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To: Members of House of Delegates

Re: Proposed Amendments to Rules and Regulations for 2005

Attached are proposed amendments to our Rules and Regulations that will be considered during the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2005, in Greensboro, North Carolina. They have been reviewed by the Rules and Regulations Committee and each item includes the Committee's recommendation.

The proposed amendments are divided into five different sections as follows:

1. Legislation proposed by various individuals and/or committees, other than the Governance Task Force on Committees. These are numbered using a prefix of "R". Please note that the proposer of R-1 wishes to withdraw this item and, if there is no objection voiced at the House of Delegates meeting, it will be withdrawn.
2. Legislation proposed by various individuals and/or committees that are considered "housekeeping" in nature. This means they are not considered substantive and are corrections to references, grammatical and punctuation corrections and similar types of changes. These are numbered using a prefix of "HK"
3. A copy of the report to the Board of Directors from the Governance Task Force on Committees, including some explanatory charts. This report is very helpful in understanding the legislation proposed by the Task Force to make amendments to Article 506.
4. Legislation proposed by the Governance Task Force on Committees to make amendments to Article 506, Committees and Coordinators. These proposals are numbered with a prefix of "TF". Please note that the Task Force wishes to withdraw TF-26 and, if there is no objection voiced at the House of Delegates meeting, it will be withdrawn.
5. Because there are a number of proposed amendments to Article 506, immediately following the proposed amendments is a rewritten version of Article 506 assuming all amendments, except TF-26, proposed by the Governance Task Force on Committee are passed.



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You are encouraged to review the attached information prior to arriving at the Convention. If you have questions regarding any of the proposed amendments, please direct any questions to the person listed as making the proposal, or to any member of the Rules and Regulations Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce W. Stratton", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce W. Stratton

Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO USA SWIMMING RULES AND
REGULATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE PROPOSED BY THE
GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES**

USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2005 USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS

R- 1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled
WITHDRAWN SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Location: Page 19 **ARTICLE 101 INDIVIDUAL STROKES AND RELAYS**
 Page 33 **STARTER**

Proposed by: Bea Hartigan, Administrative Vice-Chair, Metropolitan Swimming, who subsequently requested that the item be withdrawn from this year's legislation.

Purpose: To move rules regarding "The Start" to 101.1. As currently presented in our rule book, this is the only major swimming rule that sits under a job description. Logic would seem to dictate that it be moved to where the other rules pertaining to the actual swims are placed. Having it become 101.1 seems to further follow logic in that then, the start would be at the beginning. This would also follow the order of the FINA rules. Please be assured, there are no material changes to intent.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends the withdrawal be allowed. A Task Force has been appointed to review this proposal, make any necessary changes, and submit a final version for consideration in 2006.*

NEW SECTION 101.1 WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS (changes to existing text are shown following the new sections)

101.1 STARTS [Moved from 102.14. STARTER]

.1 **Equipment** - A loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall device, and an electronic strobe signal as provided in 105.3 visible to all manual timers and for forward and backstroke starts, shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber pistol may be used.

.2 **The Start**

- A At the commencement of each heat - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3 4.1).
- B When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter's control.
- C On the Starters command "Take your mark" - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.
- D When a swimmer does not respond promptly - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.

.3 **False Starts**

- A Any swimmer starting before the signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the Referee.
- B If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.

- 42 C If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.
43 D Declared false start - - - except as noted in 207.7.9D.
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45 .4 **Warning Signal** - with the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer ~~in~~ for that lane.
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47 .5 **Deliberate Delay or Misconduct**
48 A Any swimmer who, delays the start - - - with the concurrence of the Referee.
49 B The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.
50 C Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.
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52 *Note: All subsequent parts of 101.1 (that is .1 thru .6) to be raised by one number ~ .2 thru .7*

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54 *The revised Starter section would read as follows::*

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56 **102.14 STARTER**

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58 .1 **Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
59 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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61 .2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:
62 A Announce the event
63 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
64 C For Backstroke ~~event~~ starts, give the command, “Place your feet.”
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66 *Disposition of existing text is shown below:*

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68 **102.14 STARTER**

- 69 ~~.1 **Equipment** – Loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall device,
70 and an electronic strobe signal as provided in 105.3 shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber
71 starting pistol may be used. *[moved to 101.1.1]*~~
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73 ~~.2~~ .1 **Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
74 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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76 ~~.3~~ .2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:
77 A Announce the event
78 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
79 C For Backstroke ~~event~~ starts, give the command, “Place your feet.”
80 ~~.4 **The Start** *[moved to 101.1.2]*~~

- 81 A—~~At the commencement of each heat - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3.1).~~
82 B—~~When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter’s control.~~
83 C—~~On the Starter’s command “take your mark” - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.~~
84 D—~~When a swimmer does not respond - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.~~

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86 ~~.5- False Starts~~ *[Moved to 101.1.3]*

- 87 A—~~Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the~~
88 ~~Referee.~~
89 B—~~If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.~~
90 C—~~If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.~~
91 D—~~Declared false start - - - except as noted in 207.7.9D.~~

92 *[Note - necessitates a change in 207.7.9D as follows: “- - - A declared false start under ~~102.14.5D~~*
93 *101.1.3D or deliberate delay of meet under ~~102.14.7A~~ 101.1.5A is not permitted.]*
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95 ~~.6- Warning Signal~~—~~With the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer in that lane.~~ *[Moved to*
96 *101.1.4]*

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98 ~~.7- Deliberate Delay or Misconduct~~ *[Moved to 101.1.5]*

- 99 A—~~Any swimmer, who delays the start - - - with concurrence of the Referee.~~
100 B—~~The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.~~
101 C—~~Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.~~

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105 **Location:** Page 43 102.26 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

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107 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee

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109 **Purpose:** To clarify the policy regarding alcoholic beverages.

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

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113 **102.26 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** – ~~Sale and use of Alcoholic beverages is~~ are prohibited in all
114 areas of the venue, including, but not limited to, pool deck, locker rooms, spectator seating or standing
115 areas, and in all areas used by swimmers. Exceptions to this Article 102.26 can be made only with the
116 approval of the USA Swimming Board of Directors.
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Location: Page 24 102.4 RELAYS

Proposed by: Bruce Stratton, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Purpose: To allow LSCs to adopt their own procedures, as many do now, for entry of relay-only swimmers.

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

102.4 RELAYS

.5 First and last names of swimmers eligible to compete in relay events shall be entered in accordance with the meet information. ~~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.~~

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Location: Page 29 ff. 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

Proposed by: George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

Purpose: To require the swimmer to make an honest effort in all competition. As proposed, this would borrow directly from the NCAA rulebook and impose a standard upon swimmers that should be the hallmark of sportsmanship. Failure to give an honest effort demonstrates a lack of respect for fellow athletes and meet personnel and belittles the competitors in the particular event.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection, as it did in 2004, on the basis that this legislation is unnecessary. Under existing rules, any swimmer not making an honest effort can, at the Referee's discretion, be disqualified for delay of the meet or unsportsmanlike conduct.*

102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

.15 (new) An honest effort in all competition is required. Failure to make an honest effort shall result in disqualification from the event. The determination of an honest-effort performance will be made by the referee.

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Location: Page 29 ff. 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

Proposed by: George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

164 **Purpose:** To require the swimmer to make an honest effort in all competition. Failure to give an
165 honest effort demonstrates a lack of respect for fellow athletes and meet personnel and
166 belittles the competitors in the particular event. The following proposal would clarify that
167 swimmers not making an honest effort would be subject to penalty for unsportsmanlike
168 conduct.
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170 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection on the basis that this legislation*
171 *is unnecessary. Under existing rules, any swimmer not making an honest effort can, at the*
172 *Referee's discretion, be disqualified for delay of the meet or unsportsmanlike conduct.*
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174 **102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS**
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176 .3 Any swimmer who acts in an unsportsmanlike, including a failure to make an honest effort to compete, or
177 unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the
178 referee.
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182 **Location:** Page 31 102.12 OFFICIALS
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184 **Proposed by:** Don Riedlinger, Senior Division Chair, Potomac Valley
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186 **Purpose:** USA Swimming should specify as a requirement the minimum number of officials to
187 conduct a meet. The current wording of the rule uses “should” rather than “shall” which
188 makes the rule more a recommendation rather than an absolute requirement. This proposal
189 also changes the minimum number of required timers to be consistent with 102.16.4C.
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191 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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193 **102.12 OFFICIALS**
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195 *(No change in .1 or .2)*
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197 .3 For all swimming meets or time trials except dual meets there ~~should~~shall not be fewer than the following
198 officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority. Officials other than the Referee may act
199 in more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one
200 may simultaneously time and judge the order of finish.
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202 1 Referee

203 1 Starter

204 ~~3-2~~ Timers per lane (one ~~minimum~~ if automatic equipment with touchpads is used)
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Location: Page 34 102.14.5 False Starts

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Proposed by: George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

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Purpose: The no-recall false start rule was in part put in place because it is thought that an athlete's first start is generally their best start, and that to recall a race, therefore, penalizes those athletes that did not false start. By rule, if the Starter inadvertently recalls the heat because they believe there is a false start, there is no false start charged even if the Referee would have otherwise confirmed the false start. As a consequence of this rule, a swimmer starting before the starting signal has been given is afforded a "second chance" to swim. The proposed change would remove this second chance if the Referee independently confirms the Starter's observation, while still allowing for the norm to be that we do not recall for false starts.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as this would not be in conformance with FINA rules.*

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102.14.5 False Starts

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- C. If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, ~~no swimmer shall be charged with a false start~~ and the Referee independently observes and confirms the Starter's observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be disqualified. Starter shall then restart the race upon signal by the Referee.

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Location: Page 34 102.14.5 False Starts

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Proposed by: George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

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Purpose: Prior to the adoption of the no-recall false start rule, there was specific language in the starting rule that excused a swimmer from a false start if the false start was caused by the swimmer's reaction to the "Stand" command. Additionally, there was specific language in the starting rule that specified that the Starter was responsible for enforcement of the correct starting position. Despite the fact that this language was dropped from the rules, the philosophy continues to hold. The proposed change restores the language so that the philosophy is grounded in the rule.

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

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102.14.5 False Starts

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- 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.

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

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258 *Renumber existing D as F.*

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262 **Location:** Page 34 **Article 102.14.6 WARNING SIGNAL**
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264 **Proposed by:** Harrison Race, Pacific Swimming
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266 **Purpose:** To conform distance designation to 102.5.6 (Counters), making it equally applicable to
267 meter events.
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269 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection since it believes the existing*
270 *rule is adequately stated.*

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272 **102.14 STARTER**

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274 .6 Warning **Signal** – With the exception of relays, in events ~~500 yards~~ 16 lengths or longer the Starter or a
275 designee shall sound a warning signal *(no further change)*

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279 **Location:** Page 45 **Article 103.7 WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURE**
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281 **Proposed by:** Eric Fucito, New Jersey LSC Safety Chair
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283 **Purpose:** To conform water temperature requirements to FINA Rule FR 2.11
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285 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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287 **103.7 WATER AND AIR TEMPERATURE**

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289 .1 /M/ Water temperature between ~~78~~ 77 and ~~80~~ 82.4 degrees Fahrenheit (25 to 28 degrees Celsius) shall be
290 maintained for competition.

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294 **Location:** **Page 47 103.15 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM**
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296 **Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan, Administrative Vice-Chair, Metropolitan Swimming
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298 **Purpose:** To reinstate wording to accommodate ALL swimmers.
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300 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as it is not always possible or*
301 *practical to locate the start system where it is visible to all timers and swimmers.*
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303 **103.15 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM** -- An electronic sound generating device shall be provided
304 The device shall also activate a strobe light, or similar visual signal, ~~located on the starter's side~~
305 ~~of the course approximately 15 feet forward from the starting end, to indicate the start to manual timers and deaf~~
306 ~~and hard of hearing swimmers.~~ located so as to be visible for all manual timers and swimmers for both forward
307 and backstroke starts. The start system may include an underwater recall speaker and gun lap signal option.
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311 **Location:** Page 51 **104.2.3 AMERICAN RECORDS FOR SWIMMERS WITH A**
312 **DISABILITY**
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314 **Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan, Coordinator of American Disability Records
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316 **Purpose:** To provide enabling legislation in order to continue what has been in practice.
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318 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection since other organizations "such*
319 *as FINA" are not adequately specified. It additionally recommends rejection in favor of R-*
320 *9B.*
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322 **104.2.3 American Records for Swimmers with a Disability**

323 A (no change)
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325 B **Meet Status** – The meet must be ~~either~~ a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, and comply with all
326 USA Swimming rules and regulations including Level 1 timing equipment; ~~or fully comply with all~~
327 requirements for a USA Swimming approved championship meet ~~and comply with all conditions~~
328 ~~for approval as well as the conditions for~~ or an observed meet; swims in 202.5 and Level 1 timing;
329 or be in full compliance with the rules of a recognized international organization such as FINA.
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333 **Location:** Page 51 **104.2.3 AMERICAN RECORDS FOR SWIMMERS WITH A**
334 **DISABILITY**
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336 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee as a substitute for R-9A.
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338 **Purpose:** To delete this section from the rulebook and refer it to the Board of Directors for inclusion
339 of pertinent sections in the Policy Manual. Competitions for classified swimmers with a
340 disability are now being administered by the U.S. Paralympic division of the USOC.
341 Including pertinent parts of this section in the Policy Manual would allow the Board of
342 Directors to make modifications as needed for changing administrative conditions.
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344 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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346 ~~104.2.3 American Records for Swimmers with a Disability~~

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

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

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

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

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362 *Renumber subsequent sections.*

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

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368 **Proposed by:** Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator

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370 **Purpose:** To allow for the observation of disability meets.

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

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374 **202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL**

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376 .4 No competition shall be approved in conformance with all applicable USA Swimming
377 technical rules including, but not limited to, the following:

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

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385 **Location:** Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

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387 **Proposed by:** George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

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389 **Purpose:** The rule for observed swims for collegiate, high school, YMCA, Masters, etc. meets, held
390 under other than USA Swimming rules is that it must be a season-culminating
391 championship or be specifically approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice
392 President though application to the National Times Coordinator. As there are more and

393 more invitational and mid-season trials and finals types of meets and it is the local officials
394 who are most likely to know whether the swims at a particular meet can be observed in a
395 manner as to allow them to be acceptable for the National Times Verification process,
396 rather than the national Program Operations Vice President, it is suggested that the LSC be
397 given the authority to approve observation for meets other than season-culminating
398 championship meets with notification to the National Times Coordinator.
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400 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as it believes that only season-*
401 *culminating championships should be approved for observation except under very special*
402 *circumstances. Retaining the Program Operations VP authority for these special meets*
403 *would provide control in a more consistent manner.*
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405 **202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS** – Official times achieved as observed swimsif
406 all of the following conditions are met:

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408 .1 The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional,
409 State, Regional, or be specifically approved by the ~~USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President~~
410 ~~through application~~ LSC after notification has been provided to the National Times Coordinator. A time
411 trial held in conjunction with the season-culminating championship meet that is officiated in accordance
412 with the same standard as the championship meet may also be observed.
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416 **Location:** Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS
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418 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
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420 **Purpose:** To remove observed swim requirements that are not necessary when judging compliance
421 with the technical rules of the sport.
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423 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends adoption.*
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425 **202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS** – Official times achieved as observed swims
426if all of the following conditions are met:
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428 *Delete existing subsections .3 through .6 and replace with the following:*
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430 .3 (new) At least two USA Swimming observers, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or
431 approved by the LSC, must be present, one at each end of the course, to verify compliance of the swim or
432 swims, when blanket observed (all swims observed), with USA Swimming rules specified in 202.4.4A, D,
433 & E, and 103.3.1. An individual swim being observed requires notification to the observers prior to the
434 start of the competition.
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Location: Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

Proposed by: Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator

Purpose: To reinforce guidelines for observed swims and change a timeline.

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

202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

- .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 Program Operations Vice President (through the National Times Coordinator) for all other meets shall be submitted at least ~~28~~ 10 days prior to the meet.
- .6 If a meet is receiving blanket observation (all swims observed), a time for any swim in compliance with USA Swimming rules as stated in 204.4.4 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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Location: Page 68 205.8 NATIONAL TOP 16 TIMES REPORTING AND RECOGNITION

Proposed by: Terry Randolph, Top 16 Tabulation Coordinator

Purpose: Some swimmers, often with dual registration in USA Swimming and FINA, who swim in meets primarily authorized through FINA may swim as USA registered athletes. This occurs in Guam, Iwo Jima, and the Phillippines, and may occur in other areas. It is very difficult for these athletes to return to the United States for the majority of their competitions. Currently their times from FINA sanctioned meets, although meeting all other requirements for consideration in Top 16 listings cannot be used since the meets are not sanctioned, approved or observed by USA Swimming. While this does not affect many swimmers it does work a hardship on a few.

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

205.8 NATIONAL TOP 16 TIMES REPORTING AND RECOGNITION

- .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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Location: Page 70 ff. ARTICLE 207 USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Proposed by: Arvydas Barzdukas, Member, Rules & Regulations Committee

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Purpose: To realign the contents of this Article in a more logical, chronological sequence of what takes place after what. The content of each section would remain unless changes are submitted separately with this year's packet.

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

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

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207.1 GENERAL

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207.2 USA SWIMMING SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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207.3 USA SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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207.5 USA SWIMMING DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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207.6 TRIALS CLASS MEETS

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207.7 ~~207.12~~ QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

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207.8 ~~207.13~~ PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

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

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207.10 ~~207.11~~ ENTRIES

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207.11 ~~207.8~~ PROGRAMS

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

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207.13 ~~207.9~~ AWARDS

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Location: Page 71 207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Proposed by: Senior Swimming

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Purpose: To change the name of the USA Swimming Junior Championships. The Senior Swimming Committee believes that, since there is now only one Junior Championship meet, it is acceptable to re-name this meet the Junior National Championships.

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

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207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- .1 The Junior National Championships will be swum long course...
- .2 (No change)
- .3 The Junior National Championships program will be determined...

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

Proposed by: Senior Swimming

Purpose: This rule is being updated to match current practice, and also for housekeeping.

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

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

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

Proposed by: Senior Swimming

Purpose: To provide flexibility for exceptional situations.

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

207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

.5 Schedule

- A. Except as otherwise stated in 207.8.2D (5), a minimum of two (2) hours must elapse between the end of the last preliminary heat and the start of the first race in the finals on any one day, during which time the pool must be available for warm-up. ~~Starting times of the preliminary and finals sessions must be the same on all days of the meet.~~ Starting times for the preliminary and finals sessions shall

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be published in the meet information and reviewed at the general meeting. Starting times shall be as consistent as possible throughout the meet. At the general meeting(no further change)

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Location: Page 75 207.7.12 Scoring

Proposed by: Senior Swimming

Purpose: To eliminate team scoring at the National Championships for the 18 & under category. With the renewal of the Junior Championships in 2005, the team score for the 18 & under category at the National Championships has become a non-issue. The team title for the 18 & under category should be contested at the Junior Championships.

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

207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

.12 Scoring --

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

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Location: Page 76 207.7.13 Final Results

Proposed by: Senior Swimming

Purpose: To delete a paragraph in the rules on how final results are to be distributed after the completion of the National Championships and replace it with current practice. This paragraph is not necessary as results are sent electronically after the competition from the USA Swimming headquarters. The new sentence conforms to current practice.

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

207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

.13 Final Results -- ~~Within two weeks following the event, the meet host shall send gratis copies of the final results to the coaches registered at the event, the National Times Coordinator, the National Top 16 Times Coordinator, the National Age Group Records Coordinator and one of the following recipients for each LSC represented by athletes at the event: the permanent office, the Top 16 Tabulator, or the Records Chair. These copies shall be mailed or provided by electronic media (e-mail or computer disk) at the recipient's choice. The meet host shall also make copies of the results available to others on request at a nominal charge. The final results shall include split times, the age of the each swimmer in each event, the~~

614 ~~competing relay teams with first and last names and ages of relay members, all men's and women's teams~~
615 ~~listed by point standings, and all combined teams (men and women) listed by point standings.~~ USA
616 Swimming will provide final meet results to all participating teams and LSC times and records volunteers
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621 **Location:** Page 79 207.9 AWARDS
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623 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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625 **Purpose:** To delete the sentence on awards for the 18 & under combined National Team Champion as
626 this category will no longer be scored and, thus, no award will need to be presented. If
627 USA Swimming endorses the change to eliminate 18 & under team scoring, the actual
628 award will not need to be given to the top teams.
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630 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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632 **207.9 AWARDS**

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634 .1 Team Awards

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637 **USA Swimming National Championships only:**

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

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642 William A. Lippman, Jr., USA Swimming – Combined Team Champion Cup (*perpetual trophy*)
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646 **Location:** Page 80 207.11 ENTRIES
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648 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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650 **Purpose:** To eliminate Rule 207.11.4 D. This rule is no longer necessary since USA Swimming
651 expanded the time standards qualification period for summer meets back to July 1 of the
652 previous year.
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654 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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656 **207.11 ENTRIES**

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658 .4 Entry times for individual and relay events shall:

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660 A No change

- 661 B *No change*
- 662 C *No change*
- 663 ~~D~~ A qualifying time achieved while participating in Trials Class meets, or while representing the
- 664 United States as a National Team member in international competition since July 1 of the previous
- 665 summer, shall also be eligible to enter the USA Swimming spring championship and USA Swimming
- 666 National Championships.
- 667 ~~E-D~~ *No change*
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- 671 **Location:** Page 83 207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME
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- 673 **Proposed by:** Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator
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- 676 **Purpose:** To use the same terminology in the Rulebook as is used on the USA Swimming website and
- 677 Meet Information books.
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- 679 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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681 **207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME**

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- 683 .1 **Individual Events** – All individual entry times must be made during the correct qualifying period
- 684 specified in 207.11.4C and must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for that event through the SWIMS
- 685 National Times database. ~~Verification division of STARS (Swimming Tracking and Recognition System).~~
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- 687 .2 **Relay Events** – Times for each entered relay team must be submitted on the entry form. This entered
- 688 time must be proven prior to the scratch deadline for each entered relay team, in aggregate or as a team,
- 689 through the ~~NTV system~~ SWIMS database. For the purpose (*no further change*)
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- 691 .3 (*no change*)
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- 693 .4 The above requirements shall be made a part of the official entry form for all USA Swimming
- 694 championships and other meets at which proof-of-time is required through the ~~National Times Database~~
- 695 ~~system~~ SWIMS database.
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- 699 **Location:** Page 85 APPENDIX 2-A
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- 701 **Proposed by:** Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator
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- 703 **Purpose:** To remove redundant information that is being developed as policy and posted on the USA
- 704 Swimming website and included on Meet Information books.
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- 706 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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708 **APPENDIX 2-A** – *Remove in its entirety.*
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712 **Location:** Page 106 **Article 302 ATHLETE REGISTRATION**
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714 **Proposed by:** Registration/Membership Committee
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716 **Purpose:** To reflect current practice and to simplify the rule, leaving policy to the
717 registration/membership manual.
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719 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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721 **302.3 APPLICATION/RENEWAL** – ~~Athlete membership forms may be obtained from the LSC registration~~
722 ~~chairman. The form shall be fully completed and submitted with the fee set forth in 502.5 to the registration~~
723 ~~chairman of the LSC, which shall issue a registration card upon approval. The registration chairman,~~
724 ~~exclusively, shall be authorized to receive and accept such application forms and the registration/membership~~
725 ~~shall not be effective until so accepted, except that the registration chairman may directly designate by title,~~
726 ~~position or name, specific deputy registrars to receive and accept registration forms on behalf of the chairman~~
727 ~~and no other person or position shall be considered to be so designated indirectly or by implication.~~
728 Identification of the deputy registrars shall be published by the LSC. Athlete membership applications and
729 payment as set forth in 502.5 shall be submitted to the registration chair of the LSC who, upon approval, shall
730 issue a membership card. The registration chair may designate deputy registrars to accept applications on behalf
731 of the chair and forward for approval.
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735 **Location:** Page 106 **Article 302 ATHLETE REGISTRATION**
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737 **Proposed by:** Don Walker, General Chair, on behalf of South Texas Swimming
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739 **Purpose:** To include a penalty for a problem that is occurring with unattached coaches swimming
740 unattached athletes under a team name that does not exist.
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742 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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744 **302.4 FALSE REGISTRATION** – ~~An~~ A host LSC may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against a
745 member coach or a member club ~~representative signing a document submitting a meet entry~~ which indicates a
746 swimmer is registered with USA Swimming ~~for a meet~~ when that swimmer or the listed club is not properly
747 registered. ~~This will be enforced by the LSC and The host~~ the host LSC will be entitled to ~~the~~ any fines imposed.
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751 **Location:** Page 108 **Article 304 CODE OF CONDUCT**

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Proposed by: John Leonard on behalf of ASCA

Purpose: There should be no “excuse” of “I didn’t know” when it comes to the Code of Conduct. This same procedure is already followed by ASCA members who sign our Code of Ethics, so it is practical to do so.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation, but does believe enforcement of the Code of Conduct is already adequately covered in the rulebook.*

Add the following new subsection:

304.4 (new) All individuals applying to be a non-athlete member of the organization shall sign, along with their membership application, their agreement to follow the Code of Conduct provisions in 304.3. The form will attest that they agree to abide by any and all penalties, as stated in 304.2, for any and all infractions of the Code of Conduct.

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Location: Page 111 **ARTICLE 402 NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

Proposed by: John Morse, Chairman National Board of Review

Purpose: To clarify Hearings and Appeals procedures and to reflect and streamline current practice.

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

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**

Proposed by: John Morse, Chairman National Board of Review

Purpose: To clarify Hearings and Appeals procedures and to reflect and streamline current practice.

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

845 .3 A final and binding decision shall be rendered ~~within 75 days from date of filing of the petition~~ as soon
846 as administratively practicable after the final hearing by a majority of the acting panel based on the
847 record submitted on appeal and on evidence submitted at such hearing as may be required by the panel.
848 A written decision shall be sent to all parties. The National Board of Review may, in cases where USA
849 Swimming is not a party, assess costs against any party.
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853 **Location:** Page 116 **ARTICLE 408 APPEAL – NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**
854 **TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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856 **Proposed by:** John Morse, Chairman National Board of Review
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858 **Purpose:** To streamline current practice and clarify Hearings and Appeals procedures.
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860 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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862 408.1 PROCEDURE

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864 .1 Any real party in interest, including any officer of the Corporation or the Executive Director, may
865 appeal any decision of the National Board of Review as follows: ~~to the Board of Directors within thirty~~
866 ~~(30) days of the date of the postmark of the mailing of its written decision.~~
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868 a. Matters heard by the National Board of Review pursuant to its original jurisdiction, heard *de novo*
869 or heard pursuant to its discretionary jurisdiction, may be appealed to the Board of Directors within
870 thirty (30) days of the date of the mailing of its written decision.
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872 b. Matters heard by the National Board of Review on appeal from an LSC Board of Review, other than
873 any matter included in 408.1.1a, shall be heard only upon the granting of a petition from a real party
874 in interest. Unless a majority of the President, General Counsel and the Athlete's Vice President (or
875 their respective designees) shall determine, based upon the record below, that an appeal will have
876 sufficient merit and be of such general application as to justify an appeal to the Board of Directors,
877 the petition shall be denied and the matter shall be final, with no further appeal allowed.
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881 **Location:** Page 117 **ARTICLE 410 (new) CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF**
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884 **Proposed by:** Michael Lawrence, Coordinator, Olympic International Operations
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886 **Purpose:** To establish a Standard of Conduct and standards for recusal for the Board of Directors (when
887 sitting as an Appellate body) and for the National Board of Review panels consistent with those
888 of the LSC Board of Review.
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890 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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892 *Add new section.*

893 **ARTICLE 410**

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

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899 **410.1 Standards of Conduct**– Members of National Board of Review panels and Board of Directors appeals
900 panels (collectively, “Review Members”) shall:

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902 .1 Uphold the integrity and independence of the National Board of Review or Appellate Body;
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904 .2 Avoid any impropriety or the appearance of impropriety in connection with service as a Review Member
905 and swimming-related activities generally; and
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907 .3 Perform the duties of a Review Member impartially and diligently.

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909 **410.2 Grounds for Recusal** – Review Members shall recuse themselves from participating in any matter
910 pending before the National Board of Review or Board of Directors:

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912 .1 In which their impartiality might reasonably be questioned;
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914 .2 Where they have a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party in the pending matter or have personal
915 knowledge of disputed evidentiary facts concerning the pending matter (other than knowledge obtained as
916 a Review Member or known generally to a substantial portion of the membership of USA Swimming);
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918 .3 Where they or a member of their family are a party or are likely to be a material witness in the pending
919 matter;
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921 .4 Where they or a member of their family have an interest that could be substantially affected by the
922 outcome of the proceeding; or
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924 .5 Where they or a member of their family have served or are serving as counsel in the pending matter or are
925 members of a law firm that served or is serving as counsel in the pending matter.

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927 **410.3 Recusal by Member** – Review Members shall recuse themselves as soon as they become aware of facts
928 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
929 Chairman, the General Counsel.

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931 **410.4 Recusal/Disqualification Requested by Party** - By written notice to the Presiding Officer of the review
932 board panel or the National Board of Review Chairman, any party may request that a Review Member recuse
933 himself or be disqualified from serving on the pending matter stating the reasons for recusal or disqualification
934 with specificity. Such notice shall be given at least ten (10) Business Days prior to the scheduled date of the
935 hearing on such matter or, if the party sustains the burden of proving good cause for the lateness of the notice, as
936 soon as reasonably possible after discovery of the reason for the need for recusal. The named Review Member
937 shall reach a decision on the matter and notify the National Board of Review Chairman or the General Counsel of
938 that decision within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the party's notice. If the member's decision is not in favor
939 of recusal, then the Chairman or the General Counsel may, if appropriate, disqualify the member from participating
940 in the pending matter. If there is no disqualification, the hearing shall be conducted as scheduled and, if it is a
941 hearing before the National Board of Review, the party giving the notice may appeal the disqualification decision,

942 together with the hearing decision, pursuant to Section 408.1.

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944 **410.5 Substitution for Recused or Disqualified Member** - In the event of a recusal or a disqualification, a
945 substitute Review Members shall be appointed in the same manner as the original Review Members were appointed.

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

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951 **Proposed by:** Rules and Regulations Committee

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953 **Purpose:** To add a reference in the Rule Book of the need for new clubs to satisfy the new membership
954 requirements adopted by the House of Delegates in 2004

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

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958 **502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership**

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960 .7 All clubs which register for the first time as a club member shall comply with the New Club Membership
961 Requirements established by USA Swimming.

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965 **Location: Page 121 ARTICLE 503 OFFICERS**

966 **Page 125 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

967 **Page 131 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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969 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Board of Directors

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971 **Purpose:** To combine the Local and National Vice Presidents into one position

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

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975 **503.1 Officers** All USA Swimming officers, except the Secretary and Athletes Vice President, shall be elected
976 by the House of Delegates at annual meetings held in even-numbered years. The elected officers shall be
977 President, Treasurer, Vice President of ~~National~~ Administration, ~~Vice President of Local Administration~~, Vice
978 President of Program Development, Vice President of Program Operations and Technical Vice President.

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980 **503.2 Vice Presidents** The vice presidents of USA Swimming shall be the chairmen of their respective
981 divisions, and shall be responsible for their respective committees, as set forth in Article 506.1. Whenever the
982 President is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice President of ~~National~~ Administration shall perform the
983 duties.

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985 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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987 **.5** The following shall be responsible to the ~~National~~ Administration Vice President: Rules & Regulations,
988 Waterworks (Public Relations and Marketing), Credentials, Communications, Awards ~~and~~ All-America,

989 Registration & Membership, Education, Safety Education and Club Fundraising Committees.

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991 ~~.6 The following shall be responsible to the Local Administration Vice President:~~
992 ~~Registration/Membership, Education, Safety Education and Club Fundraising Committees.~~

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994 *Renumber remaining sections*

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996 **507.1 Organization**

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998 ~~.1 The House of Delegates of USA Swimming shall consist of the following divisions: Program~~
999 ~~Operations, Program Development, Local Administration and National Administration.~~

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1003 **Location:** Page 121 **ARTICLE 503 OFFICERS**
1004 Page 122-123 **ARTICLE 504 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
1005 Page 125-126 **ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**
1006 Page 131 **ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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1008 **Proposed by:** Athletes Executive Committee

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1010 **Purpose:** To bring the rules regarding the Athletes Committee in line with current practice, and to
1011 restructure the AC-related portions of Part 5 to fit better both within Part 5 and to match
1012 recommendations from the Governance Task Force on Committees.

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1014 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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1016 **503.1 Officers** All USA Swimming officers, except the Secretary ~~and Athletes Vice President~~, shall be elected
1017 by the House of Delegates at annual meetings held in even-numbered years. The elected officers shall be
1018 President, Treasurer, Vice President of National Administration, Vice President of Local Administration, Vice
1019 President of Program Development, Vice President of Program Operations, ~~and~~ Technical Vice President and
1020 Athletes Vice President.

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1022 .1 The Athletes Vice President shall be elected by and from the Athletes Committee members of the House of
1023 Delegates.

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1026 **504.1 General Membership** ~~Eight (8)~~ Nine (9) Directors shall be the ~~seven (7)~~ eight (8) elected officers of
1027 USA Swimming and the Secretary (appointed by the Board). Two (2) Directors shall be elected from each zone
1028 by members of the House of Delegates, representing LSCs within each of the four zones. The Chairman of the
1029 Olympic International Operations Committee shall also be a member.

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1032 **504.3 Athlete Representation** The Athletes Committee shall elect to the Board of Directors that number of
1033 athlete Directors necessary to assure that not less than twenty percent (20%) of the Directors are athletes.
1034 Athlete Directors need not themselves be athlete representatives, but must at the time of their election be
1035 actively engaged in amateur swimming competition or have represented the United States in international
1036 competition within the ten (10) years preceding their election. Two of these athlete Directors shall be the

1037 Athletes Vice President and the Athletes Executive Vice Chair.

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1040 **506.2 Athletes Committee**

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1042 .1 The Athletes Committee shall be composed of the athlete members of the House of Delegates selected
1043 pursuant to Articles 507.1.2, 507.1.3, 507.1.4, and 506.2.3, and those athlete representatives elected to the
1044 Olympic International Operations Committee. The Athletes Vice President shall chair this committee.

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1046 ~~.2 The Athletes Committee shall elect the following:~~

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1048 ~~A In even numbered years to serve a two (2) year term (but no more than two consecutive terms):~~

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1050 ~~(1) A Vice President, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall be~~
1051 ~~chairman of the Committee and shall serve as an officer of USA Swimming and on its Board of~~
1052 ~~Directors;~~

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1054 ~~(2) A Vice Chairman, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall~~
1055 ~~also serve on the USA Swimming Board of Directors;~~

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1057 ~~(3) Such additional athlete members to the USA Swimming Board of Directors as may be necessary to~~
1058 ~~bring the number of Athlete Directors, who meet the criteria set forth in Article 504.3, to twenty~~
1059 ~~(20) percent of the Board;~~

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1061 ~~(4) Four Directors: The Olympic International Operations Director, the National Operations Director,~~
1062 ~~the LSC Coordinator Director, and the Education/ Development Director.~~

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1064 ~~B Quadrennially in the year preceding the Olympic Games:~~

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1066 ~~(1) A number of athletes equal to twenty percent (20%) of the Olympic International Operations~~
1067 ~~Committee shall be elected by the House of Delegates from a slate of athletes submitted by the~~
1068 ~~Athletes Executive Committee pursuant to 506.3.2 A;~~

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1070 ~~(2) Five alternates elected by the House of Delegates from a second slate of athletes submitted by the~~
1071 ~~Athletes Executive Committee.~~

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1073 ~~.3 The Athletes Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and four directors~~
1074 ~~(Olympic International Operations Director, National Operations Director, LSC Coordinator Director, and~~
1075 ~~the Education/ Development Director), the Secretary/Treasurer, and three additional athletes appointed by~~
1076 ~~the Chairman.~~

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1078 .3 Athletes Executive Committee The Athletes Executive Committee (AEC) shall be a 12-person sub-
1079 committee of the Athletes Committee and is charged with leading the business of the Athletes Committee.
1080 The AEC shall be chaired by the Athletes Vice President, and composed of the following additional
1081 members:

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1083 A Six (6) vice chairs elected by the Athletes Committee each to a two-year term, but no more than two
1084 consecutive terms, in even-numbered years (Executive, Financial, National Operations,
1085 Education/Development, LSC Coordinator and Administrative);

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- 1087 B A National Team Vice Chair elected by the Athletes Committee the year of the Summer Olympics to a
1088 four-year term;
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1090 C The USOC Athletes Advisory Council representative for USA Swimming;
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1092 D The immediate past-Athletes Vice President; and
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1094 E Two (2) at-large appointees elected by the AEC.
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1096 ~~.4 Athlete members attending the athletes meeting at the US Open shall elect five (5) athletes to the Athletes~~
1097 ~~Committee, each to serve a term of two (2) years.~~
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1099 .5 If a member of the Athletes Executive Committee cannot fulfill the requirements of his/her position,
1100 including attendance at the annual meeting, an alternate shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term,
1101 pursuant to procedures established by the Athletes Committee.
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1103 .6 The Athletes Vice President shall appoint representatives to serve ~~one (1) year~~ terms on each committee of
1104 USA Swimming except the Athletes, Athletes Executive, Investment, Olympic International Operations, and
1105 Counselors committees.
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1107 .7 Whenever, under these Bylaws, the Athletes Executive Committee is empowered to elect or appoint one or
1108 more representatives, the Athletes Committee shall establish written criteria for eligibility for such
1109 representation, unless such criteria is otherwise set forth in the Rules and Regulations. The Athletes
1110 Committee may establish written criteria for the internal governance of the committee. Such criteria so
1111 established shall be published in the Athletes Committee Manual included in the USA Swimming Policy
1112 Manual.
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1115 507.1 Organization

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1117 .3 Ten athlete representatives, five (5) per year and each serving a two (2) year term, elected by those athletes
1118 competing at the USA Swimming US Open competition shall be members of the House of Delegates. The
1119 athlete representatives and their alternates must at the time of their election be engaged in amateur senior
1120 swimming, or have competed in senior national championships within five (5) years preceding their
1121 election. The President may appoint, from a slate of nominees submitted by the Athletes Committee, such
1122 further members so as to bring the total athlete representation in the House of Delegates to twenty percent
1123 (20%).
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1127 **Location:** Page 125 **ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**
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1129 **Proposed by:** Athletes Executive Committee
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1131 **Purpose:** To create a definition of who is eligible to be an athlete representative in USA Swimming.
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1133 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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506.2 Athletes Committee

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

- A Competed at a USA Swimming sanctioned event while 18 years of age and under within the past ten (10) years; or
- B Competed at any USA Swimming championship meet defined in section 207.1 within the past ten (10) years; or
- C Represented USA Swimming in competition at any of the following meets: Olympics, World Championships, Short Course World Championships, World University Games, Pan Pacific Championships, or Pan American Championships within the past ten (10) years.

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

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Location: Page 124-126 ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

Proposed by: John Wilson on behalf of OIOC Policy Manual Review Task Force

Purpose: To conform the Policy Manual to current practice.

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

506.3 Olympic International Operations Committee

.2 There shall be a maximum number of fifty (50) members in the Committee elected or selected as follows:

- A Athlete members shall be elected by the ~~House of Delegates~~ Athletes Committee from a slate of eligible members presented by the Athletes Committee in such numbers as to constitute twenty percent (20%) of the Committee and presented to the House of Delegates for approval in such numbers as to constitute twenty percent (20%) of the Committee;

No change to B-D

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

.6 Any member of the Committee who fails to attend a regularly scheduled Committee ~~one (1)~~ meeting of the Committee without an excuse acceptable to the Committee shall be dropped from membership

1182 unless excused by the Committee Coordinator. Under no circumstances will more than one (1) excused
1183 absence. No member will be permitted more than one (1) excused absence. Absence from a portion(s) of
1184 a meeting session for USA Swimming-related business will not be counted into this total.

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1186 .7 Vacancies in elected membership that occur for any reason shall be filled by the next highest ranking
1187 elected individual, to complete the remaining unexpired term, except as noted below: Should a member
1188 elected by the House of Delegates or by the Committee resign or be dropped from membership, the next
1189 ranking electee shall serve the remainder of his/her term.

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1191 A Vacancies in Athlete membership elected according to 506.3.2 A shall be filled by the Athletes
1192 Committee to complete the remaining unexpired term.

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1194 B Organizations permitted membership according to 506.3.2 B Should a member from another
1195 organization resign or be dropped from membership, that organization shall name a successor,
1196 approved by the Board of Directors, to complete the remaining unexpired term.

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1198 *(Renumber the remainder of the Article.)*

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R-35.1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled
Needs 90% to pass

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1202 **Location:** Page 129 **ARTICLE 506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**

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1204 **Proposed by:** Peter Banks, Florida Swimming

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1206 **Purpose:** One committee does not have the expansive knowledge nor breadth of representation to be
1207 capable of deciding what should and should not be approved in USA Swimming. That should
1208 be left to the specialized committees, task forces and ultimately the House of Delegates.

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1210 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because this proposal is not*
1211 *consistent with the efficient running of the House of Delegates*

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1213 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**

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1215 .5 The Rules & Regulations Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to all parts
1216 of the Rules and Regulations and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates
1217 with the committee's recommendations.

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1221 **Location:** Page 124-131 **ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

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1223 **Proposed by:** John Kinney, Western Zone Director

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1225 **Purpose:** The USOC has recommended that the NGB's have a Nominations and Governance Committee.
1226 The Governance Task force on Committees and the Governance Task Force on the Board of
1227 Directors were unanimously opposed to a Nominating Committee; however, there was

1228 agreement that there could be a Governance Committee that would review, consult, and mentor
1229 governance practices of the organization.

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1231 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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1233 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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1235 .4 The following shall be responsible to the President: International Relations and Governance
1236 Committees.
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1238 **506.8 Governance Committee**
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1240 .1 Membership: The Governance Committee shall be comprised of four members appointed by the
1241 President, sufficient athlete appointments to constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the
1242 committee, and the Secretary/ General Counsel who shall have voice but no vote. There shall be no
1243 current voting members of the Board of Directors or non-athlete members who serve on other USA
1244 Swimming committees appointed to this committee.
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1246 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members
1247 are appointed each year.
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1249 .3 Responsibility: The Governance Committee shall be responsible for the review of governance practices
1250 by the Board of Directors and the various committees. The Governance Committee shall also be
1251 available for mentoring and consulting to the Board of Directors and the committees on the
1252 responsibilities and accountabilities of membership on those groups.
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1256 **Location:** **Page 131-132 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**
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1258 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on House of Delegates
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1260 **Purpose:** To reduce the number of Presidential at large appointments.
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1262 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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1264 **507.1 Organization**
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1266 .8 The President shall be empowered to appoint up to ~~ten percent (10%)~~ five percent (5%) of the total
1267 membership as members of the House of Delegates. One fourth (1/4th) of all those appointed shall be
1268 appointed in equal numbers from members, other than athletes, of the five (5) LSCs having the largest
1269 number of registered athletes as of ~~the~~ September 1 of the prior calendar year.
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Location: Page 131-132 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on House of Delegates

Purpose: To provide first-time attendees an opportunity to experience and become educated in convention procedures prior to becoming a voting member of the House of Delegates.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because it cannot be practically implemented and because it disenfranchises duly elected LSC officers.*

507.1 Organization

Add the following new subsection:

.10 First time members of the House of Delegates shall have voice but no vote.

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Proposed as an alternative to R-38

Location: Page 131-132 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Proposed by: George Homewood, General Chair, Virginia Swimming

Purpose: To require first-time attendees an opportunity to become educated in convention procedures prior to becoming a voting member of the House of Delegates.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because it cannot be practically implemented and because it disenfranchises duly elected LSC officers.*

507.1 Organization

Add the following new subsection:

.10 First time members of the House of Delegates (those who have not previously attended a USA Swimming Convention) should have voice but no vote at convention unless either of the following two conditions shall have been satisfied:

- A The member was declared by the LSC represented and on the form provided by national headquarters to be a delegate no later than 15 May immediately preceding the convention; or
- B The member shall have attended the entire orientation and training program for new delegates presented at the convention on the day preceding the first full day of business meetings.

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1319 **Location:** Page 131-132 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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1321 **Proposed by:** South Texas Swimming

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1323 **Purpose:** To enhance the ability of committees to put forth thoughtful legislation and to allow a longer
1324 period of time for rules changes to work before the HOD is tempted to change them again.

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1326 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because of commitments to*
1327 *USAS.*

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1329 **507.2 Meetings**

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1331 .1 The ~~annual~~ meeting of the House of Delegates shall be held in the even number years during the annual
1332 U.S. Aquatic Sports Convention at any date, time, and place, as may be fixed in the notice of such
1333 meeting.

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1337 **Location:** Page 132-133 ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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1339 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on House of Delegates

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1341 **Purpose:** To clarify that resolutions presented to the House of Delegates are subject to the same
1342 procedures as other amendments to the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

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1344 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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1346 **507.2 Meetings**

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1348 *Add the following new subsection:*

1349 .9 Resolutions of a legislative nature presented to the House of Delegates shall be subject to the same
1350 process as set forth for Amendments in Article 510.

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1354 **Location:** Page 149 ARTICLE 701 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF THE
1355 COMPETITION

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1357 **Proposed by:** Denny Ryther and Dave Johnson, Open Water Committee

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1359 **Purpose:** To promote greater participation in this program by adopting a more suitable name and
1360 expanding the dates of the program.

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1362 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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1364 **701.1 EVENTS/MEETS**

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1366 .4 ~~Postal Meets~~ Internet Distance Challenge

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1368 A A National ~~Postal Meet~~ Internet Distance Challenge shall be conducted annually. Except for
1369 .4C(4) below, swims must take place between ~~October 15 and April 15~~ September 1 and August
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PROPOSED HOUSEKEEPING LEGISLATION

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7 **Location:** Page 48 104.1 WORLD RECORDS
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9 **Proposed by:** Bob Brown, Member, Rules & Regulations Committee

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11 **Purpose:** To correct reference to forms for World Records
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13 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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15 **104.1 WORLD RECORDS**
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17 .1 (no change)
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19 .2 All claims shall be sent by facsimile transmission immediately following performance to the national
20 headquarters. Supporting evidence must be filed on official USA ~~Swimming~~ FINA World Record
21 application forms, which must be in (no further change).
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24
25 **Location:** Page 71 207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING
26 **CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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28 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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30 **Purpose:** Housekeeping
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32 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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34 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** -- The
35 administrative rules for the conduct of the national championships and Open Water Championships are
36 specified herein. Additional rules for Open Water Championships are listed in Article 704. ~~A general~~
37 ~~meeting of Program Operations, coaches, and meet officials shall be held prior to the first day's~~
38 ~~competition. The meeting date, time and location shall be included in the official meet information or~~
39 ~~entry form. Only business pertinent to the administrative conduct of that championship meet and its~~
40 ~~events shall be considered and finalized at this meeting by the vote of the members of Program~~
41 ~~Operations only and no changes shall be made thereafter. Only material contained in the Article 207 may~~
42 ~~be changed. It is the obligation of every entered athlete or the athlete's representative to be present at the~~
43 ~~meeting and to become acquainted with the changes and decisions made at this meeting.~~
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45 **.1 General Meeting**

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- 47 A. A general meeting, chaired by the Program Operations Vice President or a designee, shall be
48 held at all USA Swimming championship meets prior to the first day's competition. All
49 participating coaches, meet officials, Program Operations Division committee chairs and
50 coordinators, and representatives of each participating club are required to attend or be
51 represented at this meeting.
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- 53 B. Only business pertinent to the administrative conduct of that championship meet and its events
54 may be considered and finalized at this meeting by a vote of those in attendance and no
55 changes shall be made thereafter. Only material contained in Article 207 may be changed.
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- 57 C. It is the obligation of every athlete entered in the meet to attend or be represented at this
58 meeting and to become acquainted with the changes, if any, and the decisions made at this
59 meeting.
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61 *Existing sub-sections .1 through .13 to be renumbered .2 through .14*

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HK- 2 ACTION: <i>Moved to legislation Item R-15.1</i>

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67 **Location: Page 73 207.7.7 Eligibility Protests**

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69 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming

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71 **Purpose:** Housekeeping

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73 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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75 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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77 **.7 Eligibility Protests**

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- 79 A An Eligibility Jury composed of three persons in attendance at each national championship
80 shall be ~~There shall be an Eligibility Jury of three persons,~~ appointed by the Program
81 Operations Vice ~~President~~ or designee prior to the start of the meet, ~~in attendance at every~~
82 ~~national championship~~ to ~~determine~~ consider protests ~~affecting~~ pertaining to the eligibility of
83 any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization. The Eligibility Jury shall consist of
84 an athlete, a coach and an official.
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88 **Location: Page 73 207.7.7 Eligibility Protests**

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90 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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92 **Purpose:** Housekeeping
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94 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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96 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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98 **.7 Eligibility Protests**

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100 C Protests shall be heard by the jury and, if possible, decisions rendered ~~if possible~~ before the
101 start of events on the day in which the protested swimmer competes, but no later than the last
102 night of the championships. Opportunity.....(*no further change*)
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106 **Location:** Page 73 ff. **207.7.9 Scratch Procedures**

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108 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming

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110 **Purpose:** Housekeeping

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112 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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114 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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116 **.9 Scratch Procedures**

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118 C In all events where preliminary heats are necessary, after the heats have been seeded, any
119 swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which ~~they are~~ such swimmer is
120 entered and ~~have~~ has not been scratched in accordance with sub-paragraphs A and B above will
121 be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day.
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125 **Location:** Page 73 ff. **207.7.9 Scratch Procedures**

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127 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming

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129 **Purpose:** Housekeeping

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131 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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133 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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135 **.9 Scratch Procedures**

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137 D Scratching from finals:

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139 (4) If a the C and B (bonus and consolation) finals ~~has~~ have already been contested, the
140 (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).
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HK- 7 ACTION: <i>Deleted in favor of similar legislation in HK-8</i>
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146 **Location:** Page 75 ARTICLE 207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA
147 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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149 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee

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151 **Purpose:** To correct typographical error.

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153 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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155 **207.7 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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157 **.11 Finals** – Except for the relay events, the 1000 and 1650-yard and 800 and 1500-meter freestyle
158 events, there shall be C, B, and A (bonus, consolation and championship) final heats, with the
159 consolation heats preceding the championship heat, in both short course and long course National
160 Championships. The order of final heats for each meet shall be approved by the Program Operations
161 Vice President. ~~Long course National Championships. The order of final heats for each meet shall be~~
162 ~~approved by Program Operations.~~
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166 **Location:** Page 80 207.11 ENTRIES

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168 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming

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170 **Purpose:** Housekeeping

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172 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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174 **207.11 ENTRIES**

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176 **.1** ~~Entry blanks properly filled out and received prior to the meet entry deadline will declare the~~
177 ~~swimmer and/or relay team officially entered. A swimmer and/or relay team will be officially entered~~

178 when the entry blanks or electronic entries are received by USA Swimming prior to the meet entry
179 deadline.
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183 **Location:** Page 82 207.11.13 Relay Entries
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185 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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187 **Purpose:** Housekeeping
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189 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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191 **207.11 ENTRIES**
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193 **.13 Relay Entries**

194 A. *No change*

195 B. *No change*

196 C. Relay teams shall indicate on the entry form whether they elect to be entered at their provable
197 time or at the lowest priority non-conforming time standard. The time for each relay may be
198 submitted as a composite or an aggregate time. ~~Aggregate times must be equivalent~~ Only
199 times achieved in the same course (i.e. all short course or all long course) may be used for
200 aggregate relay times.

201 D. *...(last sentence)* A runner shall be furnished to distribute copies of the listed relay swimmers
202 to the announcer, ~~press and T.V.~~ and media.

203 E. *No change.*
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207 **Location:** Page 82 207.12 QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS
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209 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming
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211 **Purpose:** Housekeeping
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213 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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215 **207.12 QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS**
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217 .3 At each annual meeting at the USAS Convention, Program Operations shall approve at each annual
218 meeting the qualifying time standards for all National Championships, and U.S. Open meets one (1)
219 year in advance.....(no further change)
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223 **Location:** Page 83 207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

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225 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming

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227 **Purpose:** Housekeeping

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229 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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231 **207.13 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME**

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233 .5 **Responsibility Clause**

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235 A. The coach, swimmer, or swimmer representative who ~~signs~~ enters a USA Swimming
236 championship ~~entry form~~ thereby attests that all times ~~stated in said~~ on the entry form are true
237 and correct ~~as~~ achieved qualifying times for each event entered. He/she assumes all
238 responsibility.....(no further change)

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242 **Location:** Page 121 503.2 Vice Presidents

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244 **Proposed by:** Matt Hooper

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246 **Purpose:** To remove gender and passive voice.

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248 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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250 **503.2 Vice Presidents** The vice presidents of USA Swimming shall ~~be the chairmen~~ of their
251 respective divisions, and shall be responsible for their respective committees(no further change)

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255 **Location:** Page 124 ff. 506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators
256 Page 131 507.1 Organization

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258 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee

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260 **Purpose:** To delete references to Domestic and Age Group Operations Coordinator. This
261 position was deleted by the House of Delegates in 2004.

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263 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item..*

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265 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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267 .1 (no change)

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269 ~~.2 The House of Delegates shall elect the following at the time of the annual meeting of USA~~
270 ~~Swimming in even numbered years: Domestic and Age Group Operations Coordinator. Each shall~~
271 ~~be subject to the same limitations as to terms and successions as are officers of USA Swimming~~
272 ~~(Article 503.6)~~

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275 **507.1 Organization**

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277 .1 (no change)

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279 .2 All USA Swimming officers and voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic
280 International Operations Committee, the Age Group Planning Committee, the Rules & Regulations
281 Committee, the Registration/Membership Committee, the Convention/Elections Committee, the Senior
282 Swimming Committee, past USA Swimming Presidents, ~~the Domestic and Age Group Operations~~
283 ~~Coordinator~~, the National Times Coordinator (no further change in section)

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287 **Location:** Page 131 **ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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289 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee

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291 **Purpose:** To delete an obsolete reference to divisions of the House of Delegates.

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293 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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295 **507.1 Organization**

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297 ~~.1 The House of Delegates of USA Swimming shall consist of the following divisions: Program~~
298 ~~Operations, Program Development, Local Administration and National Administration.~~

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300 *Renumber existing subsections .2 through .9 as .1 through .8.*

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304 **Location:** Page 131 **ARTICLE 507 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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306 **Proposed by:** Jeff Gudman, Vice President, National Administration

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308 **Purpose:** To reflect change in committee name.

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310 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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312 **507.1 Organization**
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314 .2 All USA Swimming officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic
315 International Operations Committee, the Age Group Planning Committee, the Rules & Regulations
316 Committee, the Registration/Membership Committee, the ~~Convention~~ Credentials/Elections
317 Committee,no further change in section.
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321 **Location: Page 133 508.3 Annual Audit**
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323 **Proposed by:** Bruce Stratton, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee
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325 **Purpose:** To remove obsolete references to the Internal Revenue Code. The requirement for
326 showing income and disbursements is unnecessary because an audit by a CPA firm
327 will, by definition and standard practice, show those items.
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329 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
330

331 **508.3 Annual Audit** The financial records of the corporation shall be audited annually by a CPA firm
332 selected by the Board of Directors, ~~showing the income and disbursements of USA Swimming which~~
333 ~~shall be similar to those reports required of on profit organizations by Section 6056 of the Internal~~
334 ~~Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any subsequent tax laws).~~ Such annual financial
335 reports shall be made available for inspection by members of the general public at USA Swimming's
336 principal office on request made within 180 days after notice of its availability.
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340 **Location: Page 136 511.2 Distribution of Assets**
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342 **Proposed by:** Bruce Stratton, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee
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344 **Purpose:** To correct obsolete reference to the Internal Revenue Code.
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346 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*
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348 **511.2 Distribution of Assets** Upon the dissolution of USA Swimming or to such
349 organization or organizations as shall qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the
350 Internal Revenue Code of ~~1954~~ 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal
351 Revenue Law).
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Location: Page 144 ff. **APPENDIX 6-D DESCRIPTION OF LSC BOUNDARIES**

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Proposed by: Jack Dowling, General Chair, North Texas Swimming

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Purpose: To correct boundary description and eliminate overlap with West Texas.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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Effective Date: Immediately upon passage.

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NORTH TEXAS – That portion of the State of Texas ~~west~~ east of the counties of Hardeman, Foard, Knox, Haskell, Jones, Callahan, Brown, Mills and Lampasas; and north of the counties of Bell, Milam, Robertson, Leon, Houston, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Shelby; and excluding Bowie County.

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Location: Page 149 **701.1.4 Postal Meets**

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Proposed by: Julie Bare, Rules & Regulations Committee

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Purpose: To change incorrect reference.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

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701.1 EVENTS/MEETS

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A A National Postal Meet shall be conducted annually. Except for ~~.5C(4)~~ .4C(4) below, swims must take place between October 15 and April 15.

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**LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE ON
COMMITTEES AMENDING ARTICLE 506, COMMITTEES AND
COORDINATORS**

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2 **Location:** Page 124 503.2 Vice Presidents

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4 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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6 **Purpose:** To expand divisional responsibilities for committees beyond the Bylaws

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

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10 **503.2 Vice Presidents**

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12 .1 The vice presidents of USA Swimming shall be the chairmen of their respective divisions, and shall be responsible for
13 their respective committees, as set forth in Article 506.1 and the USA Swimming Policy Manual.

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15 .2 Whenever the President is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice President of National Administration shall
16 perform the duties.

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20 **Location:** Page 124 505.1 Executive Committee

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22 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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24 **Purpose:** To simplify the wording and to require the Executive Committee to meet annually for the purpose of
25 evaluating committees within their Divisions.

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

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29 **505.1 Executive Committee**

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31 .1 **Authority:** The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for the Board of Directors and USA Swimming
32 between meetings of the Board and House of Delegates, except that it cannot amend the Rules and Regulations.

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34 .2 **Membership:** It shall ~~be comprised~~ consist of the officers of USA Swimming and one additional athlete member from
35 the Board of Directors to be selected by the Athletes Committee, acting with advice and consent of legal counsel.

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37 .3 **Meetings:** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at any time or place upon the call of the President or
38 any three members of the Committee, and upon no less than ten (10) days written notice of such meeting to each
39 member. Special matters may be voted upon by the Committee by mail, ~~telegraphic~~ electronic vote, or by telephone
40 (confirmed in writing within twenty-four (24) hours), but no action can be taken without the concurrence of all
41 members of the Committee. At the next regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors the Committee shall
42 make a report of its activities since the last Board meeting for the Board's confirmation, ratification, modification, or
43 rejection.

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45 .4 **Committee Evaluations:** The Executive Committee shall convene at least once a year for the purpose of evaluating the
46 goals of the committees and their productivity.

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Location: Page 124 506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To empower the Board of Directors to establish special committees.

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

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.1 Standing committees of USA Swimming shall be as listed in this Article. Unless otherwise specified in these Rules and Regulations, the President shall appoint all members of all committees and their respective chairmen. Committee appointments made solely by the President serve at the pleasure of the President. At least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of each ~~standing~~ committee shall be athletes, each of whom must at the time of his/her appointment be engaged in amateur swimming within eight (8) years preceding his/her appointment.

.2 The Board of Directors may establish special committees and coordinators to satisfy programming needs. Committee and coordinator details shall be outlined in the USA Swimming Policy Manual.

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Location: Page 124 506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To establish continuity and encourage the introduction of new blood into the leadership pool.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

~~.1 Standing committees of USA Swimming shall be as listed in this Article. Unless otherwise specified in these Rules and Regulations, the President shall appoint all members of all committees and their respective chairmen. Committee appointments made solely by the President serve at the pleasure of the President. Twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of each standing committee shall be athletes, each of whom must at the time of his/her appointment be engaged in amateur swimming within eight (8) years preceding his/her appointment.~~

.2 Except for those individuals who qualify for their positions under some other provision of Article 506:

A Committee members shall serve four year terms;

B Committee members' terms shall be staggered so that one-fourth of all non-athlete members are appointed each year by the President following the annual meeting of the corporation;

C Any vacancy on a committee caused by any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the four-year term by the President;

D Committee members shall be subject to removal prior to the expiration of a term only by the Board of Directors;

100 E At least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of each committee shall be athletes, each of whom
101 must at the time of his/her appointment be engaged in amateur swimming within eight (8) years preceding
102 his/her appointment.

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104 .3 Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the President shall appoint all committee chairmen for one year terms.

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106 *Renumber remaining*

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110 *To be presented only if Item TF-4 is adopted.*

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112 **Location:** **Page 124-125 506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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114 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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116 **Purpose:** To ensure the introduction of new blood into the leadership pool by establishing term limits.

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118 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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120 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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122 .2 F An appointed committee member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and may be re-appointed
123 following a lapse of one year.

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130 **Location:** **Page 125 506.1.3, 506.1.8, and 506.1.9 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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132 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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134 **Purpose:** To eliminate the position of Open Water Coordinator. Shift the responsibility for open water National
135 Team and international events to Steering and to a special subcommittee of the OIOC.

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

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139 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

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141 ~~.3 The President shall appoint the Open Water Coordinator (OWC) at the beginning of each Olympic Quadrennium for a~~
142 ~~term of four years.~~

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144 ~~.8 The following shall be responsible to the Technical Vice President: Olympic International Operations Committee, Senior~~
145 ~~Swimming Committee, Sports Medicine/Sports Science, and Steering Committee, and Open Water Coordinator~~
146 ~~concerning international matters.~~

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148 ~~.9 The following shall be responsible to the Program Operations Vice President:~~

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150 ~~A Officials, Championship Coordination, Championship Evaluation, and Championship Time Standards Committees~~

151 B Reimbursement, National Records, and STAR Coordinators, ~~and Open Water Coordinator concerning domestic~~
152 ~~matters.~~
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154 *Renumber remaining*
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158 **Location:** Page 125 506.1.4 and 506.1.13 Standing Committees and Coordinators
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160 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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162 **Purpose:** To properly assign responsibility to the President for NBOR (See Article 402.1).
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164 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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166 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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168 .4 The following shall be responsible to the President: International Relations Committee and Chairman, National Board
169 of Review.

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171 .13 The following shall be responsible to the Secretary:

172 ~~A~~ Counselors and Elections Committees

173 ~~B~~ Chairman, National Board of Review
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177 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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179 **Purpose:** To clarify which committees/coordinators will be placed in the Policy Manual since the bulk of the
180 legislation is confusing.
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182 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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184 Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, committee and coordinator details for the following committees and
185 coordinators shall be outlined in the USA Swimming Policy Manual and assigned to appropriate divisions: Convention
186 Education, Championship Evaluation, Officials, Recognition & Times, Registration & Membership, Reimbursement, Club
187 Development, LSC Development, Disability, and Outreach.
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191 **Location:** Page 125 506.1.5 Standing Committees and Coordinators
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193 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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195 **Purpose:** To eliminate the Waterworks and Communication Committees because staff handles these functions and
196 can solicit input from membership as needed. Any responsibilities of the Communications Committee
197 that have relevance to LSCs can be shifted to the newly formed LSC Development Committee.
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199 To move the Awards and All-America Committees from the Bylaws to the Policy Manual.
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201 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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203 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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205 .5 The following shall be responsible to the National Administration Vice President: Rules & Regulations, ~~Waterworks~~
206 ~~(Public Relations and Marketing), and~~ Credentials, ~~Communications, Awards and All America Committees.~~
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209 **Location:** Page 125 506.1.5 and 506.1.13 Standing Committees and Coordinators

210
211 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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213 **Purpose:** To remove an unnecessary level of reporting for the Elections Committee.

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215 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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218 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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220 .5 The following shall be responsible to the National Administration Vice President: Rules & Regulations, Waterworks
221 (Public Relations and Marketing), Elections/Credentials, Communications, Awards and All-America Committees.
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223 .13 The following shall be responsible to the Secretary:

224 A Counselors ~~and Elections~~ Committees

225 B Chairman, National Board of Review
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228
229 **Location:** Page 125 506.1.6 Standing Committees and Coordinators

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231 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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233 **Purpose:** To eliminate the Club Fundraising Committee since the Club Development Division at HQ is doing this
234 work.

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236 To move the Education Committee to the Policy Manual (where it will be renamed Convention
237 Education Committee)
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239 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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241 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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243 .6 The following shall be responsible to the Local Administration Vice President: Registration/Membership, ~~Education,~~
244 Safety Education, ~~and Club Fundraising~~ Committees.
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248 **Location:** Page 125 506.1.6 Standing Committees and Coordinators
249 Page 123 Authority

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251 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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253 **Purpose:** To eliminate the Safety Education Committee because we have evolved to the point of needing
254 professional advice on risk management issues.
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256 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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258 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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260 .6 The following shall be responsible to the Local Administration Vice President: Registration/Membership, Education,
261 ~~Safety Education~~, and Club Fundraising Committees.
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263 **504.8 Authority** The USA Swimming Board of Directors shall have the authority to act for the USA Swimming House of
264 Delegates between meetings of the House, except that it cannot amend the Rules and Regulations. The Board shall have the
265 emergency power to adopt, revoke and amend any rule or regulation in the Rules and Regulations if the Board with the advice
266 and consent of the ~~Safety Education Committee~~, the Rules & Regulations Committee and legal counsel, shall determine that
267 safety considerations so require.....*no further change*
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271 **Location:** **Page 125** **506.1.6** **Standing Committees and Coordinators**
272 **Page 123** **504.4** **Organizational Member Representation**
273 **Page 131-132** **507.1.5** **Organization**
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275 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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277 **Purpose:** To move the Registration/Membership Committee to the Policy Manual
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279 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
280

281 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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283 .6 The following shall be responsible to the Local Administration Vice President: ~~Registration/Membership~~, Education,
284 Safety Education, and Club Fundraising Committees.
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286 **504.4 Organizational Member Representation** Any organization which is a member of USA Swimming pursuant to 502.2,
287 and which conducts, on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of swimmers to represent the United States in
288 international amateur swimming competition, a national program or regular national amateur athletic competition, and ensures
289 that such representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality and strength of the programs and competitions of such amateur
290 sports organization in relation to all other such programs and competition in the sport of swimming in the United States, shall
291 be eligible to name a Director. The ~~Membership Committee~~ Board of Directors or its designee shall determine whether an
292 organization satisfies the criteria of this Article.
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294 **507.1 Organization**
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296 .5 Any organization, as set forth in Article 502.2.2, which conducts a program in competitive swimming, or which is
297 composed of persons joined together in support of swimming or some aspect of it, may make application for
298 membership to USA Swimming. The ~~Registration/Membership Committee~~ Board of Directors or its designee shall
299 determine whether an organization meets the criteria set forth in this Article and may recommend ratification of
300 membership by the House of Delegates. Additionally, if the organization is national in character, the
301 ~~Registration/Membership committee~~ Board of Directors or its designee may recommend to the House of Delegates
302 that the organization be allowed to appoint a maximum of five members to the House of Delegates.
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Location: Page 125 506.1.7 Standing Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To move the Outreach and Disability Committees to the Policy Manual, to move Club Development to the Policy Manual, and to move Records and Top 16 to the Policy Manual.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.7 The following shall be responsible to the Program Development Vice President:

- A ~~Outreach and Disability Swimming Committees~~
- B Age Group Planning, Club Development and Camps Committees
- C ~~Age Group Records and Top 16 Tabulation Coordinators.~~

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Location: Page 125 506.1.7 and 506.1.8 Standing Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To move the responsibility for age group swimming to the Technical Division and change the name to Age Group Development

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.7 The following shall be responsible to the Program Development Vice President:

- A Outreach and Disability Swimming Committees
- B ~~Age Group Planning~~, Club Development and Camps Committees
- C Age Group Records and Top 16 Tabulation Coordinators.

.8 The following shall be responsible to the Technical Vice President: Olympic International Operations Committee, Senior Swimming Committee, Sports Medicine/Sports Science, Steering Committee, Age Group Development, and Open Water Coordinator concerning international matters.

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Location: Page 125 506.1.7 Standing Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To eliminate the Camps Committee because staff handles this function.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.7 The following shall be responsible to the Program Development Vice President:

- A Outreach and Disability Swimming Committees
- B Age Group Planning, and Club Development and Camps Committees
- C Age Group Records and Top 16 Tabulation Coordinators.

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Location: **Page 125 506.1.8 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To change the name from Senior Swimming to Senior Development to emphasize that the Senior Committee should encompass more than concerns about championship meets.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.8 The following shall be responsible to the Technical Vice President: Olympic International Operations Committee, Senior Development ~~Swimming~~ Committee, Sports Medicine/Sports Science, Steering Committee, and Open Water Coordinator concerning international matters.

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Location: **Page 125 506.1.8 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To move the Sports Medicine/Sports Science Committee to the Policy Manual as an arm of OIO.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.8 The following shall be responsible to the Technical Vice President: Olympic International Operations Committee, Senior Swimming Committee, ~~Sports Medicine/Sports Science~~, Steering Committee, and Open Water Coordinator concerning international matters.

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Location: **Page 125 506.1.9 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To eliminate Championship Coordination Committee.

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

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506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

- .9 The following shall be responsible to the Program Operations Vice President:
- A Officials, ~~Championship Coordination~~, Championship Evaluation, and Championship Time Standards Committees
 - B Reimbursement, National Records, and STAR Coordinators, and Open Water Coordinator concerning domestic matters.

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Location: **Page 125 506.1.9 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To move the Championship Evaluation Committee and the Reimbursement, National Records, and STAR Coordinators into the Policy Manual.
 To move responsibility for Championship Time Standards to Senior.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

- .9 The following shall be responsible to the Program Operations Vice President:
- A Officials, Championship Coordination, ~~Championship Evaluation, and Championship Time Standards Committees~~
 - ~~B Reimbursement, National Records, and STAR Coordinators, and Open Water Coordinator concerning domestic matters.~~

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Location: **Page 125 506.1.9 Standing Committees and Coordinators**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To move the Officials Committee to the Policy Manual.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

- .9 The following shall be responsible to the Program Operations Vice President:
- A ~~Officials~~, Championship Coordination, Championship Evaluation, and Championship Time Standards Committees
 - B Reimbursement, National Records, and STAR Coordinators, and Open Water Coordinator concerning domestic matters.

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Location: Page 125 506.1.10 Standing Committees and Coordinators
Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees
Purpose: To eliminate the open water committees and mainstream their functions into existing committees.
Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

~~.10 The following shall be responsible to the Open Water Coordinator:~~

- ~~A Open Water Domestic Committee~~
- ~~B Open Water International Committee~~

Passage of this item will eliminate all of 506.7.

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Location: Page 125 506.1.11 Standing Committees and Coordinators
Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees
Purpose: To reflect current practice.
Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.11 The following shall be responsible to the Athletes' Executive Vice President: Athletes, ~~National Team Alumni Association~~

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Location: Page 125 506.1.12 Standing Committees and Coordinators
Page 131 506.8 (new) Audit Committee
Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees
Purpose: To create an Audit Committee
Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators

.12 The following shall be responsible to the Treasurer: Investment and Audit Committees.

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506 **506.8 Audit Committee**
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- 508 .1 Membership: The Audit Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President, as follows: an
509 Executive Committee member, a Zone Director, an athlete from a slate submitted by the Athletes' Committee, and
510 two additional members with designated financial experience. There shall be no member of the committee who has
511 check signing authority for the corporation.
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513 .2 Each member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of the members are appointed each year.
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515 .3 Responsibility: The Audit Committee shall be responsible for the review and acceptance of the annual audited
516 statements, management letter, auditor letter and recommendations to the Board of Directors and to oversee the
517 system of internal control of the corporation.
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521 **Location:** **Page 125 506.1.13 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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523 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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525 **Purpose:** To eliminate the Counselors Committee and encourage LSCs to avail themselves of professional legal
526 advice in their own states and to protect the organization from liability for damages resulting from
527 advice given by volunteers.
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529 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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531 **506.1 Standing Committees and Coordinators**
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- 533 .13 The following shall be responsible to the Secretary:
534 ~~A~~ Counselors and Elections Committees
535 ~~B~~ Chairman, National Board of Review
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539 **Location:** **Page 126-127 506.3 Olympic International Operations Committee**
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541 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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543 **Purpose:** To move some descriptive language into the Policy Manual for the sake of flexibility
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545 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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547 **506.3 Olympic International Operations Committee**
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- 549 .1 The Olympic International Operations Committee shall be formed at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates in
550 the year preceding the Olympic Games and the terms of the newly elected members shall commence on the day
551 following the conclusion of the Olympic Games and ~~extend until~~ end the last day of the next Olympic Games.
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553 .2 There shall be a maximum number of fifty (50) members in the Committee elected or selected as follows:
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555 A Athlete members shall be elected by the House of Delegates from a slate of eligible members presented by
556 the Athletes Committee, in such numbers as to constitute twenty percent (20%) of the Committee;
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- 558 B The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may invite those organizations which directly or indirectly
559 provide potential members of the Olympic Swimming Team to appoint members to the Committee, the
560 number representing Allied members to be determined by the Board. Such organizations must have joined
561 USA Swimming as organizational members pursuant to 502.2;
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- 563 C The President of USA Swimming, the Program Operations Vice President, the Technical Vice President and
564 the National Steering Committee shall be members of the Committee;
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- 566 D That number of members necessary to bring the Committee membership to a total of fifty (50) shall be
567 elected by the House of Delegates.
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- 569 .3 Organizations entitled to appoint members to the Committee shall submit the names of their appointees in writing to
570 the national office at least thirty (30) days prior to the first official meeting of the quadrennium at the annual meeting
571 of the House of Delegates in which elections to the Committee are held. A written list of those appointees approved by
572 the Board of Directors shall be distributed to the appointing organizations and to the House of Delegates no less than
573 forty-eight (48) hours prior to that session of the House of Delegates in which the elections are held.
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- 575 ~~.4 The Olympic International Operations Coordinator, a vice coordinator and a secretary, shall be elected by and from~~
576 ~~the Committee at the initial meeting of the Committee. All officers of the Committee and its sub-committees shall~~
577 ~~serve for the life of that Committee or until replaced.~~
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- 579 ~~.5 The elected officers and one athlete member shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Committee. The~~
580 ~~Executive Committee shall act for the Committee in all matters wherein time does not permit full Committee~~
581 ~~consideration, as determined by the Committee Coordinator.~~
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- 583 ~~.6 Any member who fails to attend one (1) meeting of the Committee without an excuse acceptable to the Committee~~
584 ~~shall be dropped. Under no circumstances will more than one (1) excused absence be permitted. Should a member~~
585 ~~elected by the House of Delegates or by the Committee resign or be dropped from membership, the next ranking~~
586 ~~electee shall serve the remainder of his/her term. Should a member from another organization resign or be dropped~~
587 ~~from membership, that organization shall name a successor approved by the Board of Directors.~~
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- 589 .74 The Committee is responsible for all international competition by USA Swimming. It shall develop and administer all
590 international competition for the National Teams and shall monitor all other international programs for National
591 Teams. It shall select swimmers and staff of all National Junior, National Senior, and National Open Water Teams;
592 arrange for and conduct developmental programs to aid National Teams; arrange for and conduct training camps;
593 approve foreign invitations; develop schedules for foreign competition; and develop a budget.
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- 596
597 **Location:** Page 128-129 506.4 International Relations Committee
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- 599 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees which has subsequently requested withdrawal of this item
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- 601 **Purpose:** To modify the size of the IRC.
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- 603 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends the withdrawal be allowed.*
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605 **506.4 International Relations Committee**
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- 607 .1 The International Relations Committee shall consist of the following:
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- 609 A Members of USA Swimming who hold any of the following positions shall be automatic members of the
610 committee during their tenure in these positions: Any FINA, ASUA or USOC officer, FINA Bureau member,
611 FINA committee chair, the Olympic International Operations Committee Chair, the Steering Committee

- 612 Chair, the USA Swimming representative to the United States Olympic Committee, the current head coaches
613 of the US Olympic Swimming team, and the immediate past president of USA Swimming.
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- 615 B ~~Five~~ Four members of USA Swimming with relevant international experience shall be appointed by the
616 President; these members will be selected from persons who serve in any of the following positions:
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- 618 Any member of a FINA or ASUA committee or commission, any officer of the World Swimming Coaches
619 Association, the President of the American Swimming Coaches Association, the Executive Director of the
620 American Swimming Coaches Association, the President of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the
621 Executive Director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the FISU Chair, representatives of a
622 committee organizing a World Championship in the USA, officials from the current FINA Lists or officials
623 who have officiated at an Olympic Games or Long Course World Championship.
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- 625 C ~~Five~~ Four members of USA Swimming with relevant international experience, appointed by the President.
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- 627 D Two members elected by the OIOC at its first meeting following the Olympic Games.
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- 629 E A sufficient number of athlete representatives with international competitive experience on an Olympic,
630 World Championships, Pan American, Pan Pacific, or World University Games team within 10 years
631 preceding selection to the committee so as to constitute at least 20 percent of the voting membership.
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- 633 F The Executive Director and National Team Director of USA Swimming, with voice but no vote.
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- 635 .2 Each member shall serve until the conclusion of the House of Delegates meeting after the next Olympic Games, or
636 until a successor is elected/appointed.
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- 638 .3 The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the Board of Directors.
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- 640 *No further changes.*
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- 644 **Location:** Page 129 506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee
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- 646 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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- 648 **Purpose:** To add automatic members to the Rules Committee, to change the status of the Secretary/General
649 Counsel, and to clarify that secretaries must be appointed from among committee members.
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- 651 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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- 653 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**
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- 655 .1 The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:
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- 657 A The Officials Committee Chairman, ~~the Secretary/General Counsel of the Corporation~~, the Chairman of the
658 NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming Committee, the Chairman of the High School Swimming (~~NISCA~~)
659 (NFHS) Rules Committee, the Technical Vice President, the Program Operations Vice President, the
660 immediate past Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, the USA Swimming representative to the
661 FINA Open Water Technical Committee and the USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical
662 Committee, or their respective designees;
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- 664 E The Executive Director, the Secretary/General Counsel of the Corporation and others appointed by the Rules
665 & Regulations Committee Chairman, as ex-officio members with voice but not vote.
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667 .3 The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the House of Delegates, to serve two years. The chairman
668 shall appoint one or more secretaries from among the committee members.
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672 **Location:** Page 129 506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee
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674 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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676 **Purpose:** To reduce the size of the Rules Committee from 34 to 25, to separate Board of Directors and Rules
677 Committee powers, and to ensure coach representation. This would give the Rules Committee 21 voting
678 members, 3 ex-officio members, and the staff liaison for a total committee meeting size of 25 (26 if the
679 Administration V.P. attends) if both TF-27 and 28 were to pass.
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681 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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683 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**

684 .1 The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:
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686 D ~~Up to sixteen (16)~~ Eight members appointed by the President, none of whom shall be members of the Board
687 of Directors, and at least three of whom shall be coaches.
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692 *To be presented only if Item TF-4 is adopted.*
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694 **Location:** Page 129 506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee
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696 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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698 **Purpose:** To make presidential appointments to Rules and Regulations subject to the new terms.
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700 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*
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702 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**

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704 ~~2 Each member shall serve for a term of two years, or until a successor is appointed or elected. All appointments to the~~
705 ~~committee shall be made following the annual meeting of USA Swimming in even numbered years. In the event of a~~
706 ~~vacancy, the individual or organization making the original appointment shall select the person to fill the vacancy.~~
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708 .3 The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the House of Delegates, to serve two years. The chairman
709 shall appoint one or more secretaries from among the committee members.
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713 **Location:** Page 129 506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee
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715 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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717 **Purpose:** To eliminate a section that is already covered under Article 510.2.4

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719 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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721 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**
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723 ~~.5 The Rules & Regulations Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to all parts of the Rules~~
724 ~~and Regulations and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates with the committee's~~
725 ~~recommendations.~~
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727 *Renumber subsequent sections.*
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731 *To be presented only if Item TF- 21 is defeated; otherwise, all of 506.7 will be eliminated from the Bylaws.*
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733 **Location:** **Page 130 506.7 Open Water Swimming Coalition Committee**
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735 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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737 **Purpose:** To eliminate unnecessary language from the Bylaws and move to the Policy Manual.
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739 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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741 **506.7 Open Water Swimming Committee Coalition**
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743 .1 USA Swimming Open Water programs shall be directed and administered by the Open Water Coordinator (OWC)
744 and a two-committee coalition as follows:
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746 A Open Water Domestic Committee (OWDC)
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748 (1) The Open Water Domestic Committee shall consist of the following:
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750 (a) Members appointed by the President;
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752 (b) Athletes appointed by the Athletes Committee to constitute not less than twenty percent of
753 the OWDC voting membership;
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755 (c) The immediate past chairperson; and
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757 (d) Ex-officio members: Program Operations Vice President, OWC, USA Swimming
758 representative to the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee, ~~or in the absence~~
759 ~~of a person in this position, an appointee of the OWC with the advice and consent of the~~
760 ~~Program Operations Vice President, and the chairman of the Open Water International~~
761 ~~Committee (OWIC).~~
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763 (2) ~~— All appointments to the committee shall be made following the annual meeting of USA Swimming~~
764 ~~in even-numbered years. Each member, except for athlete members who shall serve a one-year term,~~
765 ~~shall serve a term for two years, or until a successor is appointed or elected. In the event of a~~
766 ~~vacancy, the individual or organization making the original appointment shall select the person to~~
767 ~~fill the vacancy.~~
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769 (3) ~~— The chairperson shall be appointed by the President for a two-year term;~~
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771 (4) ~~— The OWDC shall meet at times designated by the chairperson.~~
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- 773 (5) ~~(2)~~ The OWDC shall be responsible for the development and administration of the USA Swimming
774 Open Water Domestic programs and activities.
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776 B Open Water International Committee
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778 (1) The Open Water International Committee shall consist of the following:
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780 (a) The USA Swimming representative to the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming
781 Committee, ~~or in the absence of a person in this position, an appointee of the OWC with~~
782 ~~the advice and consent of the Program Operations Vice President, and the chairmen of the~~
783 ~~OWDC and the OWIC;~~
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785 (b) An athlete-member with international open water competition experience appointed by the
786 Athletes Committee;
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788 (c) The immediate past ~~National~~ Open Water National Team Coach; and
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790 (d) Ex-officio members: Program Operations Vice President, OWC, and OWDC Chair.
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792 ~~(2) Except where specified differently in these Bylaws, each member shall serve a term for two years,~~
793 ~~or until a successor is appointed or elected.~~
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795 ~~(3) (2) The chairperson shall be the USA Swimming Open Water National Team Coach, who shall be~~
796 ~~nominated jointly by the OWC, the OWDC and the OWIC and appointed by the Olympic~~
797 ~~International Operations Committee (OIOC) at the beginning of the Olympic Quadrennium for a~~
798 ~~term of four years.~~
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800 ~~(4) The OWIC shall meet at times designated by the chairperson.~~
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802 (5) (3) The Open Water International Committee shall be responsible for the development and
803 administration of all international facets of the USA Swimming Open Water program.
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805 .2 Five representatives to the USA Swimming House of Delegates from the combined membership of the OWDC and
806 the OWIC as authorized in 507.1.2 shall be appointed by the OWC with the concurrence of the chairmen of the
807 OWDC and the OWIC.
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809 ~~.3 A joint meeting, chaired by the OWC, of the OWC and the chairpersons of the OWDC and OWIC shall take place~~
810 ~~during the Annual Meeting of USA Swimming and at other times designated by the OWC.~~
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813 **Location:** **Page 131 506.9 (new) Elections/Credentials Committee**
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815 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees
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817 **Purpose:** To establish in the Bylaws the framework and purpose of the existing Elections/Credentials Committee
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819 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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822 **506.9 Elections/Credentials Committee**
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- 824 .1 Membership: The Elections/Credentials Committee shall consist of ten members appointed by the President two of
825 whom shall be athlete members.
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827 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed
828 each year.

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830 .3 Responsibility: The Elections/Credentials Committee shall certify delegates at the annual meeting of the corporation,
831 supervise elections held at the annual meeting, and certify results of elections held at the annual meeting.

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Location: **Page 131 506.10 (new) Steering Committee**

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Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

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Purpose: To establish in the Bylaws the framework and purpose of the existing Steering Committee

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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506.10 Steering Committee

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.1 Membership: The Steering Committee shall consist of one athlete elected by the Athletes Committee, one athlete
846 elected by Steering from a slate provided by the Athletes Committee, the immediate past Head Women's Olympic
847 Coach, the immediate past Head Men's Olympic Coach, the OIOC Coordinator, the National Team Director, two
848 coaches elected by the OIOC, one coach elected by the Senior Development Committee, one coach elected by the
849 ASCA Board of Directors, and one coach appointed by the President in consultation with the National Team Director.

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The Technical Vice President, a representative of Open Water swimming, and the Chair of the Sports
852 Medicine/Science Committee, shall be ex officio members of the committee with voice but no vote.

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.2 Term: Members of the Steering Committee shall serve a term commencing with appointment or election and extend
855 until the last day of the next Olympic Games.

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.3 Responsibility: The Steering Committee shall operate under the direction of the National Team Director to create a
858 National Team program; expedite decisions regarding that program; and plan for specific needs of the National Team
859 in preparation for international competition.

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.4 Operation: The Steering Committee shall operate according to policies adopted and published in the OIOC Policy
862 Manual.

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Location: **Page 131 506.11 (new) Senior Development Committee**

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Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

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Purpose: To establish in the Bylaws the framework and purpose of the Senior Development Committee

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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506.10 Senior Development Committee

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.1 The Senior Development Committee shall consist of ten members appointed by the President, at least five of whom shall
877 be coaches and two of whom shall be athletes.

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- 879 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed each
880 year.
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- 882 .3 The Senior Development Committee shall provide technical input for the structure of championship meets, shall be
883 responsible for developing athletes at the post-age group level, and shall provide technical expertise in bridging the gap
884 between Age Group and National Team.
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888 **Location:** **Page 131 506.11 (new) Age Group Development Committee**

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890 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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892 **Purpose:** To establish in the Bylaws the framework and purpose of the Age Group Development Committee

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894 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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896 **506.11 Age Group Development Committee**

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- 898 .1 The Age Group Development Committee shall consist of ten members appointed by the President, with at least one
899 representative from each Zone. At least five of the members shall be coaches and two shall be athletes.
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- 901 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed each
902 year.
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- 904 .3 The Age Group Development Committee shall identify and promote ideas to assist USA Swimming in developing Age
905 Group athletes and shall provide a path for transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
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909 **Location:** **Page 131 507.1 Organization**

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911 **Proposed by:** Governance Task Force on Committees

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913 **Purpose:** To eliminate assigned votes from those who are not standing committees. (Items may vary according to
914 what is adopted or defeated.)

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916 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation.*

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918 **507.1 Organization**

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- 920 .2 All USA Swimming officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic International Operations
921 Committee, the Age Group ~~Planning~~ Development Committee, the Rules & Regulations Committee, ~~the~~
922 ~~Registration/Membership~~ Committee, the ~~Convention~~ Credentials/Elections Committee, the Senior ~~Swimming~~
923 Development Committee, and past USA Swimming Presidents, ~~the National Times Coordinator, and five (5)~~
924 ~~representatives of the USA Swimming Open Water Committee~~, shall be members of the House of Delegates.
925 Membership on any committee notwithstanding ~~paid~~ USA Swimming ~~staff personnel~~ employees shall not be members
926 of the House of Delegates.

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Location: Page 134-135 **510.2.5 Amendments Proposed**

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To obligate the Rules Committee to provide a clear rationale for items recommended for rejection.

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

510.2 Amendments Proposed

- .4 **Consideration, Recommendation and Report** — The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consider all proposed amendments and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates with the Committee’s recommendations.
- .5 **Procedures for Recommendations** — As a part of its consideration, the Rules & Regulations Committee is encouraged to consult with the proposer and any other interested parties and suggest changes (which may be substantive or drafting) to the amendment that would enable the Committee to support adoption. Recommendations under this Article may be for or against adoption, a statement of no recommendation, or a recommendation to commit the proposal to a USA Swimming Officer or another USA Swimming Committee or the proposer for further consideration. Each ~~report~~ recommendation against adoption under this Article shall include a concise but informative rationale for the ~~respective~~ recommendation.

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Location: Various

Proposed by: Governance Task Force on Committees

Purpose: To clean up loose ends left by changes to Bylaws.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval as a Housekeeping item.*

Depending upon passage of various items, appropriate changes will be made to the following sections:

104.1.2	207.4.1
104.2.2 C(2)	207.4.3
104.2.2 C(5-8)	207.12.4
104.3D	207.7.13
104.4B	207.12 .1
104.6B	207.13.5.A
202.5	207.13.5C
205.8.1	APPENDIX 2-A
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**ARTICLE 506, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS, REWRITTEN AS
THOUGH ALL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNANCE
TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES WERE ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF
DELEGATES**

APPENDIX

If all items presented by the Governance Task Force on Committees were to pass, this is the way Article 506 would read:

ARTICLE 506 COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

506.1 Committees and Coordinators

- .1 Standing committees of USA Swimming shall be as listed in this Article.
- .2 The Board of Directors may establish special committees and coordinators to satisfy programming needs. Committee and coordinator details shall be outlined in the USA Swimming Policy Manual.
- .3 Except for those individuals who qualify for their positions under some other provision of Article 506:
- A Committee members shall serve four year terms;
 - B Committee members' terms shall be staggered so that one-fourth of all non-athlete members are appointed each year by the President following the annual meeting of the corporation;
 - C Any vacancy on a committee caused by any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the four-year term by the President;
 - D Committee members shall be subject to removal prior to the expiration of a term only by the Board of Directors;
 - E At least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of each committee shall be athletes, each of whom must at the time of his/her appointment be engaged in amateur swimming within eight (8) years preceding his/her appointment.
 - F An appointed committee member shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and may be re-appointed following a lapse of one year.
- .4 Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the President shall appoint all committee chairmen for one year terms.
- .5 The following shall be responsible to the President: International Relations Committee and Chairman, National Board of Review.
- .6 The following shall be responsible to the Administration Vice President: Rules & Regulations and Elections/Credentials Committees.
- .7 The following shall be responsible to the Technical Vice President: Olympic International Operations, Senior Development, Age Group Development, and Steering Committees.
- .8 The following shall be responsible to the Athletes' Executive Vice President: Athletes Committee.
- .9 The following shall be responsible to the Treasurer: Investment and Audit Committees.
- .10 A summary of the minutes of each committee meeting, after approval by that committee's chair, shall be posted on the USA Swimming website within one month of that meeting.

506.2 Athletes Committee

- 1022 .1 The Athletes Committee shall be composed of the athlete members of the House of Delegates selected pursuant to
1023 Articles 507.1.3, 507.1.4, 506.2.3, and those athlete representatives elected to the Olympic International Operations
1024 Committee.
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- 1026 .2 The Athletes Committee shall elect the following:
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- 1028 A In even-numbered years to serve a two (2) year term (but no more than two consecutive
1029 terms):
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- 1031 (1) A Vice President, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall be
1032 chairman of the Committee and shall serve as an officer of USA Swimming and on its Board of
1033 Directors;
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- 1035 (2) A Vice Chairman, meeting the criteria of an Athlete Director set forth in Article 504.3, who shall
1036 also serve on the USA Swimming Board of Directors; (3) Such additional athlete members to the
1037 USA Swimming Board of Directors as may be necessary to bring the number of Athlete Directors,
1038 who meet the criteria set forth in Article 504.3, to twenty (20) percent of the Board; (4) Four
1039 Directors: The Olympic International Operations Director, the National Operations Director, the
1040 LSC Coordinator Director, and the Educational/ Development Director.
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- 1042 B Quadrennially in the year preceding the Olympic Games:
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- 1044 (1) A number of athletes equal to twenty percent (20%) of the Olympic International Operations
1045 Committee shall be elected by the House of Delegates from a slate of athletes submitted by the
1046 Athletes Executive Committee pursuant to 506.3.2 A;
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- 1048 (2) Five alternates elected by the House of Delegates from a second slate of athletes
1049 submitted by the Athletes Executive Committee.
1050
- 1051 .3 The Athletes Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and four directors (Olympic
1052 International Operations Director, National Operations Director, LSC Coordinator Director, and the Education/
1053 Development Director), the Secretary/Treasurer, and three additional athletes appointed by the Chairman.
1054
- 1055 .4 Athlete members attending the athletes meeting at the US Open shall elect five (5) athletes to the Athletes Committee,
1056 each to serve a term of two (2) years.
1057
- 1058 .5 If a member of the Executive Committee cannot fulfill the requirements of his/her position, including attendance at
1059 the annual meeting, an alternate shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, pursuant to procedures established
1060 by the Athletes Committee.
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- 1062 .6 The Athletes Vice President shall appoint representatives to serve one (1) year terms on each committee of USA
1063 Swimming except the Olympic International Operations, and Counselors committees.
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- 1065 .7 Whenever, under these Bylaws, the Athletes Executive Committee is empowered to elect or appoint one or more
1066 representatives, the Athletes Committee shall establish written criteria for eligibility for such representation, unless
1067 such criteria is otherwise set forth in the Rules and Regulations. The Athletes Committee may establish written criteria
1068 for the internal governance of the committee. Such criteria so established shall be published in the USA Swimming
1069 Policy Manual.
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1071 **506.3 Olympic International Operations Committee** 1072

- 1073 .1 The Olympic International Operations Committee shall be formed at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates in
1074 the year preceding the Olympic Games and the terms of the newly elected members shall commence on the day
1075 following the conclusion of the Olympic Games and end the last day of the next Olympic Games.
1076
- 1077 .2 There shall be a maximum number of fifty (50) members in the Committee elected or selected as follows:
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- 1079 A Athlete members shall be elected by the House of Delegates from a slate of eligible members presented by
1080 the Athletes Committee, in such numbers as to constitute twenty percent (20%) of the Committee;
1081
- 1082 B The Board of Directors in its sole discretion may invite those organizations which directly or indirectly
1083 provide potential members of the Olympic Swimming Team to appoint members to the Committee, the
1084 number representing Allied members to be determined by the Board. Such organizations must have joined
1085 USA Swimming as organizational members pursuant to 502.2;
1086
- 1087 C The President of USA Swimming, the Program Operations Vice President, the Technical Vice President and
1088 the National Steering Committee shall be members of the Committee;
1089
- 1090 D That number of members necessary to bring the Committee membership to a total of fifty (50) shall be
1091 elected by the House of Delegates.
1092
- 1093 .3 Organizations entitled to appoint members to the Committee shall submit the names of their appointees in writing to
1094 the national office at least thirty (30) days prior to the first official meeting of the quadrennium at the annual meeting
1095 of the House of Delegates in which elections to the Committee are held. A written list of those appointees approved by
1096 the Board of Directors shall be distributed to the appointing organizations and to the House of Delegates no less than
1097 forty-eight (48) hours prior to that session of the House of Delegates in which the elections are held.
1098
- 1099 .4 The Committee is responsible for all international competition by USA Swimming. It shall develop and administer all
1100 international competition for the National Teams and shall monitor all other international programs for National
1101 Teams. It shall select swimmers and staff of all National Junior, National Senior, and National Open Water Teams;
1102 arrange for and conduct developmental programs to aid National Teams; arrange for and conduct training camps;
1103 approve foreign invitations; develop schedules for foreign competition; and develop a budget.
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506.4 International Relations Committee

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- 1107 .1 The International Relations Committee shall consist of the following:
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- 1109 A Members of USA Swimming who hold any of the following positions shall be automatic members of the
1110 committee during their tenure in these positions: Any FINA, ASUA or USOC officer, FINA Bureau member,
1111 FINA committee chair, the Olympic International Operations Committee Chair, the Steering Committee
1112 Chair, the USA Swimming representative to the United States Olympic Committee, the current head coaches
1113 of the US Olympic Swimming team, and the immediate past president of USA Swimming.
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- 1115 B Five members of USA Swimming with relevant international experience shall be appointed by the President;
1116 these members will be selected from persons who serve in any of the following positions:
1117
- 1118 Any member of a FINA or ASUA committee or commission, any officer of the World Swimming Coaches
1119 Association, the President of the American Swimming Coaches Association, the Executive Director of the
1120 American Swimming Coaches Association, the President of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the
1121 Executive Director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, the FISU Chair, representatives of a
1122 committee organizing a World Championship in the USA, officials from the current FINA Lists or officials
1123 who have officiated at an Olympic Games or Long Course World Championship.
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- 1125 C Five members of USA Swimming with relevant international experience, appointed by the President.
1126
- 1127 D Two members elected by the OIOC at its first meeting following the Olympic Games.
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- 1129 E A sufficient number of athlete representatives with international competitive experience on an Olympic,
1130 World Championships, Pan American, Pan Pacific, or World University Games team within 10 years
1131 preceding selection to the committee so as to constitute at least 20 percent of the voting membership.
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- 1133 F The Executive Director and National Team Director of USA Swimming, with voice but no vote.
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- 1135 .2 Each member shall serve until the conclusion of the House of Delegates meeting after the next Olympic Games, or
1136 until a successor is elected/appointed.
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- 1138 .3 The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the Board of Directors.
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- 1140 .4 From the members of the committee, the president shall appoint five continental liaisons to the respective FINA
1141 continental organizations of the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania.
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- 1143 .5 The International Relations Committee shall:
1144
- 1145 A Conduct an ongoing review and analysis of all political aspects and trends of swimming at the continental
1146 and international level;
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- 1148 B Develop and advance a comprehensive non-technical international strategic plan for USA Swimming;
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- 1150 C Identify and promote individuals for nomination and advancement to international political and leadership
1151 positions;
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- 1153 D Enhance the influence of USA Swimming within FINA and the USOC commensurate with our competitive
1154 success and for the betterment of athlete centered governance of our sport.
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1156 **506.5 Rules & Regulations Committee**

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- 1158 .1 The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:
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- 1160 A The Officials Committee Chairman, the Chairman of the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming
1161 Committee, the Chairman of the High School Swimming (NFHS) Rules Committee, the Technical Vice
1162 President, the Program Operations Vice President, the immediate past chair of the Rules and Regulations
1163 Committee, the USA representative to the FINA Open Water Technical Committee, and the USA Swimming
1164 representative to the FINA Technical Committee, or their respective designees;
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- 1166 B A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes Committee so as to constitute twenty percent
1167 (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee;
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- 1169 C A representative, or his/her designee, from each Allied member, on condition that within thirty (30) days
1170 following the annual meeting of USA Swimming in even-numbered years the member informs USA
1171 Swimming in writing of its desire to appoint a representative;
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- 1173 D Eight members appointed by the President, none of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors, and at
1174 least three of whom shall be coaches.
1175
- 1176 E The Executive Director, the Secretary/General Counsel of the Corporation, and others appointed by the
1177 Chairman, as ex-officio members with voice but not vote.
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- 1179 .2 The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the House of Delegates, to serve two years. The chairman
1180 shall appoint one or more secretaries from among the committee members.
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- 1182 .3 The Rules & Regulations Committee shall hold at least one meeting of its members each year, at a time and place
1183 approved by the Committee, for consideration of amendments and interpretations of the Rules and Regulations.
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- 1185 .4 The Rules & Regulations Committee or its designee shall have the sole authority to officially interpret Part One, the
1186 authority to interpret the remainder of these Rules and Regulations, and shall be responsible for all redistricting
1187 procedures for USA Swimming.
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1189 **506.6 Investment Committee**

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1191 .1 There shall be an Investment Committee of five (5) persons. Two (2) of the members shall be the President and
1192 Treasurer. The remaining three (3) members shall be appointed jointly by the President and Treasurer with the
1193 approval of the Board of Directors. One (1) member shall be appointed each year to serve a three-year term. At least
1194 two (2) of the appointed members shall be non-members of the Board of Directors, one (1) of whom shall be
1195 appointed chairman by the President and Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Directors. At least one (1) of the
1196 appointed members shall be an athlete.
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1198 **506.7 Audit Committee**

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1200 .1 Membership: The Audit Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the President, as follows: an
1201 Executive Committee member, a Zone Director, an athlete from a slate submitted by the Athletes' Committee, and
1202 two additional members with designated financial experience. There shall be no member of the committee who has
1203 check signing authority for the corporation.
1204
1205 .2 Each member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of the members are appointed each year.
1206 .3 Responsibility: The Audit Committee shall be responsible for the review and acceptance of the annual audited
1207 statements, management letter, auditor letter and recommendations to the Board of Directors and to oversee the
1208 system of internal control of the corporation.
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1210 **506.8 Elections/Credentials Committee**

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1212 .1 Membership: The Elections/Credentials Committee shall be comprised of ten members appointed by the President
1213 two of whom shall be athlete members.
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1215 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed
1216 each year.
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1218 .3 Responsibility: The Elections/Credentials Committee shall certify delegates at the annual meeting of the corporation,
1219 supervise elections held at the annual meeting, and certify results of elections held at the annual meeting.
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1221 **506.9 Steering Committee**

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1223 .1 Membership: The Steering Committee shall consist of one athlete elected by the Athletes Committee, one athlete
1224 elected by Steering from a slate provided by the Athletes Committee, the immediate past Head Women's Olympic
1225 Coach, the immediate past Head Men's Olympic Coach, the OIOC Coordinator, the National Team Director, two
1226 coaches elected by the OIOC, one coach elected by the Senior Development Committee, one coach elected by the
1227 ASCA Board of Directors, and one coach appointed by the President in consultation with the National Team Director.
1228
1229 The Technical Vice President, a representative of Open Water swimming, and the Chair of the Sports
1230 Medicine/Science Committee, shall be ex-officio members of the committee with voice but no vote.
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1232 .2 Term: Members of the Steering Committee shall serve a term commencing with appointment or election and extend
1233 until the last day of the next Olympic Games.
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1235 .3 Responsibility: The Steering Committee shall operate under the direction of the National Team Director to create a
1236 National Team program; expedite decisions regarding that program; and plan for specific needs of the National Team
1237 in preparation for international competition.
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1239 .4 Operation: The Steering Committee shall operate according to policies adopted and published in the OIOC Policy
1240 Manual.
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1242 **506.10 Senior Development Committee**

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1244 .1 The Senior Development Committee shall consist of ten members appointed by the President, at least five of whom shall
1245 be coaches and two of whom shall be athletes.

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1247 .2 Each non-athlete member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed each
1248 year.
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1250 .3 The Senior Development Committee shall provide technical input for the structure of championship meets, shall be
1251 responsible for developing athletes at the post-age group level, and shall provide technical expertise in bridging the gap
1252 between Age Group and National Team.
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1254 **506.11 Age Group Development Committee**
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- 1256 .1 The Age Group Development Committee shall be comprised of ten members appointed by the President, at least five of
1257 whom shall be coaches and two of whom shall be athletes.
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1259 .2 Each member shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of the members are appointed each year.
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1261 .3 The Age Group Development Committee shall identify and promote ideas to assist USA Swimming in developing Age
1262 Group athletes and shall provide a path for transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
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1268 **EXPLANATORY NOTE** (not to be included in Rules & Regulations):
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1270 The following committees/positions would be **retired**: *Strategic Planning, Counselors, Personnel, Championship*
1271 *Coordination, Waterworks & Logo Review, Camps, Open Water Coordinator, Safety Education, Club Fundraising,*
1272 *and National Team Alumni Association.*
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1274 The following would be **Special Committees** functioning as usual, listed and described in the USA Swimming
1275 Policy Manual (but not in Rules & Regulations): *Convention Education* (formerly Education), *Championship*
1276 *Evaluation, Officials, Recognition & Times* (formerly National Records, Age Group Records, All America, Awards,
1277 NTV Coordinator, and Top 16 Coordinator), *Registration & Membership, Reimbursement, Club Development, LSC*
1278 *Development* (new), *Disability, and Outreach.*
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1280 The following committees would have their **functions re-assigned** to other committees: *Open Water Domestic* (to
1281 Age Group, Senior & others), *Open Water International* (to OIOC and Steering), *Survey Coordinator* (to
1282 Convention Education), *National Team Evaluation* (to OIOC), *Sports Medicine/Science* (to OIOC),
1283 *Communications* (to LSC Development), and *Top 16, National Records, Age Group Records, Awards, All-America,*
1284 *and NTV Coordinator* (to Recognition & Times).
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1286 The following would be **Standing Committees**, defined and described in USA Swimming Rules & Regulations:
1287 *Executive, IRC, Credentials/Elections, Athletes Executive, Athletes, Rules & Regulations, OIOC, Steering, Senior*
1288 *Development, Age Group Development, Investment, Audit* (new), and *NBOR.*
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**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM THE GOVERNANCE
TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES**

GOVERNANCE – COMMITTEE TASK FORCE
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF USA
SWIMMING

March 31, 2005



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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Governance – Committees Task Force
DATE: March 31, 2005
SUBJECT: Recommendations of the Task Force

The governance task force on committees was charged by President Ron Van Pool to review USA Swimming's organizational and administrative structure related to committees and recommend changes to improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness. The task force was further charged with a review of the recommendations made by Consensus Management Group as background and as the basis for recommendations. By improving efficiency and effectiveness the organization will be better able to meet the needs of and to support athletes at all levels.

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE ON COMMITTEES SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The task force makes the following observations and recommendations with respect to the committees of USA Swimming.

1. Committees that are listed in the Bylaws (rule book) are known as Standing Committees. Any changes to the listings in Bylaws or to the descriptive language included in the Bylaws must be approved by 2/3 of the House of Delegates. Language providing every standing committee's purpose and composition should be included in the Bylaws.
2. Committees that are listed and described only in the Policy Manual are referred to as Special Committees. Changes to Special Committees may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
3. Coordinators should be listed and described only in the Policy Manual. Changes to Coordinators may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
4. Necessary governance committees and those committees whose charge represent the backbone (purpose) of USA Swimming should remain in Bylaws as standing committees.

All other committees and coordinators should be listed in the Policy Manual in order to promote flexibility and agility within the organization. The work of the committees and coordinators is necessary and important and should be on-going, but the means for doing that work may alter with technology advancements, time, staff, and programming needs.
5. Volunteers should be given opportunities to serve on committees, as coordinators, and on task forces. Committees' purposes and goals should be clearly defined by the Board of Directors. No volunteer's time should be wasted or efforts ignored. Committee participants form an important pool of future leaders for the organization and it is vital that their involvement continue.
6. Use of task forces is an effective means of handling and completing special projects.

7. It is imperative that the vice president of the division define the purposes and goals of each of the division's committees and coordinators and monitor their progress. (*Change to Policy Manual, Committee Administration – Board action*)
8. To ensure progress of the organization, it should be mandated that the Executive Committee meet at least once a year with the specific purpose of discussing the work of the committees. The Executive Committee must take an active role in holding committees and their chairs accountable and making changes in leadership and/or committee goals as necessary. The need for capable committee chairs and clearly defined goals is of paramount importance. Without capable leadership and a clearly defined purpose, committees or task forces will flounder. (*legislation*)
9. The vice presidents must define clearly to the Executive Director the purpose and goals of each committee.
10. An Audit Committee should be created as a standing committee, comprised of four presidential appointees, one athlete, and the Treasurer who would be ex-officio with voice but no vote. (*legislation*)
11. An LSC Development Committee should be established as a special committee for the purpose of monitoring and encouraging LSC compliance with rules, procedures, and requirements and of supplying aid to those who request it and to those who need it but don't know enough to ask for it. (*Board action*)
12. Change the name of Senior Swimming Committee to Senior Development Committee in order to emphasize that this committee's scope should extend beyond an interest in championship meet structure. (*legislation*)
13. Change the name of Age Group Planning to Age Group Development and move it to the Technical Division. (*legislation*)
14. Change the manner in which members of Age Group Development (formerly Age Group Planning) are selected. Currently, they are elected by the Zones, but appointment by the President would yield a more effective committee. (*Board action*)
15. Combine the positions of Local Administration Vice President with National Administration Vice President. (*friendly suggestion to other task force*)
16. Move Election Committee from Secretary's division to National Administration since there is no need for this extra layer. (*legislation*)
17. The Chair of the National Board of Review should report to the President, not to the Secretary (see Article 402.1). (*legislation*)
18. Unless otherwise noted in the Bylaws, presidential appointees to committees should serve staggered four-year terms, with a two-consecutive term limit, with twenty-five percent of the committee appointments made annually. This would promote the introduction of new blood into the leadership pool and help provide continuity. (*legislation*)
19. Unless otherwise noted in the Bylaws, the President should appoint committee chairs annually to or from the committees. No consecutive term limits other than that imposed in #18 above. (*legislation*)
20. Committee members should serve four-year terms unless removed by an act of the Board of Directors. Chairs appointed by the President should serve at the pleasure of the President. (*legislation*)

21. Presidential appointments to the Rules and Regulations Committee should be reduced from sixteen to eight, three of whom must be coaches, none of whom may be members of the Board. Add as automatic members the Technical Vice President, the Program Operations Vice President., the immediate past chair of the Rules Committee, the USA Swimming representative to FINA Open Water Technical. Change the Secretary/General Counsel to ex-officio with voice but no vote. (*legislation*)
22. Form a task force to explore ways of removing the Board's role as final arbiter in appeals of National Board of Review rulings. (*Board action*)
23. The Board should find ways to better educate committees and leaders. (*Board action*)
24. Include in the Bylaws (503.2) a job description for each vice president. (*friendly suggestion to other task force*)
25. Publish the Policy Manual on the web site. (*Board action*)
26. Establish a finite number of presidential appointments to each special committee and include that number in the Policy Manual. The number should be in factors of four to facilitate the twenty-five percent rotation. Committees should be large enough to be representative, but small enough to be effective. (*Board action*)
27. The staff should determine a means of personalizing the leadership of the National Team Alumni Association.
28. No recommendation on Outreach, pending the findings of the Outreach Task Force.
29. Relative to Open Water: its functions should be mainstreamed into existing committees with task forces being formed as appropriate to further efforts to become the number one open water nation in the world. Mandate a member with international open water expertise as a member of Steering. (*Board action*)
30. Change the Education Committee's mission to one of educating the members of the House of Delegates through workshops at Convention and mailings, postings and programs conducted pre-convention. Change the name of the Education Committee to Convention Education Committee. (*Board action*)
31. After the House has acted on the enabling legislation, a task force should be formed to bring the Policy Manual into compliance with all accepted recommendations, resolutions, and legislative changes. The Board should endeavor to operate within the parameters of the Policy Manual and not ignore it when convenient.
32. Recommendations with respect to the committees follow.

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMITTEES

Standing Committees (Listed in Bylaws and Policy Manual)

Executive
International Relations
Investment
Audit *[new]* (*legislation*)
National Board of Review
Elections/Credentials
Rules/Regulations
Olympic International Operations
Steering
Senior Development
Age Group Development
Athletes Executive/Athletes

Special Committees (Listed in the Policy Manual)

Recognition & Times (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Championship Evaluation (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Officials (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
LSC Development *[new]* (*Board action*)
Disability (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Convention Education (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Club Development (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Reimbursement Coordinator (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Registration/Membership (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Sports Medicine/Sports Science (*legislation to remove from Bylaws*)
Outreach (*pending report from Outreach Task Force*)

Recommended for Sunset

Personnel (*Board action*)
Strategic Planning (*Board action*)
Counselors (*legislation*)
Communications* (*legislation*) * task forces to continue convention workshops
Waterworks (*legislation*)
Logo Review (*Board action*)
Championship Coordination (*legislation*)
Open Water Coordinator (*legislation*)
Open Water Domestic (*legislation*)
Open Water International (*legislation*)
Camps (*legislation*)
Club Fundraising (*legislation*)
Safety Education (*legislation*)
National Team Alumni (*legislation*)

Recommended for Merger with Other Committees (all requiring legislation)

Championship Time Standards → Senior

National Records and Age Group Records → Recognition & Times

National Times Database and Top 16 → Recognition & Times

Awards and All America → Recognition & Times

National Team Evaluation → Olympic International Operations

Survey Coordinator → Convention Education

EVALUATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CONSENSUS MANAGEMENT GROUP (CMG)

1. **CMG Recommendation: Executive Committee** – President, President-elect, 2 VPs, Chair of Athletes Executive, Treasurer, Secretary, Chair of OIOC, Chair of Club Development, one more athlete.

Committee Task Force: Don't change the current membership of the Executive Committee unless the Governance Task Force for the Board of Directors recommends changes to the Board structure. The current committee structure works fine.

2. **CMG Recommendation:** Establish a **Nominating Committee** that will serve as a search committee, sensitive to geography, gender and ethnicity, presenting a single slate reflective of member and USA-S needs for leadership.

Committee Task Force: The task force unanimously agreed that creation of a nominating committee was not in the best interest of USA Swimming. While the notion of being sensitive to geography, gender, and ethnicity had merit, the notion of a single slate was troublesome. No acceptable means for selection of nominating committee members could be agreed upon even if the idea of having a nominating committee were supported. Further, no one could come up with a better way than the current system. The current method provides for openness and transparency. Everyone felt that the current system serves us well.

3. **CMG Recommendation: Standing Committees** to include Executive (9 members), Investment (6 members), IRC (12 members), Club Development (12-member), OIO (12-member), Officials (12-member), Athletes' Executive, Rules (12-member), Nominating (10-member), Elections, NBOR.

Committee Task Force:

Do **not** include as Standing:

- Nominating Committee (don't form one at all)
- Officials (Policy only)
- Club Development (new staff division negates need for standing committee)

Also include as Standing

- Credentials (with Elections)
- Audit
- Steering
- Senior
- Age Group
- Athletes

Standing Committee Sizes

- Olympic International Operations – Leave at 50
- International Relations – reduce presidential appointments from 10 to 8
- Investment – Leave as is
- Rules – reduce presidential appointments from 16 to 8, but add 4 new positions as automatic slots and remove one automatic slot (Secretary/General Counsel), changing it to ex-officio with voice but no vote; total number 20 (not including Allied members or ex-officio)

4. **CMG Recommendation:** **Quadrennially review** all existing committees' goals and make changes as needed.

Committee Task Force: The Task Force saw no reason to do this only once in four years and believes it should be annually reviewed by the Executive Committee.

5. **CMG Recommendation:** Committees bring final **recommendations for action** directly to Board of Directors, not through a Vice President.

Committee Task Force: Recommends leaving the reporting system as it is now, through the division heads.

6. **CMG Recommendation:** **Terms** - Committee chairs will be appointed by the President with Board of Directors approval and operate on a quadrennial basis, with ¼ rotating off each year (excepting OIO and IRC).

Committee Task Force: Presidential appointments to committees would serve staggered terms of four years, with 25% named annually. Two consecutive term limit. Chairs appointed annually by the President. No consecutive term limits for chairs other than those imposed as being a member of the committee.

7. **CMG Recommendation:** Establish **e-committees**

Committee Task Force: A theme throughout the task force meetings was the greater use of technology and phone conferences to accomplish the work of the committee or task force.

8. **CMG Recommendation:** **Chair of Athletes' Executive Committee** will be elected by eligible athletes and will serve as Athletes' Vice President of USA Swimming.

Committee Task Force: The task force recommends no change to the existing method of Athlete's Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION

Members of the Committee Task Force were: Julie Bare, Chair, Peter Carney, JoAnn Faucett, Jeff Gudman, Mark Hesse, Michael Lawrence, Arlene McDonald, Ron Ross, Mike Saltzstein, Paul Sigfusson (athlete), Kathy Stephens, Chris Thompson (athlete), Ross Wales, and staff liaison Tom Avischious. Larry Johnson served as liaison from the Board of Directors Task Force and George Breen as liaison from the House of Delegates Task Force.

The Committee Task Force had four conference calls (March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23) and one meeting in Chicago (March 26).

Prior to the first phone conference call (March 2) a substantial amount of material was distributed to the members of the task force including but not limited to parts of the Policy Manual, CMG Task force recommendations, material from outside governance organizations. Interviews were conducted with each division head, staff liaisons to the committees, Dale Neuberger, and additional staff.

The task force reached the understanding that a standing committee would be a committee that is listed in the Bylaws. A special committee would not be listed in the Bylaws but would be listed in the Policy Manual. All committees (standing and special) should be listed and described in the Policy Manual. The Board of Directors would be free to create or eliminate special committees as appropriate. The Board of Directors could develop and/or alter any descriptive language or parameters about special committees. The Board of Directors must abide by whatever descriptive language exists in the Bylaws relative to standing committees, but may develop language in areas where the Bylaws are silent. Hence, a key question for the Task Force was the amount of detail in the rule book describing the standing committee versus what is just listed in the Policy Manual. It was determined that detail about a standing committee's purpose and composition was appropriate to include in the Bylaws.

A goal for the task force was to identify committees that should be kept and determine whether they should be Standing (Bylaws) or Special (Policy Manual only). Governance, responsibility, and purpose were regarded as keystones for standing committees. It was recognized that it will take an act of faith on the part of the House of Delegates to allow many important committees and functions to be omitted from the Bylaws and listed only in the Policy Manual.

Determining whether a committee should be standing or special dominated the conference call agendas. Certain committees evoked a great deal of discussion and consternation as to their designations: Club Development, Officials, Registration/Membership, Senior, and Age Group, in particular.

During each meeting, ideas were added, dropped, or adjusted. All recommendations represent the will of the group, although some recommendations were not unanimously supported.

Regarding terms, it was unanimously agreed that it was in the interest of the organization to take steps to assure continuity and maintain momentum of the committees. Staggered terms for appointed committee members made the most sense. Four year terms, with one-fourth of the appointments made annually was the logical solution. Consecutive term limits in order to ensure the introduction of new blood into the leadership pool via committee assignments were discussed. It was determined that a two-consecutive term limit was reasonable, although there were concerns that this could result in the loss of key members of certain committees. It was suggested that if leadership determined the committees would be harmed or hampered by the loss of certain individuals, those individuals could be appointed in an ex-officio role until eligible to be appointed for additional terms.

Regarding the Rules and Regulations Committee, it became apparent that a separation of powers between the Board and the Rules Committee was important, given the Board's current role as "Supreme Court." Therefore, it should be mandated that none of the Presidential appointments could be Board members. There were, however, certain Board positions that were appropriate to include on the committee – those of Technical V.P. and Program Operations V.P. and those positions would be included as automatic members. It was commonly accepted that the Rules Committee is too large (friendly recommendation from Governance Task Force on HOD). As such, it was determined that eight presidential appointments would be more suitable than sixteen. To ensure coach involvement, three of those eight slots should be mandated for coaches.

Based on conversations with Technical Vice President Jim Wood and National Team Director Everett Uchiyama, it was determined that the OIOC is exactly what it needs to be (with fifty members) and there was no reason to reduce it in size.

Formation of an Audit Committee was determined to be in the best interest of the corporation, providing a safeguard that is currently missing.

The task force worked to evaluate the recommendations of CMG and take the necessary steps to implement legislatively those which it believed would benefit USA Swimming.

Another goal was to prepare enabling legislation for the recommendations of the task force. The proposed legislation is provided in a separate packet.

USA Swimming Committees

Standing Committees

Governance

Committees essential for proper governance of USA Swimming

Purpose

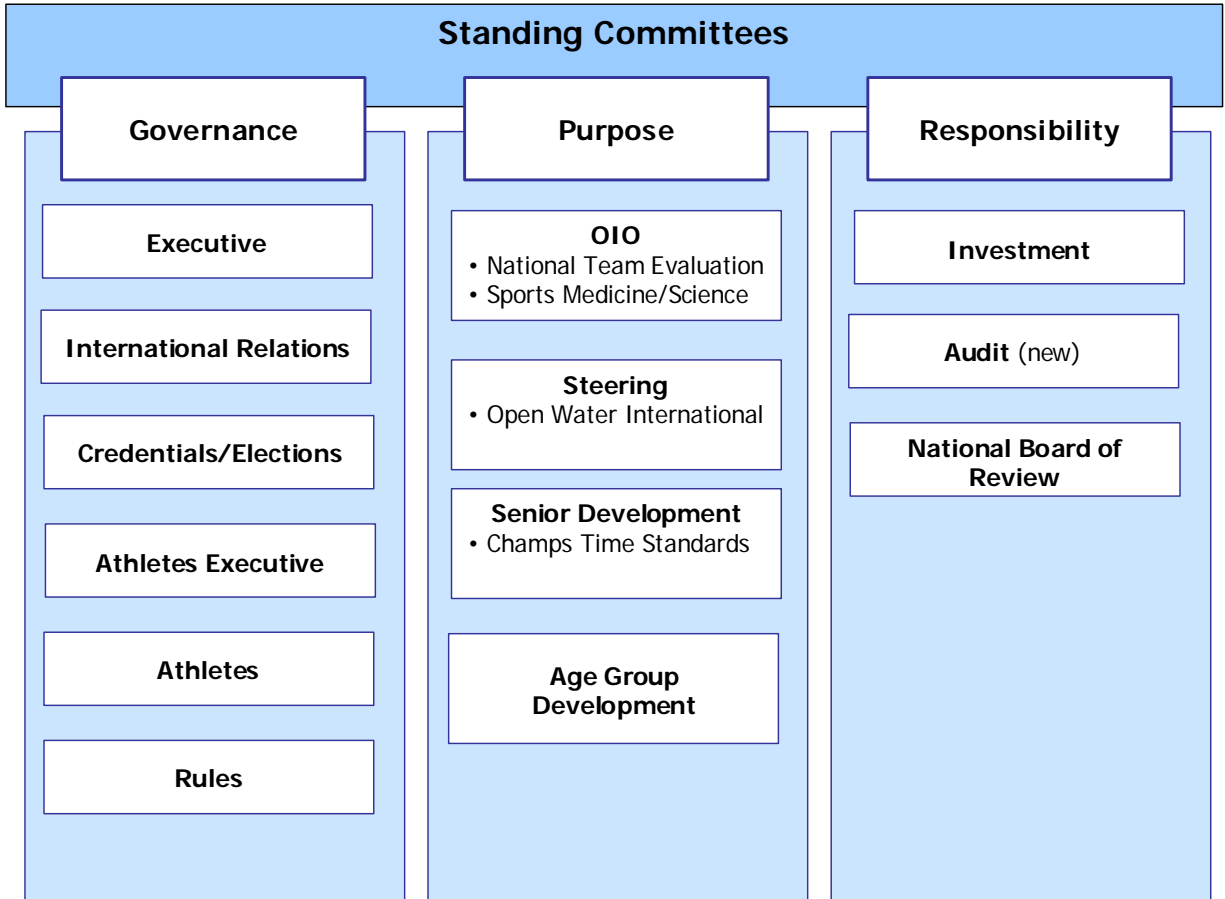
Committees essential for meeting the purpose of USA Swimming as an NGB

Responsibility

Committees essential for responsible business and legal operations of USA Swimming

Standing Committees are defined and listed in USA Swimming Bylaws.

USA Swimming Committees



USA Swimming Committees

Special Committees, Coordinators, and Task Forces

Special Committees

Committees providing expertise to vital USA Swimming operations, administration, and development functions

Coordinators

Positions (filled by individuals) providing expertise to vital USA Swimming operations, administration, and development functions

Task Forces

Ad hoc work groups addressing critical, special, emerging issues of USA Swimming

Special Committees and Coordinators are defined and listed in the Policy Manual.
Task Forces may be created according to guidelines in the Bylaws or Policy Manual.

USA Swimming Committees

Special Committees

Operations

Convention Education

- Survey Coordinator

Championship Evaluation

Officials

Administration

Recognition & Times

- National Records
- Age Group Records
- All America
- Awards
- NTV Coordinator
- Top 16 Coordinator

Registration & Membership

Reimbursement

Development

Club Development

LSC Development (new)

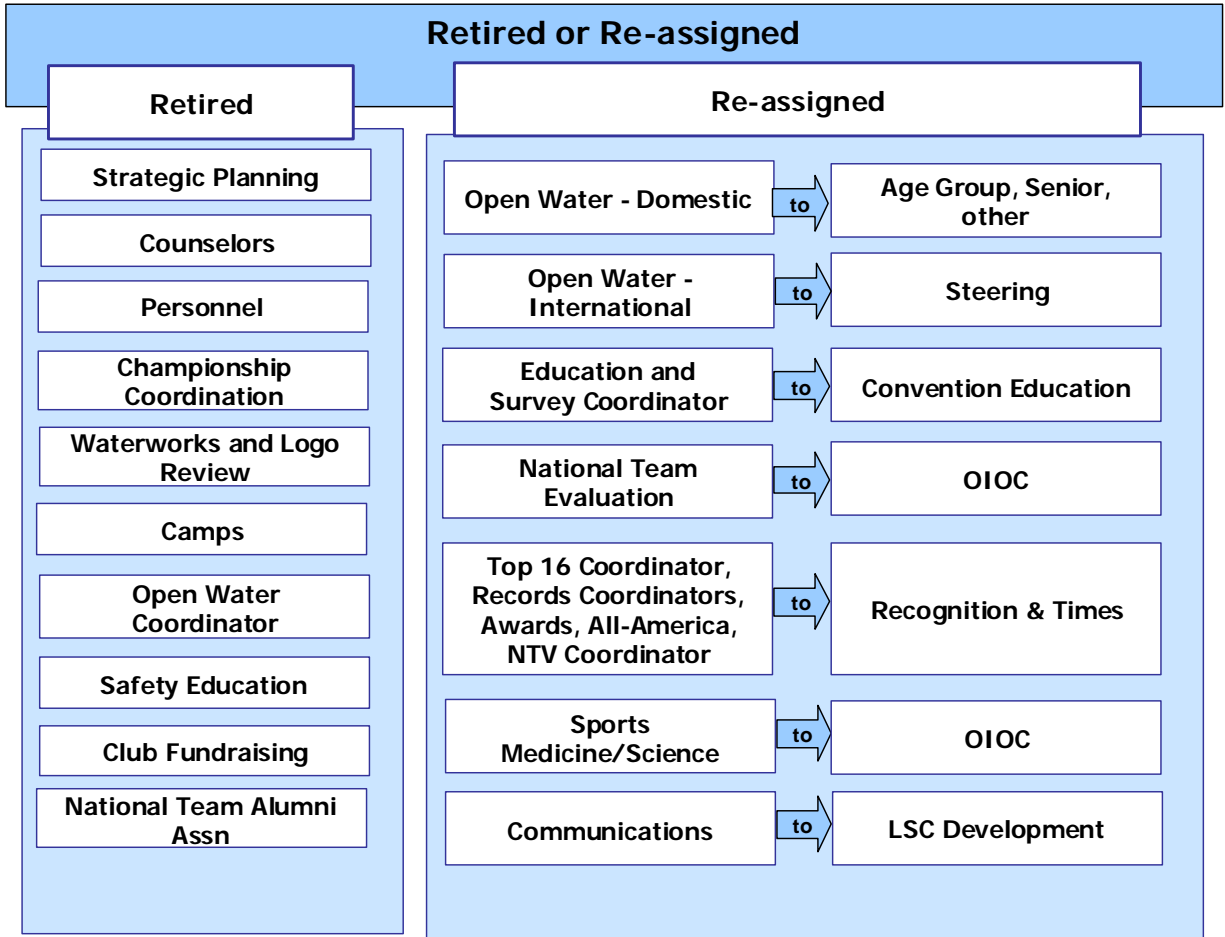
- Communications

Disability

Outreach

(no recommendation –
pending Special Task
Force report)

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