

1 **USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

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3 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO**
4 **2006 USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS**

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8 **Location:** **Pages 13-16** **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

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10 **Proposed by:** Mike Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

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12 **Purpose:** Clarify a term used frequently in the rulebook.

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

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16 **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY** (*Add the following term:*)

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18 **SHOULD** – Recommended but not mandatory.

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22 **Location:** **Pages 13-16** **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

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

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26 **Purpose:** To delete obsolete definition.

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

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30 **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

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32 ~~**NATIONAL TIME VERIFICATION** – certification of a national qualifying time made by a swimmer and issued by a~~
33 ~~verification official of the area in which the meet was held. National Time Verifications (NTVs) shall be~~
34 ~~issued for any time that equals or betters a national time standard or international trials time standard.~~

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38 **Location:** **Page 19** **PART ONE** **TECHNICAL RULES PREAMBLE**

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

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42 **Purpose:** To clarify the intent of the rules by removing the words “unfair advantage”. This has caused
43 confusion in the past when officials interpreted it to mean that they were to judge if an “unfair

44 advantage” had been gained. It is believed the revised wording more clearly reflects the intent
45 of the rules.

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

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49 *Revise the first paragraph of the preamble as follows:*

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51 All competitive swimming events held under USA Swimming sanction shall be conducted in accordance with
52 the following rules that are designed to provide fair and equitable conditions of competition, ~~and promote~~
53 ~~uniformity in the sport so that no swimmer shall obtain unfair advantage over another~~

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

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60 **Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan, Metropolitan Swimming

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

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69 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee makes no recommendation at this time.*

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

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73 **101.1 STARTS** [*Moved from 102.14. STARTER*]

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75 .1 **Equipment** - A loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall
76 device, and an electronic strobe signal as provided in 105.3 visible to all manual timers and for forward
77 and backstroke starts, shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber pistol may be used.

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79 .2 **The Start**

80 A At the commencement of each heat - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3 ~~4~~.1).

81 B When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter’s control.

82 C On the Starters command “Take your mark” - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.

83 D When a swimmer does not respond promptly - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.

84 .3 **False Starts**

85 A Any swimmer starting before the signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the Referee.

86 B If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.

87 C If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.

- 88 D Declared false start - - - except as noted in 207.7.9D.
- 89 .4 **Warning Signal** - with the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer ~~in~~ for that lane.
- 90 .5 **Deliberate Delay or Misconduct**
- 91 A Any swimmer who, delays the start - - - with the concurrence of the Referee.
- 92 B The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.
- 93 C Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.

94 *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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96 *The revised Starter section would read as follows::*

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98 **102.14 STARTER**

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- 100 .1 **Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
- 101 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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- 103 .2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:
- 104 A Announce the event
- 105 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
- 106 C For Backstroke ~~event~~ starts, give the command, “Place your feet.”

107 *Disposition of existing text is shown below:*

108 **102.14 STARTER**

- 109 ~~.1 **Equipment** – Loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall device,~~
- 110 ~~and an electronic strobe signal as provided in 105.3 shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber~~
- 111 ~~starting pistol may be used. *[moved to 101.1.1]*~~
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- 113 ~~.2~~ .1 **Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
- 114 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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- 116 ~~.3~~ .2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:
- 117 A Announce the event
- 118 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
- 119 C For Backstroke ~~event~~ starts, give the command, “Place your feet.”
- 120 ~~.4~~ **The Start** *[moved to 101.1.2]*
- 121 ~~A – At the commencement of each heat - - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3.1).~~
- 122 ~~B – When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter’s control.~~
- 123 ~~C – On the Starter’s command “take your mark” - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.~~
- 124 ~~D – When a swimmer does not respond - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.~~
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- 126 ~~.5~~ **False Starts** *[Moved to 101.1.3]*
- 127 ~~A – Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the~~

- 128 Referee.
- 129 B—~~If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.~~
- 130 C—~~If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.~~
- 131 D—~~Declared false start - - - except as noted in 207.7.9D.~~
- 132 *[Note - necessitates a change in 207.7.9D as follows: “- - - A declared false start under ~~102.14.5D~~*
133 *101.1.3D or deliberate delay of meet under ~~102.14.7A~~ 101.1.5A is not permitted.]*
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- 135 ~~.6 Warning Signal—With the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer in that lane. *[Moved to*~~
136 *101.1.4]*
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- 138 ~~.7 Deliberate Delay or Misconduct *[Moved to 101.1.5]*~~
- 139 A—~~Any swimmer, who delays the start - - - with concurrence of the Referee.~~
- 140 B—~~The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.~~
- 141 C—~~Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.~~
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- 145 **Location:** **Page 21** **101.5 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**
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- 147 **Proposed by:** Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming
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- 149 **Purpose:** The proposed language for 101.5.2 would work for both the four-stroke Individual Medley as
150 as well as the three-stroke 150 yard/meter Individual Medley for certain functional classes of
151 swimmers with a disability. The term “designated portion” is defined as one-fourth in the initial
152 portion of Rule 101.5. For the 150 yard/meter Individual Medley, the designated portion is one-
153 third, as defined in the proposed change for Rule 104.2.2B. Use of the term “prescribed
154 distance” is consistent with wording in the initial portion of Rule 101.5.
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- 156 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as the proposed change is*
157 *unnecessary. The 150 yard/meter Individual Medley was moved from 104.2.2B to the Policy*
158 *Manual last year (as reflected in this year’s HK-4). It is an event prescribed by the*
159 *International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for its competitions and need not be included in our*
160 *rulebook.*
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- 162 **101.5 Individual Medley** — The swimmer shall swim the prescribed distance in the following order: the first
163 one-fourth, butterfly; the second one-fourth, backstroke; the third one-fourth, breaststroke; and the last one-
164 fourth, freestyle.
- 165 .1 **Start** — *Unchanged*
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- 167 .2 **Stroke** — The stroke for each designated portion ~~one-fourth~~ of the prescribed ~~designated~~ distance shall
168 follow the prescribed rules for that stroke.
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- 170 .3 & .4 *Unchanged*
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Location: Pages 22-23 Article 102 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF ALL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

Purpose: To add the 4 x 100 relays to the recognized events for 10 & under swimmers. In LSCs with limited facilities due to water depth rules, 10 & under relay events must be conducted using in-water starts. This (potentially) further limits the available facilities as many coaches/parents/swimmers want the opportunity to achieve rankings and records. Since the 100 free is already a recognized event, it seems logical that the 4 x 100 relays are also a recognized event.

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection. LSCs may include the 4x100 relays as "other events" pursuant to the first sentence of 102.1.2. If the 4x100 were specifically listed under the 10 & under age group, it might be considered mandatory contrary to previous recommendations of the Age Group Committee.*

102.1 EVENTS

.2 **AGE GROUP EVENTS** – Competitions may be composed of events selected from the following recognized list of events or other such events/meet types as may be sanctioned by the LSC.

10 Years and Younger

50, 100, 200, 400/500 freestyle

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200, 400 medley relay

200, 400 freestyle relay

(No further changes)

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Location: Pages 22-23 Article 102 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF ALL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

Purpose: To allow consolidation of all events at the LSCs discretion.

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

102.1 EVENTS

.4 **CONSOLIDATED EVENTS** – As a local option, ~~an LSC may sanction freestyle events 400 meters/500 yards and longer, 200 yard backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and the 400 individual medley seeded events~~ may be sanctioned and seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' ages or gender, in the order of

218 submitted entry times. Places, awards, and published results for these events may be separate for each age
219 group and gender.
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223 **Location:** Page 24 102.4 RELAYS
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225 **Proposed by:** Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming
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227 **Purpose:** To re-word for clarity and simplify language.
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229 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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231 102.4 RELAYS
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233 .6 The composition of a relay team may be changed between preliminaries and finals.,~~except that~~ All
234 members competing on a relay team disqualified during preliminaries shall be barred from further
235 competition in that event.
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237 .7 First and last names of eligible relay swimmers, their ages, and order of swimming shall be submitted ~~on a~~
238 ~~Relay Entry form~~ to the clerk of the course (~~if used~~) or to the head lane timer. Any changes in names of the
239 competing swimmers or their order of swimming must be declared to the Head Lane Timer prior to the start
240 of the heat in which such relay team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.
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244 **Location:** Pages 24-25 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS
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246 **Proposed by:** Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming
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248 **Purpose:** The existing language could be misconstrued to mean that the time achieved in the swim-off is
249 not an official time, which would be a contradiction of 102.16.4A(1)(b). The time achieved in
250 the swim-off is an official time, but it is not used in the seeding of finals. Additional change
251 reflects that swim-offs are needed to resolve ties for eligibility for competing in A, B, and C
252 finals and for alternates.
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254 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as it is unnecessary to*
255 *specifically designate the number of consolation finals. As defined in the Glossary, there may*
256 *be any number of “consolation” finals and the current rule is more flexible.*
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258 **102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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260 .2 A swim-off is considered to be a part of the preliminaryunless a subsequent timing
261 system malfunction requires that an adjustment be made. ~~The official time~~ For the seeding of finals, the
262 time used for the swimmers involved shall be the time achieved set in their the original preliminary heats.
263 Disqualification in a swim-off for a qualifying position in the A (Championship)
264 finals, B (consolation) finals, or C (bonus) finals shall not eliminate a swimmer from eligibility to compete
265 in the accompanying B (consolation), C (bonus) finals, or as an alternate, respectively.
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268
269 **Location: Pages 24-25 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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271 **Proposed by:** Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming
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273 **Purpose:** Rule 102.7.3 includes provision for scoring in pools configured for 4 lanes through 10 lanes, but
274 Rule 102.5.3 covers pools configured for 5 through 10 lanes. The proposed change to Rule
275 102.5.3 would make provision for a 4-lane pool.
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277 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as unnecessary. The current*
278 *rule and table is sufficiently clear that the seeding of any number of lanes (less than 5 or more*
279 *than 10) can be extrapolated from the example.*
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281 **102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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283 .3 **Finals -** In finals, the times to be considered are those times made in preliminary heats. If any qualifying
284 swimmers have the same time their respective lanes shall be determined by draw. Lane assignments shall
285 be made in descending order of qualifying times by placing the fastest swimmer or team in the center lane in
286 a pool with an odd number of lanes, or in lanes 2, 3, 4, or 5 respectively in pools having 4, 6, 8, or 10 lanes.
287 The swimmer having the next fastest time is to be placed in the lane to the left, then alternating the
288 remaining swimmer(s) to the right and left in accordance with the submitted times. (*see chart below*)
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										Lanes in Pool	
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				6	4	2	1	3	5		6
			6	4	2	1	3	5	7		7
		8	6	4	2	1	3	5	7		8
	8	6	4	2	1	3	5	7	9		9
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Location: Pages 27-28 102.7 SCORING

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Proposed by: Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming

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Purpose: Clarify the rule to cover the situation in which bonus finals are swum. Also, clarify that alternates do receive placing (and points, as appropriate) only if they swim in the heat.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as unnecessary. As previously stated, there may be any number of "consolation" finals and the current rule is more flexible.*

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102.7 SCORING

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.6 **Disqualifications** – When a relay team or individual swimmer is disqualified, the subsequent places will move up accordingly and points shall be awarded to conform with the new places. Consolation finalists shall not receive championship final placing. Bonus finalists shall not receive consolation final placing. Alternates shall not receive championship, consolation, or bonus final placing unless they actually compete in that heat.

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Location: Page 29 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

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Proposed by: George Homewood on behalf of Virginia Swimming

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Purpose: Failure to give honest effort demonstrates a lack of respect for fellow athletes and meet personnel and belittles the competitors in the particular event. As proposed, this would merely impose a standard upon swimmers that should already be the very hallmark of sportsmanship. One of the concerns expressed in previous years' discussions is that it is subjective. This is certainly true, but this is no more subjective a standard than the "unsportsmanlike or unsafe manner" currently a part of 102.10.3 or the "interfering with the competition" of 102.10.8 or for that matter the whole "noncontinuous turning action" of the backstroke turn. Another argument made is that the authority to deem this behavior as unsportsmanlike behavior already is implicit in the rule. Perhaps it is and perhaps it isn't, but to the extent that it is implied, it is subject to far more interpretation and inequitable application for not being explicitly stated and thus this should be viewed as a clarification of an item already implied. By placing this in the Rules and Regulations, we serve notice that competitors are expected to compete. No penalty is mandated, just as none is mandated for any other act covered by the rule.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection, as it did in 2004 and 2005, 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.*

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336 **102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

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338 .3 Any swimmer who acts in an unsportsmanlike, including a failure to make an honest effort to compete, or
339 unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the
340 referee.
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344 **Location:** Page 30 **102.11 PROTESTS**

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346 **Proposed by:** Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

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348 **Purpose:** To require that a meet jury be appointed prior to competition. Appointing a jury prior to
349 competition eases potential concerns/charges of bias or conflict when a meet jury is named after
350 a protest is filed.
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352 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection. A meet jury is seldom needed*
353 *in local competition and the change in wording might imply that a jury could not be appointed*
354 *after the start of a meet.*
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356 **102.11 PROTESTS**

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358 .2 For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee ~~may~~ shall appoint a meet jury prior to
359 the start of competition. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5)
360 persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.
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364 **Location:** Page 31 102.12.3 Officials

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366 **Proposed by:** Don Riedlinger, Senior Division Chair, Potomac Valley

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368 **Purpose:** USA-S should specify as a requirement the minimum number of officials to conduct a meet.
369 The current wording of the rule uses “should” rather than “shall” which makes the rule more a
370 recommendation rather than an absolute requirement. This proposal also changes the minimum
371 number of required timers to be consistent with 102.16.4C.
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373 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection since it would allow even high*
374 *caliber local meets to be run without an adequate number of officials.*
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376 **102.12 Officials**

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378 .3 For all swimming meets or time trials except dual meets there ~~should~~ shall not be fewer than the following
379 officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority. Officials other than the Referee may act in
380 more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may
381 simultaneously time and judge the order of finish.
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- 383 1 Referee
- 384 1 Starter
- 385 ~~2~~ 2 Timers per lane (one minimum if automatic equipment with touchpads is used)
- 386 2 Stroke Judges and 2 Turn Judges or 2 Stroke & Turn Judges

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388 In order that meets run as efficiently as possible, the following additional staffing is recommended if
389 available;

- 390 1 Clerk of Course
- 391 2 Place Judges (optional if automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment is used)
- 392 Additional Stroke & Turn Judges
- 393 3rd Timer per lane
- 394 Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
- 395 1 Recorder
- 396 1 Timing Judge
- 397 1 Announcer
- 398 Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)
- 399 Marshall(s) (number determined by the LSC)

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403 **Location:** Page 33 102.14.5 False Starts

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405 **Proposed by:** Gary Theisen, General Chair, Georgia Swimming

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407 **Purpose:** Present wording regarding notification of a false start disqualification “upon completion of the
408 race” could be interpreted to mean that if a swimmer is not notified immediately after the race,
409 the disqualification is nullified. Rule 102.10.2 is standard protocol for notification of other
410 infractions and 102.14.5B should be standardized using this process.

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412 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection in favor of retaining the current*
413 *FINA language.*

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415 **102.14.5 False Starts**

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- 417 A. If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue without
- 418 recall. If the Referee independently observes and confirms the starter’s observation that a violation
- 419 occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be notified of the disqualification ~~upon~~
- 420 ~~completion of the race~~ in accordance with 102.10.2.
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424 **Location:** Pages 33-34 102.14.5 FALSE STARTS

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426 **Proposed by:** George Homewood on behalf of Virginia Swimming

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428 **Purpose:** The no-recall false start rule was in part put in place because it is thought that an athlete’s first
429 start is generally their best start, and that to recall a race therefore penalizes those athletes that

430 did not false start. By rule, if the Starter inadvertently recalls the heat, there is no false start
431 charged. However, the situation in which the starter recalls a start because they believe there is
432 a false start and that false start negatively impacted the legal start of one or more other members
433 of that heat, there is no guidance in the Rules and Regulations. Indeed, the only discussion of
434 recalls suggests that no false start should be charged even if the Referee would have otherwise
435 confirmed the false start. In querying senior starters and referees, different responses have been
436 provided. Some suggest that all recalls must result in simply resetting the field for a restart of
437 the entire heat; others focus on the word “inadvertently” in 102.14.5.C to respond that a
438 purposeful recall can certainly result in a false start being assessed. As a consequence, a
439 swimmer starting before the starting signal has been given may be afforded a “second chance”
440 to swim when their infraction was in fact so egregious as to have affected other swimmers in the
441 heat. The proposed change would remove this second chance if the Referee independently
442 confirms the Starter’s observation, while still allowing for the norm to be that we do not recall
443 for false starts. The NFHS this year has adopted the no recall starting protocols and have
444 embodied this principle into its Rulebook.
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446 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection so as to be as consistent as*
447 *possible with FINA rules.*
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449 **102.14.5 FALSE STARTS**

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451 D (new) If the recall signal is activated in response to a false start that in the judgment of the starter
452 negatively impacted the legal start of one or more other swimmers in the heat and the Referee
453 independently observes and confirms the starter’s observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or
454 swimmers who have false started shall be disqualified. The Starter shall then restart the race upon signal
455 by the Referee with the remaining swimmers.
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457 *Existing D, E, & F to be renumbered E, F, & G*
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461 **Location:** Pages 35-37 **102.16 TIMING**
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463 **Proposed by:** Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming
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465 **Purpose:** Swim-offs are needed to resolve ties for bonus heats and for alternates when bonus heats are
466 run. Add “championship” to distinguish it from the consolation and bonus finals.
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468 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as unnecessary. As previously*
469 *stated, the term “consolation” finals covers any number of consolation heats. Enumeration of*
470 *such heats is less flexible than the existing rule.*
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472 **102.16 TIMING**

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474 **.4 Requirements for Official Time**

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476 **A Performance Requirements**
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478 (1) An official time can be achieved only in USA Swimming sanctioned or USA Swimming approved

- 479 competition, or in an observed swim in accordance with all applicable rules. It may be achieved in:
480 (a) *unchanged*
481 (b) A swim-off held to determine qualifiers or alternates for bonus, consolation, or championship
482 final heats.
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484 (c), (d) & (e) *unchanged*
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488 **Location:** Page 37-38 102.16.4 Requirements for Official Time
489 & Page 16 Glossary
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491 **Proposed by:** Terry Randolph, Top 16 Tabulation Coordinator
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493 **Purpose:** The term “National Reportable Times” or NRT was originally created to describe the times
494 meeting a “AA” or better time standard which were the only ones to be included in SWIMS in
495 the early days of the program. When this was changed to include all official times regardless of
496 standard, the term was applied to those times meeting the qualifying standard for Top 16 times.
497 The term ‘NRT’ is not well understood and occasions many questions from SWIMS users. The
498 substitution of the term “Top 16 Reportable Times (T16R)” would be clearer and better describe
499 the time involved.
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501 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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503 102.16.4
504 C System Requirements for Specific Purposes
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PRIMARY TIMING SYSTEM	USE OF OFFICIAL TIME
LEVEL 1	<i>(no change)</i>
LEVEL 2 Semi-Automatic with 3 buttons	-NTVs for 50m distances in a 50m pool; -National age group records; -National Top 16 reportable times
LEVEL 3	<i>(no change)</i>
LEVEL 4	<i>(no change)</i>

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507 **ADD TO GLOSSARY:**
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509 **TOP 16 REPORTABLE TIME (T16R)** – An official time that equals or betters the current standard for Top 16
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Location: Page 41 102.16.6 Determining Order of Finish

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Proposed by: Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming

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Purpose: Swim-offs are needed to resolve ties for eligibility to compete in bonus heats or for alternates when bonus heats are run. Add “championship” to distinguish it from the consolation and bonus finals.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as unnecessary. As previously stated, the term “consolation” finals covers any number of consolation heats. Enumeration of such heats is less flexible than the existing rule.*

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B **TIES** - official times identical to the hundredths shall be ties, with swim-offs as required to determine qualifiers or alternates for bonus, consolation, or championship final heats.

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Location: Page 41 102.17 CLERK OF COURSE

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Proposed by: Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming

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Purpose: This section is no longer needed.

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

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102.17 CLERK OF COURSE -

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~~1~~ The Clerk of Course shall be provided with an area clearly marked “Clerk of Course” where all swimmers must report as soon as their event is called.

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2 The clerk of course shall be provided with a list of the names of all swimmers in all events including any relay swimmers in the order in which they will swim.

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Location: Pages 53-55 ARTICLE 105 GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIATING SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY IN USA SWIMMING MEETS

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Proposed by: Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming

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556 **Purpose:** The 150 yard/meter Individual Medley for certain functional classes of swimmers with a
557 disability is listed as an event in Rule 104.2.2B, but it is not defined. The proposed language for
558 101.5.2 would work for both the four-stroke Individual Medley as well as the three-stroke 150
559 yard/meter Individual Medley for swimmers with certain functional classes of a disability. The
560 term “designated portion” is defined as one-fourth in the initial portion of Rule 101.5. For the
561 150 yard/meter Individual Medley, the designated portion is one-third, as defined in the
562 proposed change for Rule 105.5.4. Use of the term “prescribed distance” is consistent with
563 wording in the initial portion of Rule 101.5.
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565 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection as the proposed change is*
566 *unnecessary. Last year, rules for American Records for Swimmers with a Disability were*
567 *moved to the Policy Manual. This year’s HK-4 removes remaining references to the 150*
568 *yard/meter Individual Medley. It is an event prescribed by the International Paralympic*
569 *Committee (IPC) for its competitions and need not be included in our rulebook.*
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571 105.5 Physical Disabilities

572 .1 **Start** — *Unchanged*

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574 .2 **Stroke/Kick** — *Unchanged*

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576 .3 **Turns/Finishes** — *Unchanged*

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578 .4 **150 yard/meter Individual Medley** — This event is for certain functional classifications of swimmers
579 with a disability. The backstroke start shall be used. The swimmer shall swim the prescribed distance in
580 the following order: the first one-third, backstroke; the second one-third, breaststroke; and the last one-
581 third, freestyle. Rules 101.5.2, 101.5.3, and 101.5.4 apply as appropriate.
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583 ~~4~~ **.5 Relays** — *Renumbered from .4; otherwise unchanged*

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587 **Location:** Page 59 202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION

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589 **Proposed by:** Lisa Ellis on behalf of Central Zone Board of Directors

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591 **Purpose:** Remove Marshals from the list of people who must be a member of USA Swimming. Nothing
592 in the description of the marshal in Article 102.18 requires certification or special training.
593 Furthermore, the marshal must work with the Referee on any disciplinary action taken, and
594 can’t make decisions for the meet or the organization alone. Marshals should fall under the
595 same category as timers, finish judges and clerk of the course people who do not have to be
596 USA Swimming members.
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598 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because it believes that*
599 *officials overseeing the safety of swimmers should be members of USA Swimming.*

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601 **Effective: Immediately**

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603 **202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION**

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- .3 All meet directors, referees, starters, ~~marshals~~, and stroke and turn judges, serving in an official capacity in an official capacity in a sanctioned event, must be members of USA Swimming, and all persons acting in any coaching capacity in a sanctioned event must be coach members of USA Swimming.

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Location: Page 59 202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL
& Page 13 Glossary

Proposed by: Rules & Regulations Committee

Purpose: To reduce insurance risks to USA Swimming and to close a loophole that has allowed approved meets to be used to the detriment of USA Swimming.

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

202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL – Approval of competition may be issued, withheld or withdrawn by an LSC in accordance with the following regulations:

- .1 Approvals may be issued to ~~either USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs or~~ non-member clubs or organizations for meets conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.

Glossary (*Add the following*)

APPROVED MEET – a designated meet conducted by organizations other than USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs from which swimmers may use their times as USA Swimming qualifying times.

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Location: Page 61 202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming
Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator

Purpose: To reword for clarity and simplify language.

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

202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS - Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Official times achieved as observed swims in collegiate, high school, YMCA, Masters, etc., meets, held under other than USA Swimming rules, will be acceptable may be submitted for National Time Verification (NTV) purposes. Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules entry into the SWIMS database if all of the following conditions are met:

650 .1 The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional,
651 State, Regional, or be specifically approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or
652 designee. ~~through application to the National Times Coordinator.~~ A time trial held in conjunction with the
653 season-culminating championship meet that is officiated in accordance with the same standard as the
654 championship meet may also be observed.
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658 **Location:** Page 65 204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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660 **Proposed by:** Senior Swimming Committee
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662 **Purpose:** Each section knows what is best for its own athletes when it comes to scheduling. For that
663 reason, each Section should have the freedom to schedule the Sectional Championships at the
664 most appropriate time in the spring and summer.
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666 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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670 .1 *No changes*
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672 .2 Dates of Sectional Championships shall be determined by each Section, ~~in accordance with the~~
673 ~~following:~~
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675 A ~~Spring Sectionals: Begin no earlier than February 1; end no later than two days before~~
676 ~~the entry deadline for the spring championships.~~
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678 B ~~Summer Sectionals: Begin no earlier than July 1; end no later than August 31.~~
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680 .3 to .9 *No changes*
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684 **Location:** Page 65 204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
685 Page 71 207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
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687 **Proposed by:** George Homewood on behalf of Virginia Swimming
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689 **Purpose:** Sectional meets began with great promise, but in many areas have not lived up to the initial
690 potential. While at the same time various meets called “Junior National” have sprung up and
691 are being increasingly well attended. Through 2000, USA Swimming conducted a series of
692 Junior National meets at the conclusion of the short course season and again at the conclusion of
693 the long course season. This series provided an opportunity to progress to what is now called
694 USA Swimming Spring Championships. Measured in terms of participation, the series was
695 very successful. The series provided a clear and consistent goal for athletes throughout USA
696 Swimming to aspire to and work toward, something that the sectional meets have been unable to

697 replicate. The atmosphere and excitement and drive to success at the Junior National meets
698 have also not been replicated at the sectional meets. And because USA Swimming has not
699 provided the opportunities that the Junior National meets did, other groups and organizations
700 have filled the void. The success of these alternative meets alone speaks clearly to the
701 desirability of having and the demand by coaches and athletes for the opportunities offered. As
702 an organization, we have five years of experience with the sectional meet system and it is
703 apparent that the system is broken and demands fixing. The proposed change would create a
704 new Junior National Series in the spring with one meet in each zone and consistent course
705 length and time standards for each meet. The decisions for course length and time standards
706 would be left to Program Operations and Senior Swimming and could change from year to year
707 if the needs of competitive progression warranted such changes. The proposal is limited to the
708 spring because the organization has only one year of experience with the current summer
709 program, but it appeared to work in 2005. The rationale for proposing one meet per zone is to
710 exploit some of the sectional organizational capabilities that have developed since 2001 as well
711 as to afford opportunities perhaps for bonus events, expanded time trials, or other similar
712 options that can benefit the athletes. While this is a proposal in which we believe and would
713 like to see adopted and implemented, we offer it also as the starting point for what we believe
714 needs to be a serious national discussion on whether the sectional meets are meeting the
715 competitive needs of our athletes and clubs. To this end, we ask that in some manner at the
716 2006 Convention and House of Delegates meeting that the House be given an opportunity to
717 vote, even if only in a nonbinding way that provides guidance to the USA Swimming Board
718 regarding the efficacy and desirability of maintaining the sectional meet framework as it
719 currently exists during at least the spring.

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721 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee made no recommendation and referred the matter to*
722 *the Senior Committee for review.*

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724 **204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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726 *(In 204.9.2, 204.9.4, and 204.9;5, eliminate all references to Spring Sectional meets.)*

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729 **207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETS** – The USA Swimming Junior
730 Championship meet and the Spring Junior National Series shall be governed and conducted by Program
731 Operations.

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733 .1 (No change)

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735 .2 (new) The Spring Junior National Series will consist of one meet swum in each Zone, either long course or
736 short course as determined by Program Operations provided that all meets in the series in a single year
737 shall be swum in the same course and with the same time standards. The dates and places of
738 competition will be determined by the Senior Swimming Committee. The series should be scheduled to
739 be held before the USA Swimming Spring Championships and provide an opportunity for progression
740 to the USA Swimming Spring Championships.

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742 *Existing .2 and .3 to be renumbered .3 and .4 respectively*

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744 *There will likely need to be a number of other changes in references throughout the Rules and Regulations to*
745 *ensure that all terminology is consistent*

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Location: **Page 67** **205.5 AWARDS**

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Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

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Purpose: To eliminate cost limitations on awards. This is a difficult if not impossible rule to enforce. It is very easy for award costs to exceed \$25 especially if merchandise or gift certificates are awarded.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee postponed action until its September meeting pending information regarding high school and NCAA requirements.*

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205.5 AWARDS - Official awards for Age Group events shall be established by the LSC. ~~The cost per award to an individual shall not exceed \$25.00. However, Meet hosts and swimmers should be aware that high school or college eligibility may be affected by prize cost or value.~~

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Location: **Pages 68-69** **206.1 GENERAL & 206.4 DATES**

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Proposed by: National Steering Committee

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Purpose: To re-establish a short course yard (25-yard) National Championships, to be held at the end of November or early December. Establishing a National Championships at this time of the year will allow USA Swimming a better chance of focusing more time (seven months) on the long course season, and reduce focus on the short course season (four months).

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

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206.1 GENERAL – USA Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually.

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.1 A short course yard (25-yard) National Championships shall be conducted the week following Thanksgiving.

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Existing paragraphs .1 through .3 to be renumbered as .2 through .4.

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206.4 DATES

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.1 Short Course Yards National Championships – To start the Thursday following Thanksgiving.

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Location: Page 72 207.8 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME

Proposed by: Suzanne Heath, National Times Coordinator

Purpose: The National Times Database Handbook has been replaced with the SWIMS Times Module Policy Manual.

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

207.8 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME — Procedures for obtaining proof of time shall conform to the current edition of the USA Swimming ~~National Times Database Handbook~~ SWIMS Time Module Policy Manual. ~~Verifications shall be issued only for~~ Official times achieved in accordance with the requirements of 102.16.4 may be used to enter the meet.

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Location: Pages 73-74 207.10 ENTRIES

Proposed by: Senior Swimming Committee

Purpose: The first sentence of Rule 102.5.1 is inconsistently followed and enforced. The Senior Swimming Committee spent time discussing this issue, and came up with the following position: that each athlete at Championship Meets must enter either at his/her fastest time, or at the slowest, non-conforming qualifying time. The Senior Committee did not feel it had enough information to make a recommendation to modify 102.5.1, so it simply decided to make a change to the rule in Article 207 (207.10.8) that relates to entries at Championship meets.

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

207.10 ENTRIES

~~.8 Any swimmer who qualifies for the 1000 or 1650 yard freestyle or the 800 or 1500 meter freestyle may enter at his/her fastest time or at the time standard, if entered in two or more events on the day of the distance freestyle.~~

All Swimmers must enter individual events at their best official qualifying time or at the lowest priority non-conforming qualifying time standard.

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Location: Pages 73-75 207.10 ENTRIES

Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

836 **Purpose:** To re-word for clarity and simplify language.
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838 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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840 **207.10 ENTRIES**

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842 **.13 Relay Entries**
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844 **D** ~~Each coach shall pick up relay entry forms from the clerk of course on which he/she shall list the~~ A
845 completed relay entry form listing the competing relay swimmers, their first and last names, ages, and
846 order of swimming, shall be returned to the clerk of the course for each entered competing relay. Upon
847 reporting to the starting blocks, immediately prior to the start of the relay heat in which such team is
848 entered, the completed relay entry form shall be handed to the head lane timer. No change will be
849 permitted thereafter and failure to present the head lane timer with written list of relay swimmers shall
850 prevent such team from competing. ~~A runner shall be furnished to distribute copies of the listed relay~~
851 ~~swimmers to the announcer and media.~~
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855 **Location:** **Pages 78-79** **207.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
856 **Page 116** **502.3 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**
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858 **Proposed by:** Marketing Membership Task Force
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860 **Purpose:** In closely studying the membership categories of “sports medicine” and “sustaining,” it has
861 become apparent that these two classes are not necessary. Only four current members are in the
862 “sustaining” category, and the sport medicine category can be blended with the existing
863 individual membership. With the elimination of the sports medicine category of membership,
864 the last portion of paragraph of 207.12.4 is unnecessary. There are also some minor
865 housekeeping attempts made within this paragraph.
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867 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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869 **207.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
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871 **.4** Credentials for national championships will be provided at no charge for participating athletes and
872 officials who are members of USA Swimming. Credentials for coaches, managers and chaperones, to
873 serve as admittance passes to national championships, shall be issued to those persons listed on the
874 submitted team roster ~~forms and~~ according to the following schedule and is based upon the total size of
875 the team. There shall be a surcharge of \$20.00 per person for spectator passes, which money shall
876 become the property of the meet host. For clubs that wish to bring one certified massage therapist with
877 their teams, a \$50.00 surcharge will apply if the massage therapist exceeds the deck pass formula below.
878 These funds shall become the property of the meet host. All massage therapists must be non-athlete
879 members of USA Swimming ~~in the Sports Medicine category.~~
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881 **502.3 Individual Membership**

882 **.3** Non-athlete membership consists of ~~five~~ three classes: individual, family, ~~sports medicine, sustaining,~~
883 and life.
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R- 33 **WITHDRAWN SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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Location: Page 102 ARTICLE 302.2 Membership

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Proposed by: Marketing Membership Task Force
Michael Lawrence, Chair

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Purpose: The 150-day period was determined somewhat arbitrarily as being less than 1/2 a year. Most seasonal periods (high school and summer as best examples) do not exceed 120 days. The Registration/Membership committee endorses this change.

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Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends rejection because this could disenfranchise existing programs*

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302.2. MEMBERSHIP

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.3 Individual seasonal membership – At the option of the LSC, membership may be offered for one or two periods of not more than ~~150~~ 120 days per period within a registration year. Seasonal membership may also be offered for an unspecified but continuous period of not more than ~~150~~ 120 days commencing on the date of registration. Seasonal membership is not valid for competition at or above the Zone Championship level.

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Location: Page 116 ARTICLE 502.2 Group Membership

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Proposed by: Bruce Stratton, Rules and Regulations Committee

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Purpose: To include in the Rule Book the intent of not allowing seasonal teams to compete at competitions at or above the Zone level.

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

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502.2 Group Membership

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.1 Club Membership
A *No change*

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B An LSC may provide for a seasonal club membership for the period established by the LSC pursuant to Article 302.2.3. Seasonal clubs may not compete at or above the Zone Championship level.

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Location: Page 116 Article 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

Proposed by: Board of Directors
Background Screening Task Force

Purpose: To provide for mandatory background screening for coaches.

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

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .1 *no change*
 - .2 *no change*
 - .3 All coaches of USA Swimming clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall join USA Swimming as coach members and shall satisfactorily complete safety training and background screening required by USA Swimming.
- No further changes*

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Location: Page 116 Article 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

Proposed by: Wells O'Brien, Secretary/General Counsel

Purpose: To establish permission to use the member's participation as a condition of membership in order to avoid any monetary claims

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee postponed action until its September meeting.*

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .8 (new) Any member of USA Swimming who participates in a USA Swimming event or any event sanctioned by USA Swimming, as a condition of and in consideration of membership in USA Swimming and participation in the event authorizes USA Swimming and USA Swimming Foundation (collectively "USA Swimming") to use the member's participation, including, but not limited, to the member's name, voice and likeness, for the purposes of promoting the sport of swimming, USA Swimming or USA Swimming's teams at any time. USA Swimming shall not use such material in the manner of an endorsement of any product, service or event (other than the noncommercial promotion of any USA Swimming event, which promotion shall not display any trademarks, logos, etc. other than those owned and registered by USA Swimming), without the consent of the individual.

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Location: Page 119 Article 504.3 Athlete Representation

Proposed by: Bryan Jones, Vice President, Athletes Executive Committee
Wells O'Brien, Secretary/General Counsel

Purpose: The athletes have requested this provision to help them with attendance at Board of Director meetings. Additionally, this was one of the prime reasons for re-incorporating USA Swimming in Colorado and this reason was reported to the House at the 2005 meeting

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

[Note: This provision shall not become effective until the merger between the USA Swimming Ohio corporation and the USA Swimming Colorado Corporation is completed.]

504.3 Athlete Representation The Athletes Committee shall elect to the Board of Directors that number of athlete Directors necessary to assure that not less than twenty percent (20%) of the voting Directors are athletes. Athlete Directors need not themselves be athlete representatives, but must at the time of their election be actively engaged in amateur swimming competition or have represented the United States in international competition within the ten (10) years preceding their election. Two of these athlete Directors shall be the Athletes Vice President and the Athletes Executive Vice Chair. The Athletes Committee may also elect not more than five (5) alternate athlete Directors. In the event that a regular athlete Director is unable to attend or otherwise participate in a regular activity of the Board of Directors, an alternate athlete Director may serve in the place of the regular athlete Director and shall, for the limited duration of that activity, enjoy all the rights, privileges and duties enjoyed by the regular athlete Director.

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Location: Page 128 506.1 Committees and Coordinators

Proposed by: Julie Bare, Rules and Regulations Committee

Purpose: Where committee appointments are made by an organization, vacancies in those appointed positions should be filled by that organization. A procedure needs to be in place in case a vacancy is in an elected position.

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

506.1 Committees and Coordinators

- .1 Standing committees of USA Swimming shall be as listed in this Article.
- .2 Except for those individuals who qualify for their positions under some other provision of Article 506:
 - A *No change*
 - B *No change*
 - C In the event of a ~~Any~~ vacancy on a committee caused by any reason, the person/organization responsible for the appointment shall select the person to fill the vacancy ~~be filled~~ for the remainder of the ~~four-year~~ term by ~~presidential~~ appointment. If the vacancy occurs in an elected committee position,

1016 the President, in consultation with the Committee Chair, shall appoint a replacement to serve the
1017 remainder of the term.
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1021 **Location:** Page 128 Article 506.1 Committees and Coordinators
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1023 **Proposed by:** Wells O'Brien, Secretary/General Counsel
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1025 **Purpose:** To provide an universal procedure for calling meetings and to establish that the meeting is a
1026 regular meeting under Robert's Rules
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1028 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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1030 **506.1 Committees and Coordinators**

1031 .13 (new) Unless specifically provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, all committee meetings shall be regular
1032 committee meetings, unless specifically designated as a special meeting.
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1036 **Location:** Page 133 ARTICLE 506.7 Governance Committee
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1038 **Proposed by:** Governance Committee Task Force
1039 John Kinney, Chair
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1041 **Purpose:** The Governance Committee Task Force felt that expanding the number of committee members
1042 would allow for a greater breadth of background and experience for future committee members.
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1044 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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1046 **Effective:** Immediately
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1048 **506.7 Governance Committee**
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1050 .1 Membership: The Governance Committee shall ~~be comprised~~ consist of ~~four~~ eight members appointed
1051 by the President, sufficient athlete appointments to constitute at last 20% of the voting membership of
1052 the committee, and the Secretary/General Counsel who shall have voice but no vote. There shall be no
1053 current voting members of the Board of Directors ~~or non-athlete members who serve on other USA~~
1054 ~~Swimming committees~~ appointed to this committee.
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1056 .2 Each non-athlete members shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members
1057 are appointed each year.
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1059 .3 Responsibility: The Governance Committee shall be responsible for the review of governance practices
1060 by the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates and the various committees. The Governance
1061 Committee shall review compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act and the U.S. Olympic
1062 Committee Constitution and Bylaws. Additionally, ~~The~~ the Governance Committee shall ~~also~~ be

1063 available for mentoring and consulting to the Board of Directors and the committees on the
1064 responsibilities and accountabilities of membership on those groups.
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1068 **Location:** LSC Bylaws Template Article 604 House of Delegates
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1070 **Proposed by:** Julie Bare, Rules and Regulations Committee
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1072 **Purpose:** To bring LSC Bylaws into compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act
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1074 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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1076 604.1 MEMBERS - The House of Delegates of XXSI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the
1077 Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representatives, the Board Members designated in Section 0, and the
1078 At-Large House Members.
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1080 .1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES - *no change*
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1082 .2 AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - Up to ten (10) at-large members of the House of Delegates may be
1083 appointed by the General Chairman with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.
1084 Additionally, a sufficient number of athlete members at-large shall be [appointed by the General
1085 Chair with advice and consent of the Board of Directors or elected] to constitute at least 20% of the
1086 voting membership of the House of Delegates. The At-Large House Members shall hold office
1087 from the date of appointment through the conclusion of the annual meeting of the House of
1088 Delegates following such appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of
1089 Delegates. <The remainder of this page intentionally left blank.>
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1091 .3 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES -

NUMBER OF ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES - ~~At least two~~ A sufficient number of Athlete Representatives shall be selected to constitute at least 20 % of the voting membership of the Board of Directors. ~~In an LSC which has fifteen or more Board Members, it is highly recommended that the number of Athlete Representatives to the House of Delegates be increased so that the Athlete Representatives comprise approximately twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors, with approximately one-half of that number elected each year (in the case of uneven numbers, the LSC should determine the number to be elected in odd and even numbered years on the basis that will produce equivalency in number of Board Members to be elected in each year).~~ ~~If an LSC decides to adopt this proportionality principle, the~~ The LSC should insert in whichever of Alternative Provisions A or B for selection of Athlete Representatives (discussed immediately below) is adopted the actual number of Athlete Representatives to be elected in total and each year based on the calculations required by the proportionality principle. If that LSC subsequently changes the number of Board Members, it will have to recalculate the number of Athlete Representatives accordingly. In an LSC which has At-Large Board Members with the power in the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors to vary the number of At-Large Board Members, the LSC needs to decide whether or not it wants to have the number of Athlete Representatives vary in proportion to the number of At-Large Board Members. Since the actual effect is likely to occur, if at all, infrequently, it would be appropriate to ignore the variation. However, if the LSC does desire to have that variation taken into account, the following sentence should be added to the end of this Section 0: "The number of Athlete Representatives shall be increased or decreased as may be necessary to have them comprise approximately at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting members of the Board of Directors."

METHOD OF SELECTION OF ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES - no change

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Location: LSC Bylaws Template Article 605.12 Quorum

Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

Purpose: To allow the LSC more flexibility in establishing its definition of quorum.

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

605.12 QUORUM - A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

Although it is not recommended, an LSC may provide for a quorum of those members "present and voting" or other definition. However, if this modification is made, the time period for notice of a meeting under Section 0 must be increased to "twenty (20) days". Similarly, consideration should be given to keeping the quorum at the suggested level with respect to special meetings.

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Location: **LSC Bylaws Template Article 610 Board of Review**

Proposed by: Julie Bare, Rules and Regulations Committee

Purpose: To bring LSC Bylaws into compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act

Recommendation: *The Rules & Regulations Committee postponed action until its September meeting pending legal opinion.*

610.3 BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATION -

- .1 ESTABLISHMENT - The Board of Review of XXSI shall be independent and impartial.
- .2 MEMBERS - The Board of Review shall have *at least five (5) regular members including a sufficient number of athlete members to constitute at least 20% of the Board of Review and at least three (3) alternate members.* The House of Delegates may increase the number of *regular or alternate* members by resolution but subsequent to the adoption of these Bylaws may only decrease the number of *regular or alternate* members upon the expiration of the term of office of any incumbent members.

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Location: **LSC Bylaws Template Article 615.2 Fiscal Year**

Proposed by: Georgia Swimming

Purpose: To allow the LSC to establish a fiscal year that corresponds to its needs.

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

615.2 FISCAL YEAR – The fiscal year of XXSI shall ~~||correspond to the calendar year| or |end on August 31st~~
of each year|.

<i>An LSC may adopt either the calendar year or an August 31st a fiscal year that satisfies its budgeting and reporting needs. An LSC changing its fiscal year will need to consider transitional year issues such as the need for transition year budgeting, etc.</i>

HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

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Location: Pages 22-23 102.1 EVENTS

Proposed by: Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming

Purpose: Change the order of the listing of relays to be freestyle relays followed by medley relays, consistent with the order in Rule 102.1.1 Senior Events and the order of events in Appendices 2-B and 2-C. Use commas between all freestyle distances for 13-18, as is done for other ages and strokes.

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

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102.1.2 AGE GROUP EVENTS

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10 Years and Younger

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100, 200 individual medley

100, 200, 400 individual medley

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200 freestyle relay

200, 400 freestyle relay

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200 medley relay

200, 400 medley relay

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~~200, 400 freestyle relay~~

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13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Years

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50, 100, 200, 400/500, 800/1000, 1500/1650 freestyle (commas replace hyphens)

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200, 400 individual medley

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200, 400, 800 freestyle relay

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200, 400 medley relay

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~~200, 400, 800 freestyle relay~~

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Location: Pages 24-26 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS

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Proposed by: Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

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Purpose: Reword for clarity.

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

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102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS

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1183 A A swimmer in any individual freestyle event of 16 or more lengths ~~or more~~ may appoint one counter to
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1189 **Location:** Pages 48-50 104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS
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1191 **Proposed by:** Kevin Russell, Arizona Swimming
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1193 **Purpose:** Make the three sections consistent with each other. Make the order of listing freestyle and
1194 medley relays consistent. Spell out "Individual" and remove "and" so that all three sections are
1195 consistent.
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1197 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
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1199 **104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**
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1201 **.2 American and United States Open Records**
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1203 **B Recognized Distances and Strokes (Men and Women)**
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1205 **(1) Short Course Yards – Made only over courses 25 yards long**

1206	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, and 1650 yards
1207	Backstroke	100, 200 yards
1208	Breaststroke	100, 200 yards
1209	Butterfly	100, 200 yards
1210	<u>Individual</u> Ind- Medley	150*, 200, 400 yards
1211	<u>Freestyle Relay</u>	200, 400, 800 yards
1212	Medley Relay	200, 400 yards
1213	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 yards

1214 **(2) Short Course Meters – Made only over courses 25 meters long-**

1215	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meters
1216	Backstroke	50, 100, 200 meters
1217	Breaststroke	50, 100, 200 meters
1218	Butterfly	50, 100, 200 meters
1219	Individual Medley	100, 150*, 200, 400 meters
1220	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 meters
1221	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters

1222 **(3) Long Course – Made only over courses 55 yards or 50 meters long**

1223	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 meters
1224	Backstroke	50, 100, 200 meters
1225	Breaststroke	50, 100, 200 meters
1226	Butterfly	50, 100, 200 meters
1227	<u>Individual</u> Ind- Medley	150*, 200, 400 meters
1228	<u>Freestyle Relay</u>	200, 400, 800 meters
1229	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters

1230 ~~Freestyle Relay~~ ~~200, 400, 800 meters~~

1231 **Note:** Distances with an * are applicable only to certain functional classifications of
1232 swimmers with a disability.
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1237 **Location:** Pages 48-50 104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS

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1239 **Proposed by:** Rules and Regulations Committee

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1241 **Purpose:** Last year the House of Delegates approved moving rules for American Records for Swimmers
1242 with a Disability from Rules and Regulations to the Policy Manual.
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1245 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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1247 **104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**

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1271	Breaststroke	50, 100, 200 meters
1272	Butterfly	50, 100, 200 meters
1273	Ind. Medley	150* , 200, 400 meters
1274	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters

1275 Freestyle Relay 200, 400, 800 meters

1276 ~~Note: Distances with an * are applicable only to certain functional classifications of~~
1277 ~~swimmers with a disability.~~

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1281 **Location: Page 63 ARTICLE 203 REPRESENTATION**

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1283 **Proposed by:** Michael Lawrence, Illinois Swimming

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1285 **Purpose:** To require transfer forms to be completed, not merely presented.

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1287 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval..*

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1289 **203.5** When transferring between LSCs or clubs the swimmer shall ~~present~~ submit a completed written
1290 transfer form in accordance with USA Swimming and LSC procedures. When transferring from one club to
1291 another within the same LSC, the procedural requirements established by the LSC ~~Registration Committee~~ shall
1292 be followed.

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1297 **Location: LSC BYLAWS TEMPLATE – PART SIX**

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1299 **Proposed by:** Rules and Regulations Committee

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1301 **Purpose:** To update references and terminology in Bylaws template.

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1303 **Recommendation:** *The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

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1305 The changes to the model Bylaws template simply update references to the current Rule Book as well as
1306 terminology. They are considered to be strictly housekeeping in nature and are too voluminous to be listed here.
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