Such additional athlete members to the USA Swimming Board of Directors as may be necessary to~~
541 ~~bring the number of Athlete Directors, who meet the criteria set forth in Article 504.3, to twenty~~
542 ~~(20) percent of the Board;~~
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- 544 ~~(4) Four Directors: The Olympic International Operations Director, the National Operations Director,~~
545 ~~the LSC Coordinator Director, and the Education/ Development Director.~~
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- 547 ~~B—~~Quadrennially in the year preceding the Olympic Games:
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- 549 ~~(1) A number of athletes equal to twenty percent (20%) of the Olympic International Operations~~
550 ~~Committee shall be elected by the House of Delegates from a slate of athletes submitted by the~~
551 ~~Athletes Executive Committee pursuant to 506.3.2 A;~~
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- 553 ~~(2) Five alternates elected by the House of Delegates from a second slate of athletes submitted by the~~
554 ~~Athletes Executive Committee.~~
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- 556 ~~.3—~~The Athletes Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and four directors
557 ~~(Olympic International Operations Director, National Operations Director, LSC Coordinator Director, and~~
558 ~~the Education/ Development Director), the Secretary/Treasurer, and three additional athletes appointed by~~
559 ~~the Chairman.~~
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- 561 .2 Athletes Executive Committee The Athletes Executive Committee (AEC) shall be a 12-person sub-
562 ~~committee of the Athletes Committee and is charged with leading the business of the Athletes Committee.~~
563 ~~The AEC shall be chaired by the Athletes Vice President, and composed of the following additional~~
564 ~~members:~~
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- 566 A Six (6) vice chairs elected by the Athletes Committee each to a two-year term, but no more than two
567 consecutive terms, in even-numbered years (Executive, Financial, National Operations,
568 Education/Development, LSC Coordinator and Administrative);
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- 570 B A National Team Vice Chair elected by the Athletes Committee the year of the Summer Olympics to a
571 four-year term;
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- 573 C The USOC Athletes Advisory Council representative for USA Swimming;
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- 575 D The immediate past-Athletes Vice President; and
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- 577 E Two (2) at-large appointees elected by the AEC.
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- 579 ~~.4 Athlete members attending the athletes meeting at the US Open shall elect five (5) athletes to the Athletes~~
580 ~~Committee, each to serve a term of two (2) years.~~
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- 582 ~~.53~~ If a member of the Athletes Executive Committee cannot fulfill the requirements of his/her position,
583 including attendance at the annual meeting, an alternate shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term,
584 pursuant to procedures established by the Athletes Committee.
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- 586 ~~.64~~ The Athletes Vice President shall appoint representatives to serve ~~one (1) year~~ terms on each committee of
587 USA Swimming except the Athletes, Athletes Executive, Investment, Olympic International Operations, and
588 Counselors committees.
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- 590 ~~.75~~ Whenever, under these Bylaws, the Athletes Executive Committee is empowered to elect or appoint one or

591 more representatives, the Athletes Committee shall establish written criteria for eligibility for such
592 representation, unless such criteria is otherwise set forth in the Rules and Regulations. The Athletes
593 Committee may establish written criteria for the internal governance of the committee. Such criteria so
594 established shall be published in the Athletes Committee Manual included in the USA Swimming Policy
595 Manual.

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598 **507.1 Organization**

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600 .3 Ten athlete representatives, five (5) per year and each serving a two (2) year term, elected by those athletes
601 competing at the USA Swimming US Open competition shall be members of the House of Delegates. The
602 athlete representatives and their alternates must at the time of their election be engaged in amateur senior
603 swimming, or have competed in senior national championships within five (5) years preceding their
604 election. The President may appoint, from a slate of nominees submitted by the Athletes Committee, such
605 further members so as to bring the total athlete representation in the House of Delegates to twenty percent
606 (20%).
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R-34 ACTION: Adopted

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610 **Location: Page 125 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

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612 **506.2 Athletes Committee**

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614 .2 (new)Members of the Athletes Committee must be current athlete members of USA Swimming and must
615 have:

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617 A Competed at a USA Swimming sanctioned event while 18 years of age or younger within the past ten
618 (10) years; or

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620 B Competed at any USA Swimming championship meet defined in section 207.1 within the past ten
621 (10) years; or

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623 C Represented USA Swimming in competition at any of the following meets within the past ten (10)
624 years: Olympics, World Championships, Short Course World Championships, World University
625 Games, Pan Pacific Championships, or Pan American Championships.

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627 *(Renumber sections 2 through 7 as 3 through 8, respectively.)*

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R-35 ACTION: Adopted

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631 **Location: Page 124-126 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

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633 **506.3 Olympic International Operations Committee**

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635 .2 There shall be a maximum number of fifty (50) members in the Committee elected or selected as
636 follows:
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638 A Athlete members shall be elected by the ~~House of Delegates~~ Athletes Committee ~~from a slate of~~
639 ~~eligible members presented by the Athletes Committee~~ in such numbers as to constitute twenty
640 percent (20%) of the Committee and presented to the House of Delegates for approval ~~in such~~
641 ~~numbers as to constitute twenty percent (20%) of the Committee;~~

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643 *No change to B-D*

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645 .5 ~~The elected officers and one athlete member shall constitute the Executive Committee of the~~
646 ~~Committee. The Executive Steering Committee (as defined in the OIOC Procedures Manual) shall act~~
647 ~~for the Committee in all matters, wherein where the Committee Coordinator and the National Team~~
648 ~~Director have determined that time will not allow consideration by the~~ does not permit ~~full Committee~~
649 ~~consideration, as determined by the Committee Coordinator.~~

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651 .6 Any member of the Committee who fails to attend a regularly scheduled Committee ~~one (1) meeting of~~
652 ~~the Committee without an excuse acceptable to the Committee~~ shall be dropped from membership
653 unless excused by the Committee Coordinator. ~~Under no circumstances will more than one (1) excused~~
654 ~~absence~~ No member will be permitted more than one (1) excused absence. Absence from a portion(s) of
655 a meeting session for USA Swimming-related business will not be counted into this total.

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657 .7 Vacancies in elected membership that occur for any reason shall be filled by the next highest ranking
658 elected individual, to complete the remaining unexpired term, except as noted below: ~~Should a member~~
659 ~~elected by the House of Delegates or by the Committee resign or be dropped from membership, the next~~
660 ~~ranking electee shall serve the remainder of his/her term.~~

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662 A Vacancies in Athlete membership elected according to 506.3.2 A shall be filled by the Athletes
663 Committee to complete the remaining unexpired term.

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665 B Organizations permitted membership according to 506.3.2 B ~~Should a member from another~~
666 ~~organization resign or be dropped from membership, that organization shall name a successor,~~
667 approved by the Board of Directors, to complete the remaining unexpired term.

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669 *(Renumber the remainder of the Article.)*

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R-36 ACTION: Adopted

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673 **Location: Page 124-131 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

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675 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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677 .4 The following shall be responsible to the President: International Relations and Governance
678 Committees.

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506.8 Governance Committee

- .1 Membership: The Governance Committee shall be comprised of four members appointed by the President, sufficient athlete appointments to constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the committee, and the Secretary/ General Counsel who shall have voice but no vote. There shall be no current voting members of the Board of Directors or non-athlete members who serve on other USA Swimming committees appointed to this committee.
- .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed each year.
- .3 Responsibility: The Governance Committee shall be responsible for the review of governance practices by the Board of Directors and the various committees. The Governance Committee shall also be available for mentoring and consulting to the Board of Directors and the committees on the responsibilities and accountabilities of membership on those groups.

R-41 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 132-133 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

507.2 Meetings

Add the following new subsection:

- .9 Resolutions of a legislative nature presented to the House of Delegates shall be subject to the same process as set forth for Amendments in Article 510.

R-42 ACTION: Adopted

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Location: Page 149 ARTICLE 701 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF THE COMPETITION

701.1 EVENTS/MEETS

- ~~.4 Postal Meets~~ Internet Distance Challenge

A A National ~~Postal Meet~~ Internet Distance Challenge shall be conducted annually. Except for .4C(4) below, swims must take place between ~~October 15 and April 15~~ September 1 and August 1.