

USA SWIMMING
RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS
Adopted by the House of Delegates on September 18, 2010

No.	Description	Location	Action
R-1	Definition of Amateur Sports Act as used in Rules & Regulations	Glossary	Adopted
R-2	Definition of Board of Directors as used in Rules & Regulations	Glossary	Adopted
R-3	Definition of Outreach Membership as used in Rules & Regulations	Glossary	Adopted
R-4	Definition of practice as used in Rules & Regulations	Glossary	Adopted
R-5	Definition of tryout as used in Rules & Regulations	Glossary	Adopted
R-7	Require that an event with only 1 heat be swum at both prelims and finals	102.5.1A	Adopted
R-8	Clarify that times achieved prior to the point of cancellation are official times in accordance with our rules	102.8.4	Adopted
R-10	Allow additional advertising on swimwear	102.9.2-102.9.3	Adopted/Amended
R-11	Allow LSCs to require a minimum number of officials based on facility, nature of competition, etc.	102.12.3	Adopted
R-12	Delete obsolete section regarding all-star relays	104.2.5	Adopted
R-13	Allow Rules Committee to issue waivers to rules in Part 7 (OW)	202.2.12	Adopted
R-14	Require a statement in the meet announcement that it is the responsibility of swimmers who have not been certified in racing starts to start all events from within the water	202.3.3 (new)	Adopted
R-14A	It is the responsibility of the swimmer whose coach is not at the meet to make arrangements for coach supervision prior to the start	202.3.1	Adopted
R-15	Standardize transfer procedures	203.5	Adopted
R-16	Eliminate ambiguity in the national scratch rule when events are swum in a sequence different from the numerical order.	207.12.6C	Adopted
R-17	Clarify that athletes practicing with a USA Swimming club must be registered members of USA Swimming	302.1 502.4.2	Adopted
R-18	Clarification that the LSC sets the qualifications for Outreach Membership	302.2.2 502.3.2 (new)	Adopted/Amended
R-19	Additional violation to the Code of Conduct as part of our Athlete Protection Program	304.3.4	Adopted
R-20	To create a new Article 305 Athlete Protection Policies and to add language to the Code of Conduct that references the new Article.	304.3.4 305 (new)	Adopted/Amended
R-21	To add a new Article 306 Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements and to add language to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct that references the new Article.	304.3.16 306 (new)	Adopted/Amended
R-22	To modify the language to match the current procedure and to limit the authority to dismiss a complaint	405.3 405.4	Adopted/Amended
R-23	To require LSC Boards of Review to copy the USA-S Executive Director with all decisions	406.4.1E 406.4.2D	Adopted
R-24	Clarification of delivery of communications/notices	407.9	Adopted
R-25	To correct an omission relating to the time period within which an appeal from a LSC BOR decision to the NBR must be filed	408.1.1	Adopted
R-26	To create a new Article 410 Confidentiality.	410 (new)	Adopted/Amended
R-27	Clarify use of Robert's Rules of Order	501.4	Adopted
R-28	Clarification of member voting rights	502.1	Adopted

R-29	To re-position and clarify requirement of membership in appropriate sections	502.1 (new) 502.4.1	Adopted
R-31	To require all non-athlete members to satisfactorily complete criminal background checks and athlete protection education	502.4.2	Adopted
R-32	Require coach education course regarding coach conduct	502.4.3	Adopted
R-33	Minimum age of 18 years for coaches	502.4.5 (new)	Adopted
R-34	To provide that all USA Swimming member clubs perform a Pre-Employment Screening Procedure established by USA Swimming.	502.4	Adopted
R-35	To provide and retain jurisdiction over members who violate the Rules or Code of Conduct of USA Swimming	502.4 (new)	Adopted
R-36	Relocate provision on Conflict of Interest to a more appropriate location	502.7/513 (new)	Adopted
R-37	Clarification of member termination process	502.8 (new)	Adopted
R-38	Clarify that there are two officer positions that are not elected by the HOD.	503.1	Adopted
R-40	To set ground rules for a member of the Board of Directors to object when a meeting notice has been improper or defective	504.9	Adopted
R-42	To provide for action of the Board without a meeting	504.11 (new)	Adopted
R-43	Modify the structure of the AEC	506.2.3	Adopted/Amended
R-44	Change the selection method of athlete representatives to the House of Delegates	507.1.2	Adopted
R-45	Indemnification – Make language consistent with Colorado Law	510.1	Adopted
R-46	To relocate LSC requirements to the appropriate section and rename to better suit the topic.	510.3 509.2 (new)	Adopted
R-47	To stress that only the HOD can change the Rules and Regulations	511.1	Adopted
R-48	To conform to FINA rules for feed poles	701.2.7 (new)	Adopted
R-49	Expand duties of race judges	701.17.5 (new)	Adopted
R-50	Purpose of guide buoy	702.1.4 (new)	Adopted
R-51	Description and rules for turn buoy	702.4.1	Adopted
R-52	To create the award category of USA Swimming Age Group National Champion in open water	704.8.3 (new)	Adopted
R-53	Eliminate position of Club Safety Coordinator	LSC Bylaws	Adopted
HK-1	Correct terminology from “flutter” to “alternating”	101.2.3	Adopted
HK-2	Correct the reference	304.3.3	Adopted
HK-3	Change name to USA Swimming	501.1	Adopted
HK-4	Correct capitalizations	504.3	Adopted
HK-5	Correction to reflect current practice	506.1.8	Adopted
HK-6	Punctuation correction	507.1	Adopted
HK-7	To modify the language in the Required LSC Bylaws to match the current language in 502.6 of the Rule Book.	LSC Bylaws 603.9	Adopted
HK-8	Update references	701.6.1-.2	Adopted
HK-9	Global change to delete “amateur” as appropriate	various	Adopted
HK-10	Global change to standardize “meet announcement” terminology	various	Adopted
RW-1	Re-order Article 102, with clarifications reflecting current practice	Entire 102	Adopted/Amended
RW-2	Re-write of Glossary	Glossary	Adopted

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R-1 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 12 **Official Glossary**

AMATEUR SPORTS ACT - the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (1998) (or as applicable, the Amateur Sports Act of 1978), as amended from time to time.

R-2 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 12 **Official Glossary**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - unless otherwise noted, shall mean the USA Swimming Board of Directors.

R-3 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 12 **Official Glossary**

OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP - a reduced-fee category of athlete membership for under-represented and/or economically disadvantaged swimmers.

R-4 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 12 **Official Glossary**

PRACTICE - the instruction of swimming techniques, skills, knowledge, conditioning, aptitude and motivation.

R-5 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 12 **Official Glossary**

TRYOUT - practices where a swimmer who is not a member of USA Swimming participates with a USA Swimming member club, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive days in a twelve month period to determine the swimmer's interest in becoming a member of USA Swimming.

R-7 **ADOPTED** Effective May 1, 2011

Location: Page 27 **102.5 Lane Assignments-Seeding-Counters-Order of Heats**

102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS — SEEDING — COUNTERS — ORDER OF HEATS

.1 **Preliminary Heats When Finals are Scheduled** — *no change*

A **Fewer than three heats**

- (1) If there is only one heat, it ~~may be seeded as a final heat and shall be swum only during the final session, at the Referee's discretion~~ as scheduled during the preliminaries and finals.
- (2) If there are two heats.....(no further changes)

R-8 ADOPTED Effective May 1, 2011
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Location: Page 27 **102.8 Change of Program and Postponement**

102.8 CHANGE OF PROGRAM AND POSTPONEMENT

.1 - .3 (no change)

.4 Postponement or Cancellation

- A If, prior to its commencement, unusual or severe weather or other conditions preclude the possibility of safely and effectively conducting a meet or an event, the meet committee may cancel or postpone it.
- B Should a meet or event have actually commenced, and in the judgment of the Referee cannot safely and effectively continue because of weather conditions, or for some other compelling reason, the Referee, in his/her sole discretion, may suspend the meet or event until conditions warrant continuance. If circumstances do not warrant continuance, the Referee may cancel the meet or event, or postpone it to a future date or time, with the approval of the meet committee.
- C A decision to cancel or postpone shall be final.
- D Should an event have actually commenced but is terminated prior to an official finish, and is postponed to another time or date, it shall then be conducted between the swimmers who were officially competing in the event at the time of the termination.
- E Incomplete events will not be awarded or scored; however, times achieved in accordance with 102.16 up to the point of cancellation shall be considered official.

R-10 ADOPTED/AMENDED Effective October 1, 2010

Location: Page 28 **102.9 Swimwear**

102.9 SWIMWEAR

- .1 **Design**(no change)
- .2 **Insignia** — Swimmers may wear the insignia and/or name of the club or organization they represent or of which they are a member ~~and or~~ the insignia of their FINA National Federation or Organizing Committees for Olympic, World, Continental or Regional Championships, except as otherwise provided in 202.6.3 for international competition and in FINA rules GR5 and GR6. Swimmers shall not be allowed to wear the insignia and/or name of any club or organization which they are not entitled to represent in open competition, if such action is objectionable to that club or organization.
- 3 **Advertising**
 - A ~~In the competition venue or complex of all events conducted by and under the control of USA Swimming or any LSC or division thereof, no swimsuit shall carry any visible marque or insignia in the form of advertising (except design or trademarks of members or Organizing Committees for Olympic, World, Continental and Regional Championships) other than the trademark on technical equipment or clothing, that is in excess of 20 sq. cm. (3.1 sq. in.) in area. A trademark may be repeated provided a name is used only once on a suit. Offenders may be barred from competition until they comply with this rule. Advertising means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo or any other distinctive sign of the manufacturer of the item or any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule. FINA labeling and~~

the USA Swimming logo or club logo shall not be considered as advertisements. Logos of the swimwear manufacturer shall be considered as advertising and are included in the limits described in (1) through (4) below. Advertising appearing on swimwear is allowed as follows:

- (1) Swimsuits. A total of two separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 20 square centimeters (3.1 sq. in.) each, as measured as applied, shall be permitted.
- (2) Caps. A total of two separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 20 square centimeters (3.1 sq. in.) each, as measured when applied, shall be permitted. A club logo is not considered as advertising and is not subject to the size limitations.
- (3) Goggles. A total of two separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 6 square centimeters (.9 sq. in.) each, as measured when applied, shall be permitted, but only on the spectacle frame or band.

B Body advertising in the form of temporary tattoos or other embellishments is not allowed.

C Advertising for the following shall not be allowed:

- (1) Products involving tobacco, alcohol or pharmaceuticals containing substances banned under IOC or FINA rules;
- (2) Political statements; and
- (3) Any products or services that would be counter to the values of the sport or bring disrepute to USA Swimming.

D Swimmers in violation of the above provisions may be barred from the competition venue until they comply. However, any swimmer who competes in an event wearing swimwear in violation of these advertising provisions shall not be subject to disqualification.

~~B Products involving tobacco, alcohol or pharmaceuticals containing drugs banned under IOC or FINA rules may not be advertised under .3A above, but the advertiser's name only may be used.~~

R-11 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011
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Location: Page 31 102.12 Officials

102.12 OFFICIALS

- .3 For all swimming meets or time trials except dual meets there should not be fewer than the following officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority. Officials other than the Referee may act in more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may simultaneously time and judge the order of finish. An LSC House of Delegates may establish additional minimum requirements.

No further change

R-12 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011
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Location: Page 47 104.2 USA Swimming Records

104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS

~~.5 All Star Times~~

~~A Requirements—All Star Records are relay times achieved in USA Swimming competition by swimmers from more than one USA Swimming Club but representing the same LSC. These times may be achieved in inter-LSC competition such as LSC dual meets and Zone competition. These times are not eligible for Top 10 relay consideration.~~

~~B Reporting — An appropriate record application form will be available from Headquarters when requested. This form shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials, and returned. Responsibility for this lies with the athlete, the Meet Director, recorder of records, or chief recorder of the meet at which the record is achieved.~~

~~C Recognition — A certificate of achievement will be sent to all members of a relay team whose time meets or better the Age Group relay record published in the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.~~

Re-number remaining

R-13 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 55 202.2 Requirements for Sanction

202.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION — Sanctions are issued, withheld or withdrawn in accordance with the following regulations:

- .12 For the sole purpose of improving competitive swimming, and with the written approval of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee, an LSC may sanction events or meets for which waivers of specific provisions of Parts One, ~~or Two~~ or Seven of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations have been granted for limited periods and under specified conditions.

R-14 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 57 202.3 Conditions of Sanction

202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION – Any event for which a sanction is required according to 202.1 is subject to the following conditions:

- .1 *(no change)*
- .2 *(no change)*
- .3 The meet announcement shall include the following statement: "Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Re-number remaining paragraphs

R-14A ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011
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Location: Page 57 202.3 Conditions of Sanction

202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION – Any event for which a sanction is required according to 202.1 is subject to the following conditions:

- .1 *(no change)*
- .2 At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. ~~Athletes~~ Swimmers participating under the provisions of 202.6 or USA Swimming's "open border" policy must be under the supervision of their own coach or a USA Swimming member coach. The Meet Director or Meet Referee ~~shall~~ may assist the ~~athlete~~ swimmer in making arrangements for such supervision, but it is the swimmer's responsibility to make such arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

Location: Page 61 Article 203 Representation

203.5 When transferring between LSCs or clubs within the same LSC, the swimmer shall submit a completed transfer form in accordance with USA Swimming and LSC procedures. ~~When transferring from one club to another within the same LSC, the procedural requirements established by the LSC shall be followed.~~ LSCs may not establish procedures for transfers which effectively deny a swimmer the right to transfer from one LSC or club to another.

Location: Page 72 207.12 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships

207.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS — The administrative rules for the conduct of the National Championships and Open Water Championships are specified herein. Additional rules for Open Water Championships are listed in Article 704.

.6 Scratch Procedures

- A Swimmers may scratch from an event in which they are entered by following the procedures set forth in the meet ~~invitation~~ announcement.
- B The scratch deadline for the first day's events shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the general meeting is adjourned. The scratch deadline for all subsequent days' events shall be thirty (30) minutes after the time established for the start of the finals sessions.
- C In all events where preliminary heats are necessary, after the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which such swimmer entered and has not been scratched in accordance with sub-paragraphs A and B above will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day. The application of this penalty shall pertain to the order in which the event/heats are swum, not the numerical order of the events. Additionally that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.

No further change

Location: Page 88 302.1 Registration

Page 110 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

302.1 Registration – All swimmers practicing with a member club or competing in events sanctioned by USA Swimming must be registered as athlete members of USA Swimming. Athlete members must meet the rules of eligibility contained in Article 303. No swimmer alleged to be ineligible shall be denied the right to register and compete without being afforded the opportunity to refute the allegations relating to his/her possible ineligibility, pursuant to Parts Four and/or Six.

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .1 All members of the House of Delegates or Board of Directors and all members of any committee, sub-committee, or division of USA Swimming, appointed or elected, must hold an individual membership pursuant to the provisions of this Article, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.
- .2 All clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in practices and USA Swimming sanctioned competition are members of ~~their LSC and~~ USA Swimming.

No further change

R- 18 **ADOPTED/AMENDED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 88 **302.2 Membership**

Page 110 **502.3 Individual Membership**

302.2 Membership — Athlete membership will consist of an annual membership, an outreach membership, a seasonal membership, or a single-meet open water membership.

- .2 Outreach membership — Annual membership with specially-reduced fees. Each LSC House of Delegates shall determine how athletes qualify for outreach membership.

502.3 Individual Membership

- .1 Any individual may join USA Swimming as a member.
- .2 Athlete membership consists of four categories:
- A Annual (LSCs are required to offer this membership)
 - B Outreach (LSCs are required to offer this membership)
 - C Individual Seasonal (offered at option of LSC)
 - D Single Meet Open Water (offered at option of LSC)

Re-number subsequent items in 502.3

R-19 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 90 **304 Code of Conduct**

304.3 The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- .4 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, ~~or~~ (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct, or (iv) any criminal offense against a minor.

R-20 **ADOPTED/AMENDED** Effective immediately, except as noted

Location: Page 90 **304 Code of Conduct**
Page 92 **305 Athlete Protection Policies (new)**

304.3 The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- .4 Violation of any of USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Policies set forth in Article 305.

Re-number remaining sections and make appropriate citation changes in 403.1, 403.2.1C, and 405.2.3

ARTICLE 305

ATHLETE PROTECTION POLICIES

The following policies related to Athlete Protection are mandatory components of the USA Swimming Code of

Conduct:

- .1 Inappropriate touching between an athlete and an adult non-athlete member or Participating Non-Member (as defined in 401.1) is prohibited, including, but not limited to, excessive touching, hugging, kissing, sexually oriented behavior, sexually stimulating or otherwise inappropriate games, and having an athlete sit on a non-family member adult's lap.
- .2 Any rubdown or massage performed on an athlete by any adult member or Participating Non-Member, excluding the spouse, parent, guardian, sibling, or personal assistant of such athlete, is prohibited unless such adult is a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. Any rubdown or massage performed at a swim venue by a licensed professional must be conducted in open/public locations and must never be done with only the athlete and licensed massage therapist in the room. Even if a coach is a licensed massage therapist, the coach shall not perform a rubdown or massage of an athlete under any circumstances.
- .3 Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- .4 Employees and volunteers of USA Swimming, LSCs and member clubs who interact directly and frequently with athletes as a regular part of their duties and individuals with any ownership interest in a member club must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming and satisfactorily complete criminal background checks as required by USA Swimming. This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, marshals, computer operators, etc. who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet. (effective January 1, 2011)
- .5 Travel
 - A Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete).
 - B Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. (effective January 1, 2011)
 - C When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach.
 - D Clubs and LSCs shall develop their own travel policies. USA Swimming will provide a model club travel policy as an example. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club. (effective January 1, 2011)

R-21 ADOPTED/AMENDED Effective immediately
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Location: Page 91 304.3.5 Code of Conduct (new section)
Page 92 306 Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements (new)

304.3 The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

- .5 Violation of any of the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements set forth in Article 306.

(Note: re-number subsequent sections and make appropriate citation changes in 403.1, 403.2.1C, and 405.2.3)

ARTICLE 306

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- .1 It is every member's responsibility to promptly report any incident regarding sexual misconduct by a member as described in Article 304.3.5 to USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Officer. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or

to a designated child protection agency.

.2 No member shall retaliate against any individual who has made a good faith report under 306.1.

.3 False reporting of sexual misconduct made in bad faith is prohibited.

.4 Neither civil nor criminal statutes of limitation apply to reports of cases of sexual abuse.

R-22 **ADOPTED/AMENDED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 97 **405.3 Disposition of Investigation**
Page 97 **405.4 Emergency Hearing**

405.3 DISPOSITION OF AFTER INVESTIGATION - After the initial investigation has been is completed, the President of USA Swimming Executive Director may decide to either initiate a complaint in the name of USA Swimming by filing the complaint with the Chair of the National Board of Review and requesting that a hearing on the complaint be conducted. Any decision of the Executive Director not to forward a complaint to the National Board of Review shall be reviewed by the President of USA Swimming for a final decision. The Executive Director may also seek an emergency hearing as set forth in 405.4 below. If the Executive Director does not decide to initiate a complaint in the name of USA Swimming, then the Executive Director may (i) cause further investigation to be conducted into the alleged violations to be conducted; (ii) seek to mediate the complaint; or (iii) take interim action as set forth below. advise the complaining party that, while USA Swimming will not initiate a complaint in its own name, the complaining party may still file his/her complaint directly with the Chair of the National Board of Review. If the complaining party chooses to go forward with the complaint, Either the President or Chair of the National Board of Review may then decide to either assign the matter to the National Board of Review for hearing or jointly dismiss the complaint.

405.4 EMERGENCY HEARING – After the initial investigation has been completed and upon the request of the Executive Director in accordance with 405.3 above, the President or the Chair of the National Board of Review may order an emergency hearing before the National Board of Review to determine if the member should be suspended pending the outcome of a full hearing before the National Board of Review. [*no other changes*]

R- 23 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 100 **406.4 Hearing Procedures**

406.4 Hearing Procedures - The procedures to be followed in connection with all hearings of the LSC Board of Review shall be as follows:

.1 Formal Hearing

E Decision of LSC Board of Review - The decision of the LSC Board of Review may be rendered at the time of the hearing and, if not so rendered, as soon as possible thereafter and in no event more than fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the hearing. The decision shall include findings of facts and a statement of remedies ordered or penalties imposed, if any, and a statement setting forth the rights of the parties to appeal the decision. The decision shall be in writing, or in case of a decision rendered at the hearing, reduced to writing promptly, and delivered to the Petitioner(s), Respondent(s), their respective counsel, any other party to the proceeding, ~~and~~ the General Chair and the Secretary of the LSC, and the Executive Director of USA Swimming.

.2 Emergency Hearing

- D Decision of LSC Board of Review - The decision of the LSC Board of Review shall be rendered at the time of the hearing or as soon as possible thereafter in keeping with the emergent circumstances. The decision shall include findings of facts and a statement of remedies ordered, if any, and a statement of the right to request a subsequent formal hearing. The decision shall be in writing, or in case of a decision rendered orally at the hearing, reduced to writing within fourteen (14) days thereafter and delivered to the Petitioner(s), the Respondent(s), their counsel, any other real party in interest to the proceeding, the Chair of the LSC Board of Review, ~~and~~ the General Chair and the Secretary of the LSC, and the Executive Director of USA Swimming.

R- 24 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 105 **407.9 Delivery**

407.9 DELIVERY – The delivery of all Notices of Hearing to Respondent(s) and all final Decisions to the non-prevailing party(ies) shall be by overnight express delivery. Delivery of all other pleadings, orders and communications may be by electronic mail or other means, as directed by the Chair of the National Board of Review. For purposes of a National Board of Review proceeding, notice is sufficiently given for documents that are to be transmitted by overnight delivery when they are placed with an overnight carrier and directed to the last address on file with USA Swimming. Notice is sufficiently given for documents that may be transmitted by electronic mail if directed to the electronic mail address on file with USA Swimming or provided in the course of the proceedings.

R- 25 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 106 **408.1 Procedure**

408.1 PROCEDURE

- .1 Every appeal to the National Board of Review shall be instituted by a Petition served upon the Executive Director, as well as the other party(ies) to the LSC Board of Review proceeding, and shall be accompanied by a \$250 non-refundable filing fee payable to USA Swimming. Any appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days from the postmark date of the written Decision of the LSC Board of Review. The Petition on appeal shall set forth the grounds for appeal, citing factual and legal issues in as much detail as possible.

R-26 **ADOPTED/AMENDED** Effective immediately

Location: Page 107 **410 Confidentiality (new)**

ARTICLE 410

CONFIDENTIALITY

- .1 Hearings conducted before the National Board of Review or the Board of Directors regarding alleged Code of Conduct violations shall be closed to the public.
- .2 All proceedings before the National Board of Review or the Board of Directors regarding alleged Code of Conduct violations shall be and remain confidential until the National Board of Review or Board of Directors has rendered its final decision, except:
- A Information that is necessary to disclose in the course of an investigation to witnesses and other appropriate parties;
- B Information disclosed pursuant to subpoena or court order;

C Information disclosed to complaining parties or victims;

D Information disclosed by USA Swimming in response to disclosures by other parties or witnesses in the proceeding.

E USA Swimming shall also disclose information to a member club or LSC where an employee or volunteer of such club or LSC has been alleged in a complaint to have violated the Code of Conduct.

.3 A redacted summary of each final Decision of the National Board of Review and Board of Directors that includes a finding of a violation of the Code of Conduct may be published at the discretion of USA Swimming.

Articles 410 and 411 will be re-numbered 411 and 412, respectively.

R-27 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 109 **501.4 Robert's Rules of Order**

501.4 Robert's Rules of Order ~~At all meetings of the USA Swimming House of Delegates, its LSCs, divisions and committees, the then current version of Roberts' Robert's Rules of Order shall be the governing procedural rules, unless otherwise suspended modified in these Bylaws or by policy adopted by the House of Delegates or the Board of Directors. See Appendix 5-A for the USA Swimming Table of Organization. At all other meetings of USA Swimming and any of its constituent bodies, boards, committees or other entities, the then current version of Robert's Rules of Order may be used, where appropriate, at the discretion of the meeting chair.~~

R- 28 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 109 **502.1 Classes of Membership**

502.1 Classes of Membership. ~~The Corporation shall have no voting members, as defined in the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act. However, the membership of USA Swimming shall consist of the following two classes of nonvoting members, whose rights and privileges are as set forth in these Bylaws: group members, including clubs, seasonal clubs and other organizations interested in competitive swimming; and individual members, including athletes and non-athletes.~~

R-29 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 109 **502.1 Requirements of Membership (new)**

Page 110 **502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership**

502.1 Requirements of Membership ~~All members of the House of Delegates, Board of Directors and any committee, sub-committee, or division of USA Swimming, appointed or elected, must hold an individual membership pursuant to the provisions of this Article, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.~~

Re-number subsequent sections

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

~~.1 All members of the House of Delegates, or Board of Directors and all members of any committee, sub-committee, or division of USA Swimming, appointed or elected, must hold an individual membership pursuant to the provisions of this Article, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.~~

Re-number remaining

R-31 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 110 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .1 All members of the House of Delegates or Board of Directors and all members of any committee, sub-committee, or division of USA Swimming, appointed or elected, must hold an individual membership pursuant to the provisions of this Article, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.
- .2 All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks and athlete protection education as required by USA Swimming.

Re-number remaining

R-32 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 110 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .1 *(no change)*
- .2 *(no change)*
- .3 Anyone who coaches athletes at a USA Swimming practice or competition must be a coach member of USA Swimming and must have satisfactorily completed safety training, and criminal background screening checks and other coaches' education as required by USA Swimming.

No further changes

R-33 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 110 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .1 *(no change)*
- .2 *(no change)*
- .3 Anyone who coaches athletes at a USA Swimming practice or competition, must be a coach member of USA Swimming and must have satisfactorily completed safety training and background screening required by USA Swimming.
- .4 ~~The coach of record for a~~ A coach member of USA Swimming ~~member club~~ must be at least 18 years of age.

R-34 **ADOPTED** Effective August 31, 2011

Location: Page 110 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

- .8 All clubs are required to comply with USA Swimming Pre-Employment Screening Procedures for New Employees for all new employees who are required to be members under 502.3 or 502.4.3.

R-35 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 110 **502.4 Conditions of Membership (new)**

502.4 Conditions of Membership. As a condition of membership in any category, an individual agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of USA Swimming with respect to any violation of the Rules or Code of Conduct of USA Swimming that occurs during a period when that individual was a member or participating in the affairs of USA Swimming, and further agrees that USA Swimming retains jurisdiction over such violations and individual even if such individual ceases to be a member of USA Swimming.

Renumber remaining sections.

R-36 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 111 **502.7 Conflict of Interest**
Page 126 **Article 513 Conflict of Interest (new)**

ARTICLE 513

Conflict of Interest (new)

502.7 513.1 Conflict of Interest. Conflict of interest and ethical practices of USA Swimming shall be as follows: . .

Note: no change to provision, just to location

R- 37 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 111 **502.8 Termination of Membership (new)**

502.8 Termination of Membership Membership in USA Swimming may be terminated according to the process set forth in Part 4 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

R-38 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 111 **503.1 Officers**

503.1 Officers All USA Swimming officers, except the Secretary and the Athletes Vice President, shall be elected by the House of Delegates at annual meetings held in even numbered years. . . . *no further change*

R-40 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 114 **504.9 Meetings**

504.9 Meetings Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time or place, pursuant to resolution of the Board, or to a call signed by the President, or any three officers, or upon a written request of one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. Not less than thirty (30) days written notice of such meeting shall be given to each Director. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing either before or after such meeting. Attendance by any Director not having received written notice shall be deemed a waiver of such notice unless at the beginning of the meeting or promptly upon the Director's later arrival, the Director objects to holding the meeting or transacting business at the

meeting because of lack of notice or defective notice and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. (No further change)

R-42 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 114 504.11 Action Without A Meeting (new)

504.11 Action Without A Meeting. Action without a meeting may be taken by the Board of Directors if notice as described in this Section 504.11 (the "Notice") is transmitted to each member of the Board of Directors, and each member of the Board of Directors by the time stated in the Notice either votes in writing for or against such action, abstains in writing from voting, fails to respond or vote, or fails to demand in writing that action not be taken without a meeting. The Notice shall state the action to be taken, the time by which a Director must respond, that failure to respond by the time stated in the notice will have the same effect as abstaining in writing by the time stated in the notice and failing to demand in writing by the time stated in the notice that action not be taken without a meeting, and any other matters the Corporation determines to include. Action is taken under this Section 504.11 only if, at the end of the time stated in the Notice, the affirmative votes in writing for such action received and not revoked equal or exceed the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to take such action at a meeting at which all of the Directors then in office were present and voted, and the Corporation has not received a written demand by a Director that such action not be taken without a meeting other than a demand that has been revoked.

A Director's right to demand that action not be taken without a meeting shall be deemed to have been waived unless the Corporation receives such demand from the Director in writing by the time stated in the Notice and such demand has not been revoked. Any Director who in writing has voted, abstained, or demanded action not be taken without a meeting pursuant to this section 504.11 may revoke such abstention, or demand in writing received by the Corporation by the time stated in the Notice. All communications under this Section 504.11 may be transmitted or received by the Corporation by facsimile, e-mail or other form of electronic communication. Action taken pursuant to this section 504.11 has the same effect as action taken at a meeting of Directors and may be described as such in any document.

R-43 ADOPTED/AMENDED Effective immediately

Location: Page 116 506.2 Athletes Committees

Proposed by: Athletes Executive Committee

Purpose: To redesign the structure of the Athletes Executive Committee, generally to reflect current practice

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

Effective: Immediately

506.2 Athletes Committee

- .1 The Athletes Committee shall be composed of the athlete members of the House of Delegates selected pursuant to 506.2.3 and 507.1. The Athletes Vice President shall chair this committee.
- .2 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 or younger within the past ten (10) years;
 - B Competed at any USA Swimming championship meet defined in Article 207 within the past ten (10) years; or
 - C Represented USA Swimming in competition at any of following meets within the past ten (10) years: Olympics, World Championships, Short Course World Championships, World University Games, Pan Pacific Championships, or Pan American Championships.

- 3 Athletes Executive Committee - The Athletes Executive Committee (AEC) shall be a twelve (12)-person subcommittee of the Athletes Committee and is charged with leading the business of the Athletes Committee. The AEC shall be chaired by the Athletes Vice President, and is composed of the following additional members:
- A ~~Six (6)~~ Three (3) vice chairs elected by the Athletes Committee each to a two-year term, but no more than two consecutive terms, in even-numbered years (Executive, Convention, Recruitment & Leadership, National Team); ~~Financial, National Operations, Education/Development, LSC Coordinator and Administrative~~);
 - B A National Team Vice Chair elected by the Athletes Executive Committee ~~the year of the Summer Olympics~~ to a ~~four~~ two-year term, but no more than two consecutive terms, in even-numbered years;
 - C The USOC Athletes Advisory Council representative for USA Swimming;
 - D ~~The immediate past Athletes Vice President; and~~ Four (4) Zone Athlete Representatives as determined by each Zone (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western); and
 - E Two (2) At-large members ~~appointees elected~~ appointed by the AEC.
 - F The Immediate Past Chair of the AEC shall be an ex-officio member with voice but no vote. Additional ex-officio members may be appointed by the AEC to serve at the pleasure of the AEC with voice but no vote.
- 4 If a member of the Athletes Executive Committee cannot fulfill the requirements of his/her position, including attendance at the annual meeting, an alternate shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, pursuant to procedures established by the Athletes Committee.
- 5 The Athletes Vice President shall appoint representatives to serve terms on each committee of USA Swimming except Athletes, Athletes Executive, Investment, Olympic International Operations, and Counselors committees.
- 6 Whenever, under these Bylaws, the Athletes Executive Committee is empowered to elect or appoint one or more representatives, the Athletes Committee shall establish written criteria for eligibility for such representation, unless such criteria is otherwise set forth in the Rules and Regulations. The Athletes Committee may establish written criteria for the internal governance of the committee. Such criteria so established shall be published in the Athletes Committee Manual included in the USA Swimming Policy Manual.

R-44 ADOPTED Effective immediately

Location: Page 120 **507.1 Organization**

507.1 Organization

- 1 All USA Swimming officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic International Operations Committee, the Age Group Development Committee, the Rules & Regulations Committee, the Registration/Membership Committee, the Credentials/Elections Committee, the Senior Development Committee, and past USA Swimming Presidents shall be members of the House of Delegates. Membership on any committee notwithstanding USA Swimming employees shall not be members of the House of Delegates.
- 2 ~~The members of the Athletes Executive Committee and ten (10) National Representatives athlete representatives, five (5)-being appointed each per year by the Athletes Vice-President and each serving a two (2) year term, shall be members of the House of Delegates. elected by those athletes competing at the USA Swimming SCY National Championships shall be members of the House of Delegates. The National Representatives athlete representatives and their alternates must at the time of their appointment election-be engaged in amateur senior swimming, or have competed in senior USA Swimming National Championships within five (5) years preceding their appointment election. The President may appoint, from a slate of nominees submitted by the Athletes' Committee, such further at-large athlete members so as to bring the total athlete representation in the House of Delegates to twenty percent (20%).~~

R-45 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 124 **510.1 Indemnification**

510.1 Indemnification Each person who is or was a director, officer, or employee of USA Swimming (including the heirs, executors, administrators or estate of such person) shall be indemnified by USA Swimming to the full extent permitted by the ~~Non-profit Corporation Law of the State of Colorado, or of any state in which the act or omission indemnified against occurred,~~ Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, against any liability, cost, or expense incurred by him/her in his/her capacity as director, officer, or employee, or arising out of his/her status as a director, officer, or employee (including serving at the request of USA Swimming as a director, trustee, officer, employee or agent of another corporation).

R-46 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 124 **510.3 LSC Requirements**

Page 123 **509.2 Financial Controls (new)**

~~510.3~~ **509.2 LSC Requirements** **Financial Controls and Other LSC Requirements** The Board of Directors may set certain requirements, including the adoption of financial controls. Any such requirements shall be published in the minutes and communicated to all LSCs via mail or e-mail. Failure to adopt such requirements may result in a penalty to the LSC.

Re-number subsequent sections of 509

R-47 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 124 **511.1 Authority to Amend and Majority Required**

511.1 Authority to Amend and Vote Majority Required Subject to the provisions of Rule 504.8 hereof, The the Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed only at an annual meeting of the USA Swimming House of Delegates...

No further change

R-48 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 142 **701.2 Rules**

701.2 RULES

.1 - .6 *no change*

.7 In events where feed poles are permitted, feed poles are not to exceed 5m (16 feet 5 inches) in length when extended. No objects, rope or wire may hang off of feed poles except banners or flags not to exceed 20cm x 30cm (8 inches x 12 inches).

R- 49 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 146 **701.17 The Race Judge**

701.17 The Race Judge

.1-.4 *no change*

.5 In unescorted races, the Referee may assign Race Judges to monitor specific areas of the competition such as the feed station. These judges shall report observation of rules violations to the Referee immediately.

R- 50 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 147 **702.1 The Course**

702.1 THE COURSE

- .1 The course shall be measured as accurately as possible with the available navigational or survey equipment.
- .2 The course shall be in water that is subject to only minor currents or tide and may be salt or fresh water.
- .3 With the exception of beach starts and beach finishes, the minimum depth of water at any point on the course shall be 1.4 meters.
- .4 Guide Buoy - A distinctively marked colored float in the water, anchored to provide navigational guidance for swimmers may be used. Guide buoys shall be non-directional in nature and swimmers may pass on either side of the buoy. Guide buoys must be colored differently from turn buoys.

R- 51 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 147 **702.4 Turns/Changes in Course**

702.4 TURNS/CHANGES IN COURSE

- .1 Turn Buoys - All turns and other changes in direction on the course shall be clearly indicated by turn buoys which shall be distinctively marked colored floats, anchored to mark the course for the swimmers. Turn buoys shall be directional in nature and must be passed with a right shoulder turn or left shoulder turn, as stated in the pre-race instructions.
- .2 A clearly marked craft or platform for a turn judge shall be securely fixed in position at all locations where alterations in direction on the course occur and in such a manner as not to obstruct the swimmers' view or negotiation of the turn, while providing a clear view of the swimmers' turns for the officials.

R- 52 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 149 **704.8 Awards**

704.8 AWARDS

- .1 *no change*
- .2 *(no change)*
- .3 The American male and female swimmer ages 16 and younger and the American male and female swimmer ages 17-18 years placing highest in the 5k and 10k events shall be designated the USA Swimming Age Group National Champion in their respective age group and shall receive the appropriate USA Swimming Championship medals.

Re-number remaining items

R- 53 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Required LSC Bylaws **602.2 Members' Responsibilities**

602.2 MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- .1 *(no change)*

.2 (no change)

~~.3 CLUB SAFETY COORDINATOR Each Club Member shall appoint an Active Individual Member to be a Club Safety Coordinator. The Club Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for disseminating safety education information received from USA Swimming and XXSI to the Club Member's athletes, coaches and other members and shall make recommendations to the Club Member concerning safety policy and its implementation. The Club Safety Coordinator shall make any reports requested by XXSI's Safety ~~Chair or Coordinator~~ ~~Committee~~.~~

HK- 1 ADOPTED Effective May 1, 2011

Location: Page 18 101.2 Breaststroke

101.2 BREASTSTROKE

.3 Kick — After the start and each turn, a single butterfly kick, which must be followed by a breaststroke kick, is permitted during or at the completion of the first arm pull. Following which, all movements of the legs shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement.

The feet must be turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick. A scissors, ~~flutter~~ alternating or downward butterfly kick is not permitted except as provided herein. Breaking the surface of the water with the feet is allowed unless followed by a downward butterfly kick.

HK- 2 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 90 304.3 Code of Conduct

304.3 The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

.3 Discrimination in violation of any part of Part Five of the USA Swimming Corporate Bylaws Rules and Regulations or any other section of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, or in violation of Section 201 (b)(6) of the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USA Swimming must provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, or national origin".

HK-3 ADOPTED Effective coincident with the filing of the Amended Articles of Incorporation

Location: Page 109 501.1 Description of Organization

501.1 **Description of Organization** ~~United States~~ USA Swimming, Inc., a Colorado corporation, is the National Governing Body for swimming in the United States, and is herein referred to as USA Swimming. (no further change)

HK- 4 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 113 504.3 Athlete Representation

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.

HK- 5 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 115 **506.1 Committees and Coordinators**

506.1 Committees and Coordinators

.8 The following shall be responsible to the Athletes' ~~Executive~~ Vice President: Athletes.

HK-6 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: Page 120 **507.1 Organization**

507.1 Organization

.1 All USA Swimming officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic International Operations Committee, the Age Group Development Committee, the Rules & Regulations Committee, the Registration/Membership Committee, the Credentials/Elections Committee, the Senior Development Committee, and past USA Swimming Presidents shall be members of the House of Delegates. Membership on any committee notwithstanding, USA Swimming employees shall not be members of the House of Delegates.

HK- 7 **ADOPTED** Effective January 1, 2011

Location: LSC Required Bylaws **603.9.3 Failure to Pay**

603.9 FAILURE TO PAY

- .1 GROUP, COACH AND ACTIVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OBLIGATIONS - The failure of a Group Member, Coach Member or Active Individual Member to pay dues, fees, service charges, fines or penalties imposed by XXSI or USA Swimming, within the time prescribed, as evidenced by a final decision of (i) a court of law, and/or (ii) the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review ~~or by a court of law~~, shall preclude the delinquent member from (a) participating in events sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming, (b) participating in any capacity in the affairs of USA Swimming, XXSI or any other LSC or (c) serving as a ~~Club Safety Coordinator~~, Group Member Representative, coach, manager, official, trainer or in any other capacity with any Club Member, ~~or Seasonal Club Member~~, or with any group member of any other LSC until the debt is satisfied.
- .2 ATHLETE MEMBER OBLIGATIONS - The failure of an Athlete Member or Seasonal Athlete Member to satisfy any financial obligations to USA Swimming, XXSI or their former LSCs, within the time prescribed, as evidenced by a final decision of (i) a court of law, and/or (ii) the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review ~~or by a court of law~~, shall preclude the delinquent member from (a) competing in any competition sanctioned by USA Swimming, (b) obtaining a reportable time achieved in events swum in any USA Swimming sanctioned, approved or observed meet, (c) participating in any capacity in the affairs of USA Swimming, XXSI or any other LSC, or (d) practicing, exercising or otherwise participating in the activities of any Group Member or any group member of any other LSC until the debt is satisfied.
- .3 CLUB/INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATIONS - If a Club Member or a Seasonal Club Member has secured: (i) a final court judgment or final Board of Review or National Board of Review decision against an Individual Member for non-payment of financial obligations owed to the Club Member, and (ii) a final decision of the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review suspending such Individual Member's membership rights as set forth below, then

until the ~~decision or court~~ judgment is satisfied, the Individual Member shall not (a) compete in any competition sanctioned by USA Swimming, (b) obtaining a reportable time in events swum at any USA Swimming approved or observed meet, (c) participate in any capacity in the affairs of USA Swimming, XXSI or any other LSC, or (d) practice, exercise or otherwise participate in the activities of any Group Member or any group member of any other LSC.

- .4 INDIVIDUAL/CLUB OBLIGATIONS - If an Individual Member has secured a final decision of (i) a court of law, judgment and/or (ii) a final the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review decision against a Club Member for non-payment of financial obligations (such as a refund of training fees) to the Individual Member, then until the decision or judgment is satisfied, the delinquent or offending Club Member shall be precluded from (a) participating in events sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming and (b) participating in any capacity in the affairs of USA Swimming, XXSI or any other LSC, including being represented in the House of Delegates by its Group Member Representative.
- .5 CONTINUED FAILURE TO PAY; TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP - Continued failure to pay, within a reasonable period of time after a final decision of a court of law, the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review, as determined by the ~~Board of Directors, the House of Delegates, the XXSI Board of Review or the National Board of Review~~ shall be cause for termination of membership.

HK- 8 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011
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Location: Page 144 **Article 701.6 Disqualification Procedure**

701.6 Disqualification Procedure

- .1 **Yellow Flag** – A swimmer who commits an infraction in ~~701.5B~~ 701.5.2 shall receive a Yellow Flag. *(Rest of .1 unchanged.)*
- .2 **Red Flag** – A swimmer who commits an infraction in ~~701.5A~~ 701.5.1 shall receive a Red Flag (Disqualification). *(Rest of .2 unchanged.)*

HK- 9 ADOPTED Effective January 1, 2011
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Location: Various

~~Amateur~~ (except when referring to Amateur Sports Act)

Page 55 202.2.2
Page 58 202.4.8
Page 60 202.6.1B (line 1 only)
Page 61 202.6.2C
Page 87 301.1
Page 109 501.1
Page 113 504.3
Page 113 504.4
Page 115 506.1.2F
Page 120 507.1.2

Location: Various

Meet ~~invitation~~ announcement
Meet ~~information~~ announcement
Etc.

Page 24 102.4.5 (May 1, 2011)
Page 26 102.5.7C (May 1, 2011)
Page 27 102.7.4 (May 1, 2011)
Page 56 202.2.8
Page 56 202.2.9
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Page 70 207.10.1
Page 71 207.10.5
Page 71 207.10.8B
Page 72 207.12.2A
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Page 150 704.10

Location: Page 22 **Article 102 Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition**

**ARTICLE 102
CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF ALL SWIMMING COMPETITION**

102.1 EVENTS — Meets should be planned to terminate within a maximum period of eight (8) hours of competitive events for any group of swimmers in any one day and to provide adequate meal and rest breaks and properly supervised sheltered rest areas. Refer to 205.3.1 F for additional provisions.

.1 **SENIOR EVENTS** — The following events for National Championships are recommended for LSC and other championship meets. Eligibility for these championships shall be determined by the LSCs involved.

Short Course Events

~~50, 100, 200, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y, 1500m/1650y yard/meter freestyle~~
~~100 yard/meter freestyle~~ —
~~200 yard/meter freestyle~~ —
~~500 yard/400 meter freestyle~~
~~1000 yard/800 meter freestyle~~
~~1650 yard/1500 meter freestyle~~
~~100, 200 yard/meter backstroke~~
~~200 yard/meter backstroke~~
~~100, 200 yard/meter butterfly~~
~~200 yard/meter butterfly~~
~~100, 200 yard/meter breaststroke~~
~~200 yard/meter breaststroke~~

200, 400-yard/meter individual medley
~~400 yard/meter individual medley~~
~~400, 800-yard/meter freestyle relay~~
~~800-yard/meter freestyle relay~~
~~400-yard/meter medley relay~~

Long Course Events

50 meter freestyle	200 meter butterfly
100 meter freestyle	100 meter breaststroke
200 meter freestyle	200 meter breaststroke
400 meter freestyle	200 meter individual medley
800 meter freestyle	400 meter individual medley
1500 meter freestyle	400 meter freestyle relay
100 meter backstroke	800 meter freestyle relay
200 meter backstroke	400 meter medley relay
100 meter butterfly	

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, 400m/500y freestyle
 50, 100 backstroke
 50, 100 breaststroke
 50, 100 butterfly
 100, 200 individual medley
 200 freestyle relay
 200 medley relay

11, 12 Years

50, 100, 200, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y, 1500m/1650y freestyle
 50, 100, 200 backstroke
 50, 100, 200 breaststroke
 50, 100, 200 butterfly
 100, 200, 400 individual medley
 200, 400 freestyle relay
 200, 400 medley relay

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

50, 100, 200, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y, 1500m/1650y freestyle
 100, 200 backstroke
 100, 200 breaststroke
 100, 200 butterfly
 200, 400 individual medley
 200, 400, 800 freestyle relay
 200, 400 medley relay

3. **OPEN WATER AND LONG DISTANCE POOL EVENTS** - The following events are recommended for Sectional, Zone, and LSC competitions. Competitions may be composed of events selected from the following list of events or other such events/meet types as may be sanctioned by the LSC.

10 Years and Younger

1 kilometer open water
 800m/1000y—pool

11, 12 Years

1, 3, 5 kilometer open water
 1600m/2000y—pool

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

1, 3, 5, 10 kilometer open water
 2400m/3000y—pool

Senior

5, 10, 25 kilometer open water
 4000m/5000y—pool

4. **CONSOLIDATED EVENTS** — As a local option, events may be sanctioned and seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' ages or gender, in the order of submitted entry times. Places, awards, and published results for these events may be separate for each age group and gender.

102.2 ENTRIES— GENERAL RULES

1. In order to compete in a meet, a swimmer must be entered in compliance with the event entry requirements stated in the meet announcement.
2. In a preliminaries and finals meet a swimmer may compete in not more than three (3) individual events per day.
3. In a timed finals meet a swimmer may compete in not more than five (5) individual events per day.

- .4 If, due to conditions beyond the meet officials' control (e.g., a thunderstorm), an event or events are postponed to a subsequent day of the meet, such postponed events shall not be included in the above events-per-day limitations.
- .5 In a meet where finals for an event(s) are scheduled to be contested on a day subsequent to preliminaries for that event(s), that finals event(s) shall not be counted in the daily event limitation.
- .6 In a meet where a combination of preliminary and final events and timed finals are scheduled, a swimmer may compete in not more than three (3) individual events per day, unless entered exclusively in timed final events that day.
- .7 The above limitations on individual events apply regardless of the classification mixture or if separate meets or time trials are being conducted. These, and additional limitations on entries which may be established by the LSC's sanction or approval, shall be clearly stated in the meet announcement.
- .8 In a mixed classification meet a swimmer may enter the same stroke and distance individual event in an age group and any other classification, provided the limit of events per day for the type of meet is not exceeded. The same entry time must be used for all repetitive entries.
- .9 If a meet or an event has no qualifying time standards, a swimmer who has no official time for an event may enter that event with no submitted time. Meet hosts may specify in the meet announcement that swimmers must submit estimated times if they have no official times.

102.3 RELAYS *(old 102.4)*

- .1 Relay teams shall not compete unattached. In all cases relay teams must be composed of USA Swimming members of the same club, school or organization which is a member of USA Swimming. This requirement does not apply to relay teams representing an LSC at a Zone meet, or ~~teams competing at the Olympic Festival and similar all-star competition sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets.~~ Foreign relays competing in USA Swimming sanctioned meets must consist of members of the same foreign club or may represent their recognized FINA federation if so authorized by that federation.
- .2 Relays may be conducted on a timed final basis or with preliminaries and finals.
- .3 Organizations entering two or more relay teams in an event shall designate them on the entry blank as Team A, Team B, etc.
- .4 The ~~best~~ time of each relay team shall be entered on the entry blank for seeding purposes and no change in time will be permitted.
- .5 First and last names of swimmers eligible to compete in relay events shall be entered in accordance with the meet information.
- .6 The composition of a relay team may be changed between preliminaries and finals. All members competing on a relay team disqualified during preliminaries shall be barred from further competition in that event.
- .7 Names of eligible relay swimmers and order of swimming shall be submitted to the clerk of course or to the head lane timer. Any changes in names of the competing swimmers or their order of swimming must be declared to the Head Lane Timer prior to the start of the heat in which such relay team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.
- ~~.8 The competing teams, first and last names of members and their ages, must be listed in the meet results.~~

102.4 SCRATCH PROCEDURES *(old 102.3)* — Each swimmer shall become informed of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call. Meet announcements and advance information shall specify check-in and scratch procedures for individual and relay events and penalties for violation of those procedures.

102.5 SEEDING, LANE ASSIGNMENTS, AND SEEDING COUNTERS SWIM-OFFS, AND ORDER OF HEATS

- .1 **Preliminary Heats When Finals are Scheduled** — Entry times shall be ~~assembled~~ (listed) by the meet committee with the fastest swimmer first and the slowest swimmer last. Swimmers whose submitted times are

identical should be assigned places in the list by draw. Swimmers with no submitted times shall be considered the slowest and shall be placed at the end of the list by draw. Swimmers shall be seeded in lanes under the procedure outlined for finals seeding in 102.5. Swimmers shall be seeded in heats according to submitted times in the following manner:

A Fewer than three heats

- (3) If one heat, it may be seeded as a final heat and swum only during the final session, at the Referee's discretion.
- (4) If two heats, the fastest swimmer shall be seeded in the second heat, next fastest in the first heat, next fastest in the second heat, next in the first heat, next in the second heat, next in the first heat, etc.

B Three heats — The fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, next fastest in the second, next in the first. The fourth fastest swimmer shall be placed in the third heat, the fifth in the second heat, and the sixth fastest in the first heat, the seventh fastest in the third heat, etc.

C Four heats or more — The last three heats of an event shall be seeded in accordance with B above. The heat preceding the last three heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers; the heat preceding the last four heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers, etc. Lanes shall be assigned in descending order of submitted times within each heat, in accordance with the pattern outlined in 102.5.

D Exception — When there are two or more heats in an event, there shall be a minimum of three swimmers seeded into any one preliminary heat, but subsequent scratches may reduce the number of swimmers in such heat to less than three.

.2 **Swim-Offs** — A swim-off is considered to be part of the total preliminary process of qualifying for the finals. In no case may a swimmer with a faster time displace another who placed ahead of him within a heat as the result of a decision by the referee or place judges in accordance with Section ~~102.16~~ 102.24. If this situation results in disputed qualifications, all swimmers having times tied or within the disputed times shall swim-off to qualify for the disputed place or places in the final. The swim-off shall be timed and judged in the same manner as the original event unless a subsequent timing system malfunction requires that an adjustment be made. For the seeding of finals, the times used for the swimmers involved shall be the times achieved in their original preliminary heats. This elimination may be held at any time set by the Referee, but not more than 45 minutes after the last heat of any event in which any one of these swimmers is competing in that session. In the case of a disqualification in a swim-off the swimmer so disqualified is relegated to the lowest qualifying position for which he/she is competing. Disqualification in a swim-off for a qualifying position shall not eliminate a swimmer from eligibility to compete in the accompanying finals, or as an alternate. If disqualifications leave a vacancy for the full complement of finalists, swim-offs shall be continued among the disqualified swimmers until a full complement of finalists is assured.

Note: It shall be the swimmer's responsibility to become acquainted with information pertaining to swim-offs, final events and the participants therein.

.3 **Finals** — In finals, the times to be considered are those times made in preliminary heats. If any qualifying swimmers have the same time, their respective lanes shall be determined by draw. Lane assignments shall be made in descending order of qualifying times by placing the fastest swimmer or team in the center lane in a pool with an odd number of lanes, or in lanes 3, 4, or 5 respectively in pools having 6, 8, or 10 lanes. The swimmer having the next fastest time is to be placed in the lane to the left, then alternating the other swimmer(s) to the right and left in accordance with the submitted times. (See chart below)

Lanes in Pool										
					4	2	1	3	5	5
				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
10	8	6	4	2	1	3	5	7	9	10
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	< Lane

.4 Timed Finals

A **Heats** — The last heat shall be composed of the swimmers with the fastest submitted times, the next to last heat composed of the next fastest swimmers, etc. Lanes shall be assigned in descending order of submitted times within each heat, in accordance with the pattern outlined in .3 above. When there are two or more heats there shall be a minimum of three swimmers or relay teams seeded into the first heat. The last heat should be a full heat, but the requirement of seeding three swimmers or relay teams into the first heat may result in failure to fill the last heat.

B **Places** — In timed finals, places shall be determined on a time basis, subject to the order of finish within each heat and based upon the ranking system used at the meet. Any ties resulting from the procedure used shall be declared officially tied for awards and points, with no further attempt at resolution.

.5 **Seeding of 50 meter events in a 50 meter course** — 50 meter events swum in a 50 meter course shall be seeded as provided above. If the event is started at the turning end of the course, no change in the lane numbering shall be made, i.e., the lanes shall be numbered the same on both ends of the course.

~~.6 Counters~~

~~.7.6 Order of Heats~~

A Preliminary Heats and Timed Finals — The normal order of heats may be reversed by swimming the fastest heats first. Women's and men's heats may be alternated.

B Finals — The order of heats during the finals of a preliminaries and finals meet may be reversed, with the B and C (consolation and bonus) heats, if any, swum following the A (final) heat. In the event of scratches, the empty lanes may be filled by moving the swimmers up in order from the slower heats and by using the available alternates in the slowest heat without reseeding the heats.

C ~~All above changes in~~ The order of heats shall be stated in the meet ~~information~~ announcement.

102.6 Counters (old 102.5.6)

A A swimmer in ~~any individual~~ the 500/1000/1650 yard or 800/1500 meter freestyle or other long distance pool event (see 102.1.3) of 16 or more lengths may appoint one counter to call lengths or indicate lengths by visual sign.

B Verbal counters shall be limited to one per swimmer and shall be stationed at the end of the course opposite the starting end. They may use watches and signal intermediate times to the swimmer.

C If visual counters are used, they may be stationed at the end or either side of the pool, beyond the halfway point toward the end of the course opposite the starting end. Visual counters may be lowered into the water at the end of the swimmer's lane, provided that, in the opinion of the Referee, they neither physically aid the swimmer nor interfere with another competitor or present any safety hazard.

D The count may be in ascending or descending order.

E In the event of official or counter error, it is the responsibility of the swimmer to complete the prescribed distance.

102.7 POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES OF IN PROGRAM AND POSTPONEMENT *(relocated from 102.8)*

.1 The order of events, as stated in the meet announcement, shall not be changed. The announced arrangement of heats in any event shall not be added to or altered, except by the authority of the Referee, to the extent of consolidating the heats.

.2 At the Meet Referee's discretion, events may be combined by age, gender, distance, and/or stroke provided there is at least one empty lane between such combined events.

.3 The entry provisions and starting time of any event, meet or portion thereof shall stand as stated in the meet announcement (except as permitted under .4 below) and may not be changed to an earlier time or date unless written notice of such change is delivered to all affected swimmers or their coaches. If mailed, such notice must be postmarked no later than the entry deadline date stated on the meet announcement, and if lack of time prohibits mail notification, all affected swimmers or their coaches must voluntarily agree in writing that they have been notified and are in accord with such change. Any affected swimmer or his or her coach may file a written protest with the Referee prior to running of the event or meet if they do not agree to such change in time or date.

.4 Postponement or Cancellation

A If, prior to its commencement, unusual or severe weather or other conditions preclude the possibility of safely and effectively conducting a meet or an event, the meet committee may cancel or postpone it.

B Should a meet or event have actually commenced, and in the judgment of the Referee cannot safely and effectively continue because of weather conditions, or for some other compelling reason, the Referee, in his/her sole discretion, may suspend the meet or event until conditions warrant continuance. If circumstances do not warrant continuance, the Referee may cancel the meet or event, or postpone it to a future date or time, with the approval of the meet committee.

C A decision to cancel or postpone shall be final.

D Should an event have actually commenced but is terminated prior to an official finish, and is postponed to another time or date, it shall then be conducted between the swimmers who were officially competing in the event at the time of the termination.

E Entry fees for teams or swimmers may be refunded, in whole or part, at the discretion of the meet committee, upon cancellation of a meet or particular event. The decision of the meet committee on refunding may be appealed to the LSC Board of Review for hearing under the provisions of Part 4.

102.8 SWIMWEAR *(relocated from 102.9)*

.1 Design

A Swimwear shall include only a swimsuit, cap, and goggles. Armbands or leg bands shall not be regarded as parts of the swimsuit and are not allowed.

B In swimming competitions, the ~~competitor~~ swimmer must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces, except as provided in 205.10.1. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials. For men, the swimsuit shall not extend above the navel nor below the knees, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor extend below the knee (see 701.4.4 for open water exception).

(1) Exemptions to the foregoing restriction may be granted to a swimmer, on a case by case basis, by the Chair of the Rules & Regulations Committee, or his/her designee. Exemptions will be granted only for conflicts due to the swimmer's verified religious beliefs or verified medical conditions.

(2) Procedures for applying for an exemption will be established by the Rules & Regulations Committee and posted on the USA Swimming website.

(3) No exemption to this restriction will be granted for a swimsuit that will give the swimmer a competitive advantage.

- (4) The decision of the Rules Chair may be appealed only to the entire Rules & Regulations Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
- C Only swimsuits complying with FINA swimsuit specifications may be worn in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved competition.
- D Swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of the appropriate.
- E No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device, substance or swimsuit to help his/her speed, pace, buoyancy or endurance during a race (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, etc.). Goggles may be worn, and rubdown oil applied if not considered excessive by the Referee. Any kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee.
- F The Referee shall have authority to bar offenders from the competition until they comply with the rule.
- .2 **Insignia** — Swimmers may wear the insignia and/or name of the club or organization they represent or of which they are a member and the insignia of their FINA National Federation or Organizing Committees for Olympic, World, Continental or Regional Championships, except as otherwise provided in 202.6.3 for international competition and in FINA rules GR5 and GR6. Swimmers shall not be allowed to wear the insignia and/or name of any club or organization which they are not entitled to represent in open competition, if such action is objectionable to that club or organization.
- .3 **Advertising**
- A In the competition venue or complex of all events conducted by and under the control of USA Swimming or any LSC or division thereof, no swimsuit shall carry any visible marque or insignia in the form of advertising (except design or trademarks of members or Organizing Committees for Olympic, World, Continental and Regional Championships) other than the trademark on technical equipment or clothing, that is in excess of 20 sq. cm. (3.1 sq. in.) in area. A trademark may be repeated provided a name is used only once on a suit. Offenders may be barred from competition until they comply with this rule.
- B Products involving tobacco, alcohol or pharmaceuticals containing drugs banned under IOC or FINA rules may not be advertised under .3A above, but the advertiser's name only may be used.

102.9 MEET DIRECTOR (*relocated from 102.23*) — Shall be appointed by the meet host. The Meet Director's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: procuring the awards; obtaining a sanction; preparing the facility; arranging for personnel, equipment (including appropriate timing equipment as specified in ~~102.16~~ 102.24), and supplies necessary for meet operation; processing of entries; printing of programs; arranging for publicity and media coverage; preparing and distributing meet results and filing the LSC report.

102.10 OFFICIALS (*old 102.12*)

- .1 All officials accepting an invitation to officiate at a swimming meet should arrive promptly and report immediately to the Meet Director or Meet Referee.
- .2 All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, or Stroke and/or Turn Judge at a swimming meet shall be certified in such position by their LSC prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official. See Article 202 for USA Swimming membership requirements.
- .3 For all swimming meets or time trials except dual meets there should not be fewer than the following officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority. Officials other than the Referee may act in more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may simultaneously time and judge the order of finish.
- 1 Referee
 - 1 Starter
 - 3 Timers per lane (one minimum if automatic equipment with touchpads is used)
 - 1 Clerk of Course (if applicable)
 - ~~2~~ 1 Place Judges (optional if automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment is used) (2 are preferred)
 - 2 Stroke Judges and 2 Turn Judges or 2 Stroke & Turn Judges

Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
1 Administrative Official/Referee
1 Recorder
1 Timing Judge
1 Announcer
Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)
Marshal(s) (number determined by the LSC)

.4 Minimum Number of Officials Required for Dual Meets

1 Referee, who may also act as a stroke and turn judge
1 Starter
1 Other stroke and turn judge (may be the Starter)
~~2 Recorders — one from each team~~
1 Announcer
3 Timers for each lane (one minimum if automatic timing equipment with touchpads is used)
1 Administrative Official/Referee
1 Timing Judge
~~2~~ 1 Place Judges (optional if automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment is used)
Relay take-off judges (if applicable)
Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)
Marshal(s) (number determined by the LSC)
The visiting team may furnish officials as a courtesy, not a requirement.

.5 Officials For USA Swimming Championships

A Officials for USA Swimming championship meets shall be assigned by the National Officials Chairman with the approval of the Program Operations Vice President.

B The following officials shall be required and assigned for all USA Swimming championship and team selection trials competitions:

1 Referee	1 Administrative Referee
1 Starter	1 Chief Timer
<u>1 Place Judge where overhead video cameras are not used (2 are preferred)</u>	
1 Chief Judge	
1 Stroke Judge per each side of pool	
1 Timer/Relay Take-off Judge per lane (start end)	
1 Recorder /Head Lane Timer per lane (start end)	
1 Timer/Turn Judge per lane (start end)	
1 Turn Judge per lane (turn end)	
4 Relay Take-off Judges — two each side of pool	
1 Recall Rope Operator	
4 Marshals (minimum)	

C In addition to the officials listed above, assistant referees, assistant chief judges, one additional stroke judge per each side of the pool and relief personnel may be assigned. In the event of insufficient officials, the Referee may modify or combine assignments, subject to the provisions of ~~102.12.3~~ 102.10.3. Where overhead video cameras are used, the Referee may make further modifications as appropriate.

D Additional Required Meet Personnel

1 Clerk of Course
1 Announcer
2 Timing Equipment Operators
1 Computer Operator

102.11 REFEREE (old 102.13)

.1 Shall have full authority over all officials and shall assign and instruct them; shall enforce all applicable rules and shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, the final settlement of which is not otherwise assigned by said rules; can overrule any meet official on a point of rule interpretation, or on a judgment decision pertaining to an action which the Referee has personally observed.

- .2 ~~The Referee~~ Has the authority to disqualify a swimmer(s) for any violation of the rules that the Referee personally observes and, except for false starts, shall at the same time raise one hand overhead. If the Referee does not make such a signal there shall be no disqualification.
- .3 Shall signal the Starter before each race that all officials are in position, that the course is clear, and that the competition can begin. ~~before each race;~~
- .4 Shall assign marshals with specific instructions. (*old 102.13.3*)
- .5 Shall give a decision on any point where the opinions of the judges differ; and shall have authority to intercede in a competition at any stage; to ensure that the appropriate racing conditions are observed.
- .6 For LSC and local records only, may assign three (3) additional official timers on request to record a record attempt at initial distances in accordance with ~~102.16~~ 102.24 and Article 104.
- .7 ~~When automatic or semi-automatic officiating equipment is used and an apparent malfunction occurs, it shall be his/her responsibility to~~ Shall make an immediate investigation when an apparent malfunction of the automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment has occurred, to determine whether the swimmer finished in accordance with the rules and/or if there was an actual equipment malfunction.
- .8 May prohibit the use of any device that disrupts or interferes with the meet, such as a laser pointing device or artificial noisemaker.
- .9 May modify any rule for a competitive swimmer who has a disability. Any such modification shall be in accordance with Article 105 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, shall affect only the current meet, and ~~does~~ shall not set a precedent.
- .10 ~~When the meet sanction allows conducting the events by starting them from the alternate ends of a 50 meter course, the Referee~~ Shall establish the necessary administrative and officiating procedures to conform to Part One of the rules and local conditions when the meet sanction allows conducting the events by starting them from the alternate ends of a 50-meter course.
- .11 Refer to ~~102.14~~ 102.23 concerning protests.

102.12 STARTER (*old 102.14*)

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

102.13 JUDGES (*old 102.15*) — Shall have jurisdiction over the swimmers immediately after the race has begun.

- .1 **Chief** — An overall "Chief Judge" may assign and supervise the activities of all stroke, turn, place and take-off judges and may report their decisions. ~~or. If desired,~~ any judging category may have a designated "Chief". Any "Chief" may act as liaison for the judges and may serve simultaneously in one of the judging positions and shall assign those judges within the "Chief's" category.
- .2 **Place Judge** — ~~At the discretion of the Referee, One or two place judges — one on each side of the course — shall be stationed~~ positioned on the side of the course near the finish and each shall judge the order of finish of all swimmers. If two place judges are used, they shall independently record the order of finish of all swimmers. A place judge shall record a tie if a place distinction cannot be made. Judging results shall be used only in accordance with ~~102.16.6C~~ 102.24.5C in determining the order of finish.
- .3 **Stroke Judge** — Shall operate on both sides of the pool, preferably walking ~~abreast of~~ slightly behind the swimmers during all strokes except freestyle, during which events they may leave poolside, at the Referee's discretion; shall ensure that the rules relating to the style of swimming designated for the event are being

observed; and shall report any violations to the Referee on signed slips detailing the event, the heat number, the lane number and the infraction.

- 4 **Turn Judge** — Shall operate on both ends of the pool; shall ensure that after the start and when turning or finishing, the swimmer complies with the ~~turning and finishing~~ rules applicable to the stroke used; and shall report any violations to the Referee on signed slips detailing the event, the heat number, lane number and infraction observed.
- 5 **Jurisdiction of Stroke and Turn Judges** — Before the competition begins, the Referee shall determine the respective areas of stroke and turn responsibility and jurisdiction, which may include joint, concurrent, and coordinated responsibility and jurisdiction. The Referee shall insure that all swimmers shall have fair, equitable, and uniform conditions of judging.
- 6 **Relay Take-Off Judges**
 - A Relay take-off judges shall be assigned by the Referee and shall stand so that they can clearly see both ~~the touch of the incoming swimmer(s) and~~ the feet of the departing swimmer(s) as they leave the starting platform and the touch of the incoming swimmer(s), and shall judge whether the swimmer is in contact with the platform when the incoming swimmer touches the end of the pool.
 - B If dual relay take-off judging is used, the lane and side take-off judges shall independently report infractions in writing without the use of the infraction hand signal. A relay will be disqualified only if the lane take-off judge has reported an infraction and the assigned side take-off judge has confirmed the same infraction.
 - C When automatic relay exchange judging equipment is in use, the system printout will provide the information to judge relay exchanges. Integrated back-up timing cameras may be reviewed by the Referee to confirm the automatic system's results. When backup timing cameras are not available, the Referee will determine the confirmation process.

102.14 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL/REFEREE *(new- replacing old timing judge and recorder)*

.1 Shall be responsible to the Referee for the supervision of the following:

- A The entry and registration process
- B Clerk of Course
- C Timing Equipment Operator
- D Scoring personnel
- E Other administrative personnel

.2 Shall be responsible to the Referee for:

- A The accurate processing of entries and scratches.
- B Accurate seeding of preliminary, semi-final and final heats.
- C Determination and recording of official time.
 - (1) Receiving and reviewing the automatic and/or semi-automatic timing results from the Timing Equipment Operator and comparing primary timing results with the back-up timing results to determine their validity.
 - (2) Receiving the times recorded by the Head Lane Timers from the Chief Timer and the order of finish data from the Place Judges and using that data to the extent needed to determine the official time for each swimmer.
 - (3) Unless otherwise directed, notifying the Referee whenever a time obtained by the primary timing system cannot be used as the Official Time.
 - (4) Recording disqualifications approved by the Referee.
- D Determination of the official results.
- E Publication and posting of results and scores.

.3 Shall perform other duties assigned by the Referee.

102.15 SCORERS (*relocated from 102.19*) — In a scored meet, shall receive from the recorder(s) Administrative Official the order of finish results in timed finals, or consolation finals and championship finals for each event. They shall compile team and high-point scores as applicable. ~~The Recorder may also serve as the Scorer. (See 102.16.3F)~~

102.16 RECORDER OF RECORDS (*relocated from 102.21*) — Shall obtain from the ~~official recorders~~ Administrative Official all times made in each event, including preliminaries and finals, shall have proper application forms and shall duly process all record claims as set forth in Article 104.

102.17 TIMING PERSONNEL AND THEIR DUTIES (*relocated from 102.16.3*)

.1 **Chief Timer** — The Chief Timer shall:

- A Assure the assignment of Lane Timers to lanes and the designation of one timer on each lane to be the Head Lane Timer.
- B On the starting signal, start a watch(es) on every race. The time of this watch shall be used if a Lane Timer's watch fails.
- C Be responsible for delivering all manual watch times, including those of disqualified swimmers, to the Timing Judge.

.2 **Head Lane Timer** — The Head Lane Timer shall:

- A Determine whether the swimmer or relay team is present and in the correct lane, heat and event, and ~~that~~ record the names and order of relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed prior to the start of the race, and determine that the relay swimmers are swimming in the order listed.
- B Determine and record manual watch times or the absence of a swimmer or the relay team seeded in that lane.
- C Assign one timer to time relay splits and initial distance times if requested by the Chief Timer.
- D Report and indicate on the timing recording form if the swimmer has delayed in touching or has missed the touch pad at the finish, or if there is reason to believe the semi-automatic or manual times may be inaccurate.

.3 **Lane Timers** — Officials assigned as Lane Timers may simultaneously operate two dissimilar devices (one watch and one button) but not two similar devices (two watches or two buttons). It is not within the Lane Timer's jurisdiction to judge if the swimmer's touch conforms to the applicable finish rules or if a relay take-off infraction has occurred unless assigned concurrent responsibility as a Lane Timer and Turn Judge or Relay Take-off Judge. Each timer shall:

- A Be in position at the start to have an unobstructed view and shall start the watch at the instant of observing the visual starting signal. If the visual starting signal is not observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the ~~sound of the~~ starting signal.
- B Stand directly over the assigned lane at the finish to observe a touch above, at, or below the surface of the water and stop the watch and/or push the semi-automatic system button when any part of the swimmer's body touches the wall.
- C Report the watch time to the Head Lane Timer or the designated recorder, report if a late or missed pad touch is observed; and, if requested, present the watch for inspection. Lane Timers shall not clear their watches until a command to "clear watches" is given or the Referee signals that the next heat is ready to start.

.4 **Timing Equipment Operator** — The Timing Equipment Operator shall be responsible for the automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment, including the electronic starting system and scoreboard (if used), and shall advise the Referee or Administrative Official of any system problems that might affect the accuracy of times or whenever the touchpad is observed to have failed to record the finish when the swimmer completed the race.

The timing equipment should be placed so that the operator is able to observe the finish of each race.

~~5 **Timing Judge** — Under the direction of the Referee, the Timing Judge shall determine the official time for each swimmer as follows:~~

~~A — Receive and review the automatic and/or semi-automatic timing results from the Timing Equipment Operator and compare primary timing results with the back-up timing results to determine their validity.~~

~~B — Receive the times recorded by the Head Lane Timers from the Chief Timer those times to the extent needed to determine the official time for each swimmer.~~

~~C — Notify the Referee whenever a time obtained by the primary timing system cannot be used as the Official Time.~~

~~D — Record disqualifications approved by the Referee. A written record of all disqualifications signed by the Referee shall be given to the Recorder.~~

~~6 **Recorder** — The Recorder shall:~~

~~A — Record the Official Times and disqualifications;~~

~~B — Determine the official Order of Finish;~~

~~C — Publish the results; and~~

~~D — May also determine the score of the meet.~~

102.18 PRESS STEWARD (*relocated from 102.22*) — Shall obtain from the Clerk of Course ~~and the recorders or the Administrative Official~~ the names of all swimmers in each event, the results of each finish with times or record performances, and keep the press and TV personnel thoroughly informed on all details of the competition during the meet.

102.19 MARSHALS (*relocated from 102.18*) — Shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue. The marshal shall have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist, and, with the concurrence of the Referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language, or whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.

102.20 CLERK OF COURSE (*relocated from 102.17*) —The Clerk of Course shall be provided with a list of the names of all swimmers in all events including relay swimmers in the order in which they will swim. If manual seeding is used, the Clerk of Course shall assign heats and lanes. A Clerk of Course may be used to organize swimmers and escort them to the blocks for their assigned heats.

102.21 ANNOUNCER (*relocated from 102.20*) — The announcer shall make any announcements requested by the Referee, the Clerk of Course or the meet management. ~~Announcements may include: event; number of heats; lane; name and club affiliation of competitors; and results.~~

102.22 DISQUALIFICATIONS (*relocated from 102.10*)

.1 A disqualification can be made only by the official within whose jurisdiction the infraction has been committed. Except for the relay take-off judges when dual confirmation relay take-off judging, as provided in ~~102.15.6B~~ 102.13.6B, is used, the Referee, stroke, turn, or relay take-off judge upon observing an infraction, shall immediately raise one hand overhead. If the official does not do so, there shall be no disqualification unless the Program Operations Vice President has directed that the meet be conducted under FINA procedures.

.2 The Referee or designated official making a disqualification shall make every reasonable effort to seek out the swimmer or his/her coach and inform him/her as to the reason for the disqualification.

.3 Any swimmer who acts in an unsportsmanlike or unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the Referee.

.4 A swimmer must start and finish the race in the same lane.

- .5 Standing on the bottom during a freestyle race shall not disqualify a swimmer, but a swimmer must not leave the pool, or walk, or spring from the bottom. Standing on the bottom during any other stroke shall result in disqualification.
- .6 Obstructing another swimmer by swimming across or otherwise interfering shall disqualify the offender, subject to the discretion of the Referee.
- .7 Any swimmer not entered in a race who enters the pool or course in the area in which said race is being conducted before all swimmers therein have completed the race shall be barred from the next individual event in which that swimmer is entered on that day or the next meet day, whichever is first.
- .8 Dipping goggles in the water or splashing water on the ~~competitor's~~ swimmer's face or body prior to an event shall not be considered as entering the pool unless the Referee finds that such action is interfering with the competition.
- .9 Should a foul endanger the chance of success of a swimmer(s), the Referee may allow the affected ~~competitor(s)~~ swimmer(s) to reswim the event. In case of collusion to foul another swimmer, the Referee may, at his/her discretion, disqualify the swimmer for whose aid the foul was committed, as well as the swimmer committing the foul.
- .10 Grasping lane dividers to assist forward motion is not permitted.
- .11 For relay disqualifications, refer to 101.7.3.
- .12 The time and/or place of any swimmer or relay team disqualified either during or following an event shall not be recorded in the results of that event. If awards have been made prior to the decision to disqualify they shall be returned and made to the proper recipient(s) and if points have been scored by those disqualified the event shall be rescored.
- .13 Time and/or place officially recorded for a swimmer shall not be nullified for violations occurring subsequent to such performance.

102.23 PROTESTS *(relocated from 102.11)*

- .1 Protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decision shall be final.
- .2 For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee may appoint a meet jury. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.
- .3 Protests made prior to the race contesting the eligibility of a swimmer to compete or to represent an organization shall be made to the Referee in writing. If a protest is not resolved, the Referee or the meet jury shall allow the swimmer to compete under protest and it shall be so announced before the race.
- .4 All other competition-related protests, including protests concerning eligibility and representation, must be made to the Referee and submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the race in which the alleged infraction occurred.
- .5 Except as provided in ~~102.11.1~~ 102.23.1, the Referee's or the meet jury's ruling may be appealed as follows:
 - A Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One and Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chairman of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee who shall issue a ruling within five (5) days from the date of the receipt of such protest. This ruling shall be final and binding on all parties.
 - B All other protests, together with the Referee's or the jury's written decision, shall be submitted to the General Chairman, or designee, of the sanctioning LSC or, in the case of a National Championship or trials class meet, to the National Board of Review, in accordance with the Hearings and Appeals Section of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- .6 The official results of any protested race shall not be announced, the affected awards shall not be given, and points scored shall not be allocated until the protest is resolved or is withdrawn in writing.

102.24 TIMING RULES (Relocated from 102.16)

.1 Requirements for Official Time (Relocated from 102.16.4)

A Performance Requirements

- (1) An official time can be achieved only in USA Swimming sanctioned or USA Swimming approved competition, or in an observed swim in accordance with all applicable rules. It may be achieved in:
 - (a) ~~A preliminary or final~~ Any heat.
 - (b) ~~A swim-off held to determine qualifiers or alternates for consolation or final heats.~~
 - (c) A lead-off leg in a relay.
 - (d) A split time recorded from the official start to the completion of an initial distance with a legal finish within a longer event, provided the swimmer completes the event or the lead-off portion of the relay in compliance with applicable rules.
 - (e) A time trial or a record attempt.
- (2) An official time for an event or a stroke can be achieved only in that event or stroke, or in an initial distance of such event or stroke (e.g. a backstroke time must be achieved in a backstroke event or the backstroke leg of a medley relay). Regardless of the stroke(s) used, times achieved in freestyle events can be recorded only as freestyle times.

B Timing Resolution — All timing systems, including manual watches, shall have a resolution of one one-hundredth of a second (0.01 second). Times from all systems shall be recorded to hundredths of a second. The digits representing thousandths shall be dropped with no rounding.

PRIMARY TIMING SYSTEM	USE OF OFFICIAL TIME
LEVEL 1 Automatic Timing for all purposes.	World, American and U.S. Open Records; Initial distance splits and relay lead-off times
LEVEL 2 Semi-Automatic with 3 buttons	NTVs for 50m distances in a 50m pool; National age group records; NAG Recognition Times
LEVEL 3 Semi Automatic with 2 buttons, or Manual with 3 watches	NTVs, except for 50m distances in a 50m pool; LSC and other local records, unless prohibited by the LSC; Initial distance splits and relay lead-off times for age group time standards (A, B, C times, etc.)
LEVEL 4 Manual with 2 watches	Zone, Regional, or LSC sponsored meet time standards, unless Timing System Level 3 is specified;

C System Requirements for Specific Purposes

- (1) ~~The official time may be used for the purpose listed only if timed by a timing system of at least the level required for that use. Official times achieved using a timing system in accordance with 102.24.3 are valid for all entry time and recognition program purposes with the following exception: World, American, and U.S. Open Records can be established only when timed by an automatic timing system, a backup camera system, or semi-automatic system if the automatic system fails.~~
- (2) ~~World records can be established only when timed by an automatic timing system or a semi-automatic system if the automatic system malfunctions.~~

- (~~3-2~~) A backup time adjusted for timing system differences as described in ~~102.16.5~~ 102.24.4 may be used as an official time equal to the level of the timing system for which it has been adjusted.
- D **Backup Timing System Requirement** — Except when the primary system consists of watches, backup timing shall be provided for all competitors. No swimmer shall be required to reswim a race due to equipment failure which results in unrecorded or inaccurate time or place. It is the Meet Director's responsibility to provide the proper timing systems so that swimmers can expect to achieve official times that will satisfy the requirements of ~~102.16.4C~~ 102.24.1C.
- E **Use of Secondary and Tertiary Times** — Secondary and tertiary times shall be recorded but shall not be used except to corroborate or correct missing or inaccurate primary/secondary results.
- .2 **Timing Systems** (*Relocated from 102.16.1*) — Every race in a swimming competition shall be timed with one or more of the following systems, listed in their preferred order of use:
- A **Automatic** — A timing system ~~whose start is~~ activated by a starting device and stopped at the finish by the swimmer touching the touchpad.
- B **Semi-Automatic** — A timing system ~~whose start is~~ activated by a starting device and stopped by buttons pushed by timers at the finish touch of the swimmer.
- C **Manual** — A timing system consisting of individual lane timers, each operating a manual watch that is both started and stopped by the timer as described in ~~102.16.3C~~ 102.17.3. Only hand-held, battery-powered, digital read-out type watches designed for timing purposes shall be used.
- .3 **Timing System Designation** (*Relocated from 102.16.2*) — Timing systems shall be designated in the order in which results are used as follows:
- A **Primary System** — The primary system shall determine the official time of each swimmer unless a comparison of the primary with secondary and/or tertiary system times indicates a malfunction of the primary system. A primary system shall always be in place and shall consist of one of the following, listed in their preferred order of use:
- (1) Automatic Timing.
 - (2) Semi-Automatic, with three (3) or two (2) buttons per lane, each operated by a separate timer.
 - (3) Manual, with three (3) ~~or two (2)~~ watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer.
- B **Secondary System** — If manually operated watches are not the primary system, a secondary system of precedence equal to or lower than the primary system must be used. The secondary system may be:
- (1) Stationary overhead video ~~Back-up timing~~ cameras recording a minimum of 100 images per second. The cameras must be fully integrated with the primary timing system.
 - (2) Semi-Automatic with one (1), two (2), or three (3) buttons, each operated by a separate timer.
 - (3) Manual with one (1), two (2) or three (3) watches per lane, each operated by a separate timer.
- C **Tertiary System** — Unless the primary system consists of manual watches or the secondary system is a fully integrated video system or includes at least one (1) manual watch per lane, a tertiary system of at least one (1) manual watch per lane shall be provided.
- .4 ~~Determination of~~ **Determining Official Time** (*relocated from 102.16.5*)
- A **Automatic Timing** — When recorded by properly operating automatic timing equipment, the pad time shall be the official time.
- B **Semi-Automatic and Manual Timing** — Whenever semi-automatic or manual timing is used, only valid times shall be used in calculating the official time. ~~the~~ The times shall be determined as follows:
- (1) If two of the three button or watch times agree, that shall be the time for that timing system.
 - (2) If ~~all~~ three valid buttons or watches disagree, the time of the intermediate button or watch shall be the time for that timing system.

- (3) If only two valid button or watch times are available, the time shall be the average of those two buttons or the average of the two watch times. The digits representing thousandths of a second shall be dropped with no rounding.
 - (4) If only one button or watch time is available, the time of that button or watch shall be the time for that timing system provided it is supported by other information.
- C **Primary Timing System Malfunction** — A malfunction may have occurred if:
- (1) The difference between the time obtained by the primary system and the back-up system(s) is more than .30 second; or
 - (2) ~~A late or missed touch~~ It is reported the swimmer missed the pad or had a soft touch by an official observing the finish.
- D **Adjustment for the Timing System Difference** — When the Referee determines that there is a malfunction of the primary timing system, the back-up time(s) shall be adjusted for the timing system difference prior to integrating them with accurate primary times in establishing the official times and determining the ~~order of finish~~ results. The adjustment for timing system difference may be incorporated into the automatic or semi-automatic system by design or may be determined by calculating the consistent average difference between the valid primary and back-up systems used at that meet.
- E **Adjustment for Malfunction on a Lane** — When a malfunction is confirmed on a lane, the back-up times for that lane shall be adjusted by calculating the average difference between valid primary and valid back-up times of the other lanes in that heat, or if necessary, using times from heats immediately preceding and/or following the heat. This shall be done by adding, or subtracting when appropriate, that average difference to the valid back-up time of the lane where the malfunction occurred. (See ~~Table 1~~ Appendix 1-A on page)
- F **Adjustment for Malfunction Equally Affecting an Entire Heat** — When, because of an early or late start, or other equipment or operator malfunction, the time of the automatic or semi-automatic primary timing system is equally incorrect for all the lanes in a heat, but the order of finish and thus the absolute difference of time between the swimmers is accurate, the times of the primary system shall be adjusted by calculating the average difference between the primary times and the valid back-up times and adding, or subtracting when appropriate, that difference to the primary times of every lane in that heat. (See ~~Table 2~~ Appendix 1-B on page)
- .5 **Determining Order of Finish Results** (*relocated from 102.16.6*)
- A **Place and Ranking** — The ~~order of finish~~ results shall be by integration of official times including those times adjusted in accordance with ~~102.16.5~~ 102.24.4.
- B **Ties** — official times identical to the hundredths shall be ties, with swim-offs as required to determine qualifiers or alternates for semi-final, consolation or final heats.
- C **Judging** — Judging shall only be used to change the ~~order of finish~~ results produced by ranking the Official Times if:
- (1) The swimmers competed in the same heat,
 - (2) Times obtained from properly operating automatic timing equipment are not available, and
 - (3) ~~Both~~ The Place Judges both observed a different relative order of finish and made a written record of their observation immediately following the conclusion of that heat.
- Note:** A different relative order of finish means there is agreement that a different swimmer finished ahead of another swimmer; there need not be agreement on their exact placement within the heat.
- D **Impact of Judging ~~on~~ Order of Finish**— If judging changes the ~~order of finish~~ results:
- (1) In timed finals meets and the finals of preliminaries and finals meets, such placement by judges decision (JD) shall be indicated in the meet results ~~and shall determine the order of finish~~.
 - (2) In the preliminaries of preliminaries and finals meets, in no case may a swimmer with a faster time

displace a swimmer who was judged to have placed ahead of him within a heat according to ~~102.16.6.C~~ 102.24.5C. If this should result in disputed qualifications, all swimmers having times tied or within the disputed times shall swim-off for the disputed places in accordance with ~~102.5.2~~ 102.5.2.

102.25 SCORING (*relocated from 102.7*)

.1 Dual Meets

Individual events: 5-3-1-0 Relays: 7-0

.2 Triangular meets

Individual events: 6-4-3-2-1-0 Relays: 8-4-0

.3 All other meets — Individual events (Individual point values shall be doubled for relays):

4-lane pools: 5-3-2-1	8-lane pools: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
5-lane pools: 6-4-3-2-1	9-lane pools: 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
6-lane pools: 7-5-4-3-2-1	10-lane pools: 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
7-lane pools: 8-6-5-4-3-2-1	

When consolations and championship finals are swum, scoring shall be as follows for individual events (Individual point values shall be doubled for relays, even when relays are swum as timed finals):

6-lane pools (12 places):

A (final): 16-13-12-11-10-9
B (consolation): 7-5-4-3-2-1

9-lane pools (18 places):

A (final): 22-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12
B (consolation): 10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

7-lane pools (14 places):

A (final): 18-15-14-13-12-11-10
B (consolation): 8-6-5-4-3-2-1

10-lane pools (20 places):

A (final): 24-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13
B (consolation): 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

8-lane pools (16 places):

A (final): 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11
B (consolation): 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

- .4 LSC Options** — For mixed classification meets, non-standard events, or when an additional (bonus) heat or only a single championship final heat is swum in some or all of the events, the LSC sanctioning the meet shall establish the scoring point values to suit the format of the meet. These point values shall be stated in the meet information.
- .5 Ties** — Where two or more swimmers tie for any place in any event, the points credited to such place or places, if any, next in order shall be equally divided between such swimmers; i.e., if two tie for first place, the points to be credited to first place and the points to be credited to second place shall be added and divided one-half and one-half. If three tie for first place, the points credited to first, second and third places shall be added and divided one-third, one-third and one-third, and so on for four or more tying for first place. The same is true for those tying for second place, third place, and whatever places there may be.
- .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 to the new places. Consolation finalists shall not receive championship final placing. Alternates shall not receive consolation final placing.

102.26 AWARDS (*relocated from 102.6*) — When two or more swimmers tie for any place, duplicate awards shall be given to each of such tied swimmers. In such cases no awards shall be given for the place or places immediately following the tied positions. If two tie for 1st place, no award for 2nd place; if three tie for 1st place, no awards for 2nd or 3rd, and so on.

102.27 MEET RESULTS (*relocated from 102.24*) — ~~Copies of printed~~ Meet results shall be provided, as directed by the LSC, within fourteen (14) days after the meet. The results may also be provided ~~on a computer disk~~ in an

electronic format or posted to a website. Meet results shall include the following information:

- .1 Meet name, date, location, sanction number, and the pool length (25Y, 25M or 50M) must appear on every page and the pages must be numbered.
- .2 Any scores, team or individual, if kept.
- .3 For each individual event, the order of finish in preliminaries, finals and swim-offs, when applicable, listing the swimmer's first and last name, age, club affiliation and official time; disqualified swimmers shall be listed last and indicated "DQ", with no times listed. Time Trial results shall be provided in the above format, when applicable. If the meet is computerized and connected directly to or interfaced with the automatic timing system then all available initial distance times satisfying the requirements listed in ~~102.16.4A~~ 102.24.1A shall be provided upon request.
- .4 For relays, in addition to the order of finish, affiliation, and official time, the swimmers' first and last names, ages, the order in which they swam, and, if available, lead-off swimmer's time, shall be included.

Note: First names may be abbreviated within the limitations of the printing or computer program. (*End of new Article 102*)

The following 2 provisions will move to Article 103:

~~**102.25 TOBACCO PRODUCTS** — Smoking and use of other tobacco products is prohibited on the pool deck, in the locker rooms, in spectator seating or standing areas, and in all areas used by swimmers, during the meet or during the warm up periods in connection with the meet.~~

(Move to Article 103.11 and combine and edit to read as follows:)

~~**103.11 /M/ NO SMOKING SIGNS** — No smoking indoors or outdoors shall be permitted in any area designated for swimmers and the facility shall be so posted.~~ **TOBACCO PRODUCTS** — Smoking and use of other tobacco products is prohibited in all areas of the venue.

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

(Move to new Article 103.12 to read as follows and renumber remaining sections of 103:)

103.12 /M/ ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES — Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all areas of the venue. Exceptions to this provision may be made only with the approval of the USA Swimming Board of Directors.

The following table was deleted and replaced by Appendix 1-A

Table 1 — EXAMPLE (LANE MALFUNCTION):

~~Primary~~ Automatic;

~~Secondary~~ Semi-automatic, three buttons (intermediate button time shown **bold**)

~~Tertiary~~ Manual, one watch.

LANE	PRIMARY PAD TIME	BUTTON A	BUTTON B	BUTTON C	WATCH TIME	PAD MINUS MIDDLE BUTTON	OFFICIAL TIME
1	52.21	52.07	52.12	52.14	52.04	.09	52.21
2	52.18	52.01	51.91	52.06	51.95	.17	52.18
3	51.05	51.01	50.97	51.00	50.95	.05	51.05

4	51.04	50.78	50.88	50.93	50.84	.16	51.04
5	51.96	51.30	51.35	51.38	51.27	.61*	51.46**
6	51.65	51.57	51.56	51.59	51.55	.08	51.65
7	52.27	52.13	52.18	52.13	52.10	.14	52.27
8	51.87	51.58	51.75	51.89	51.65	.12	51.87
						.81 total	

*More than .30 of a second difference, late touch confirmed. **Adjustment calculation:

†Add the differences between pad and intermediate button time (excluding the malfunctioning lane): total = .81; ▼ Divide .81 by the number of valid lanes to determine an average: .81 divided by 7 = .11571; the digits after hundredths are dropped, leaving a timing system difference of .11; ▼ Add the timing system difference to the valid back up time for Lane 5: 51.35 + .11 = 51.46 (the official time for Lane 5).

APPENDIX 1-A (all new)

EXAMPLE OF LANE MALFUNCTION

Primary - Automatic;
 Secondary - Semi-automatic, three buttons
 Tertiary - Manual, one watch.

LANE	PAD TIME	BUTTON A	BUTTON B	BUTTON C	WATCH TIME ***	CALCULATED BUTTON TIME	PAD MINUS VALID BUTTON	OFFICIAL TIME	CALCULATED FINISH ORDER	
1	52.21	52.17	52.23	52.25	52.04	52.23	-.02	52.21	7	
2	52.08	52.14	52.06	52.16	51.95	52.14	-.06	52.08	5 – JD ⁶	
3	51.05	52.15 ¹	51.04	51.01	50.97	51.02 ^{1 and 3}	.03	51.05	2	
4	51.04	50.98	Missing	Missing	50.84	50.98 ²	.06	51.04	1	
5	52.96 ⁴	51.99	52.16	52.02	51.97	52.02	.94 [*]	52.04 ⁵	6 – JD ⁶	
6	51.45	51.37	51.00 ¹	50.97 ¹	51.30	51.37 ^{1 and 2}	.08	51.45	3	
7	52.27	52.23	52.18	52.23	52.10	52.23	.04	52.27	8	
8	51.87	51.92	51.79	Missing	51.86	51.85 ³	.02	51.87	4	
Place Judges Order of Finish:								.15 diff.	Total differential	
Judge 1: 4-3-6-8-2-5-1-7								+.02 corr**	Correction Factor	
Judge 2: 3-4-6-8-2-5-7-1										

*Malfunction confirmed. .94 differential not used in the adjustment calculation.

**Adjustment calculation – the sum total of the valid pad times minus the calculated button times divided by the number of lanes used in the calculation. .15 total differential divided by 7 valid lanes = .02 correction.

*** Watch Operator also operated BUTTON A in all lanes:

- 1- Invalid – discarded – not used in calculations due to other data bringing into question that time's validity.
 - a. Lane 3 – Button A is significantly after the Pad Time and Buttons B and C. The Button A time does not correlate with the Place Judges order of finish. This points to excessive human error. The Timing Judge declares that the Lane 3 Button A is invalid and will not be used in future calculations. The Lane 3 Calculated Button Time would be the average of the valid Button B and Button C – 51.02 which confirms the pad time is valid and no adjustment is necessary.
 - b. Lane 6 - Buttons B and C are both more than .3 seconds faster than the Pad, Button A and the Watch times. The Place Judges order of finish correlates with the Pad, Button A and Watch times. The timing judge declares that Lane 6 Buttons B and C are invalid and are not used for future calculations. The Lane 6 Calculated Button Time would be the valid Lane 6 Button A – 51.37 again confirming the pad time is correct and no adjustment is needed.
- 2- Calculated Button time equals the single valid button.
- 3- Calculated Button time equals the average of the two valid buttons.
- 4- Lane 5 - All three buttons and the manual watch times are closely grouped. The Calculated Button Time matches the order of finish in that lane 5 finishes ahead of lanes 1 and 7. The Timing Judge declares the Lane 5 Pad Time to be invalid and proceeds with a backup time correction calculation for lane 5.
- 5- Lane 5 Official Time is the Calculated Button Time – 52.02 - plus the correction factor of .02 for a final Official Time of 52.04.
- 6- After adjusting the Lane 5 Calculated Button Time by .02, the resulting time is .04 seconds faster than the pad time for Lane 2. Both Finish Judges recorded lane 2 finishing ahead of lane 5. The final results would indicate that Lane 2 finished in 5th place and Lane 5 finished in 6th place.

APPENDIX 1-B (Old Table 2)
EXAMPLE OF HEAT MALFUNCTION

Primary - Automatic (Late manual start confirmed);
 Secondary - Semi-automatic, three buttons (button time not valid);
 Tertiary - Manual, one

LANE	PRIMARY PAD TIME	WATCH TIME	WATCH TIME LESS PAD TIME	HEAT ADJUSTMENT*	OFFICIAL TIME
1	52.12	55.14	3.02	+ 3.06	55.18
2	51.56	54.61	3.05	+ 3.06	54.62
3	51.09	54.18	3.09	+3.06	54.15
4	50.12	53.18	3.06	+3.06	53.18
5	49.78	52.90	3.12	+3.06	52.84
6	49.06	52.06	3.00	+3.06	52.12
7	52.21	55.30	3.09	+3.06	55.27
8	52.92	55.99	3.07	+ 3.06	55.98
			24.50 total		

*Adjustment calculation:

▼ Add the differences between the pad and watch times; total = 24.50; ▼ Divide 24.50 by the number of lanes to determine an average: 24.50 divided by 8 = 3.0625; the digits after hundredths are dropped, leaving a heat adjustment of 3.06; ▼ Add the adjustment factor of 3.06 seconds for late start of the primary system to each pad time to obtain the official time for that lane.

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OFFICIAL GLOSSARY
~~Swimming Words and Terms~~

- ABANDONMENT** — termination of an open water event prior to its completion due to safety considerations.
- ADJACENT EVENTS** — ~~the next shorter and next longer distances of that stroke.~~
- AGGREGATE TIME** — times achieved by four individuals in separate starts which are added together to arrive at a relay time for entry purposes.
- ANCHORED (STARTING PLATFORM)** — ~~stable at all times without human aid.~~
- APPRECIABLE** — sufficient in extent to be recognized.
- APPROVAL** — a permit issued by an LSC for meets conducted in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both members and non-members may compete.
- ARM** — that part of the body that extends from the shoulder to the wrist.

ATTACHED — status of an athlete member who represents a member club in competition after having met the requirements of Article 203.

BODY — the torso, including shoulders and hips.

BONUS – (C Final) – the third fastest heat of swimmers competing in Finals.

CALM STATE OR SURFACE — normal level surface without turbulence.

CHAMPIONSHIP – (A Final) – the fastest heat of swimmers competing in finals for placement in an event.

CLOSED COMPETITION — competition open only to the members of one organization or group, exclusively among members of a single club (i.e. inter-squad meets), or among two or more USA Swimming member clubs within an organization or group formed for the specific purpose of such competition or series of competitions that are open only to members of that group or organization. Examples of this would include YMCA clubs and leagues consisting of a limited number of USA Swimming clubs within an LSC. It does not include groups or organizations such as an LSC, Zone, Region, or Section within USA Swimming.

CLUB — an organization which has been accepted for membership in USA Swimming the Corporation and which operates on a year-round or seasonal basis.

COMPETITION — an athletic performance by an athlete, either individually or as part of a team or club.

COMPOSITE TIME — a time achieved in a relay event by four members of an organization.

CONFORMING TIME — qualifying time standard achieved in a course that corresponds to the meet competition course.

CONSOLATION – (B Final) competition for the fastest of those who failed to qualify for the finals; the second fastest heat of swimmers competing in finals for placement in an event.

COURSE — designated distance over which the competition is conducted.

LONG COURSE — 50 meters (~~55 yards to be recorded as 50 meters~~).

SHORT COURSE — 25 yards or 25 meters.

DECK ENTERED MEET — meet where all entries are accepted on the first or later day of that meet and subsequently seeded into events.

DECK SEEDED MEET — meet where all entries are due prior to first day event of the meet and swimmers must declare availability to swim prior to the scratch deadlines.

DOMESTIC COMPETITION — any amateur athletic competition within the jurisdiction of USA Swimming which does not meet the definition of international competition.

DRAFTING OR SLIPSTREAMING — swimming behind or next to another open water swimmer or support craft for the purpose of taking advantage of the reduced water resistance created by the former's wake.

DRAW — random selection by chance.

DUAL COMPETITION — competition between two ~~clubs~~ teams.

END OF COURSE — designated wall for racing turns and finishes.

ESCORT CRAFT — boats or paddle boards used in open water competition for the swimmers' safety and logistical support.

ESCORTED SWIM — an open water event where in which each swimmer is required to have a support ~~a support~~ escort craft which accompanies accompany the swimmer throughout the race.

EVENT — any race or series of races in a given stroke and/or distance. For competitive limits, one event ~~equals one~~ is inclusive of preliminary, or one preliminary heat(s) plus its related final(s), or one timed final, or one time trial.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – unless otherwise noted, the Executive Director of USA Swimming.

EX-OFFICIO — a member of a board or committee serving by virtue of some other office or position held (whether in USA Swimming, in an Allied or Affiliate Member, or otherwise), or by virtue of an appointment to such committee

or board pursuant to the Bylaws of USA Swimming. Ex-officio members have with full rights of membership including the right to vote (unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws or Policy Manual). limited by USA Swimming; Ex-officio members without the right to vote cannot be are not counted to establish a quorum (unless expressly provided otherwise in the Bylaws).

FEED POLE - a mechanical implement used by coaches or support personnel to deliver fluid and/or food to open water swimmers during the race.

FINAL — any single race which determines final places and times in an event.

FINALS — ~~the concluding a session of each day of the a meet in which the~~ concluding heats of an event are contested which may include championship, consolation, or bonus finals. ~~final race of each event is swum.~~

FINALIST — one who swims in a final race.

FINISH – the instant that a swimmer touches the wall at the end of the prescribed distance.

FINISH POINT — the physical location where ~~the~~ an open water race terminates.

FIRST DAY OF MEET — day on which the first competitive swimming event is conducted.

FOREIGN SWIMMER — an athlete member of a FINA member-country federation, other than USA Swimming, or an athlete member of USA Swimming who is not eligible to represent the United States in international competition due to FINA sports citizenship requirements. (See Sports Citizen).

FORWARD START — ~~a forward~~ an entry made while facing the course.

FOUL — an instance of obstruction, interference, collision, or equipment malfunction which prevents the successful completion of a race.

HEADQUARTERS — USA Swimming's office in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

HEATS — a division of an event in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time. (See Preliminary Heats and Timed Final Heats)

~~**TIMED FINAL HEATS** — competition in which only heats are swum and final placings are determined by the times performed in the heats.~~

HORIZONTAL — parallel to the surface level of the water.

INITIAL DISTANCE — that first portion of a race for which an official time may be recorded but which is not in itself a completed event.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION — any ~~amateur~~ athletic competition between any athlete(s) or member organization(s) of USA Swimming, either individually or as part of a team, and any athlete(s) or member organization(s) (e.g., clubs) representing any foreign country.

POSTAL/INTERNET MEET DISTANCE CHALLENGE — a swimming competition conducted in multiple pool locations with results compiled in a central location.

~~**INVITATIONAL COMPETITION** — for those swimmers, organizations and clubs invited by the host.~~

JUNIOR OLYMPIC — a type of Age Group competition conducted by Zones and LSCs.

~~**LANE** — the specific area in which the swimmer is assigned to swim; e.g., lane one.~~

LANE LINE — continuous floating markers attached to a line stretched from the starting end to the turning end of the course for the purpose of separating each lane.

~~**LANE MARKINGS** — the guide lines on the bottom of the pool and in the center of the lanes running from the starting end to the turning end.~~

LEAD BOAT — the boat used as a course guide for the open water swimmers, ~~usually following the course a short distance in front of the leading swimmer.~~

LENGTH — extent of the course from end to end.

LSC (LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE) — an administrative division of USA Swimming with supervisory

responsibilities within certain geographic boundaries designated by USA Swimming.

MALFUNCTION — ~~a mechanical or electronic failure; not a human failure by the swimmer.~~

MANUAL START — the start of any timing device by an individual in response to the same starting signal given to the swimmer(s).

MARK — ~~(take your) starting position.~~

MAY — permissive, not mandatory.

MEET — ~~a series of events held in one program.~~

MEET ANNOUNCEMENT — published document setting forth information of the meet events, schedule, and procedures.

MEET COMMITTEE — Unless otherwise specified in the meet ~~information announcement~~, the Meet Committee shall consist of the Meet Director, Meet Referee, and coach and athlete members as appropriate.

MIXED CLASSIFICATION — meet in which events of Age Group and Junior, Senior, or any other classification are offered.

NATIONAL AGE GROUP (NAG) RECOGNITION TIME — an official time that qualifies as one of the fastest for a given age group as defined in the SWIMS portion of the Policy Manual. ~~better the tenth fastest time in a single age group (ages 11-17) as reported by the SWIMS database averaged over the previous two years.~~

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

NON-CONFORMING TIME — qualifying entry time standard achieved in a course which ~~that~~ does not correspond to the course in which the meet will be conducted ~~that will be competed in a meet.~~

OBSERVED SWIM — a swim observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules.

ON THE BACK — position of the body when the shoulders are at or past vertical towards the back.

ON THE BREAST — position of the body when the shoulders are at or past vertical towards the breast.

OPEN COMPETITION — competition which any qualified club, organization or individual may enter.

OPEN WATER SWIMMING — any swimming competition that takes place in rivers, lakes or oceans.

PACING — an attempt by a person not participating in ~~the~~ an open water race to enter the water with the intent of providing moral support or otherwise assisting a swimmer in setting the tempo of the race.

PADDLER — a person on a paddle board or manually propelled craft who supports ~~a~~ an open water swimmer or group of swimmers.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT — person assigned to aid a disabled swimmer.

PLACE JUDGES — ~~two place judges, one on each side of the finish line, who will~~ official assigned to record the order of finish of all swimmers by lane in each heat.

POLICY MANUAL — document adopted by the USA Swimming Board of Directors that specifies policies and procedures not contained in Rules & Regulations.

POOL — ~~the physical facility in which the competition is actually conducted.~~

PRELIMINARY — ~~session of the meet in which the heats are held.~~

PRELIMINARY HEATS OR PRELIMINARIES — competition in which a number of heats are swum to qualify the fastest swimmers for the finals ~~where final placing for the event will be determined.~~

PROGRAM — the order of events, including starting times and intermissions in a meet or portion thereof (See Session), sequentially listed by class of competition, sex, age group, distance, and stroke as set forth in the meet

announcement.

PROPULSIVE — having power to propel.

PROTECTED COMPETITION — any amateur athletic competition between any athlete or athletes officially designated by USA Swimming as representing the United States, either individually or as part of a team, and any athlete or athletes representing any foreign country where (a) the terms of such competition require that the entrants therein be teams or individuals representing the respective nations, and (b) the athlete or group of athletes representing the United States are organized and sponsored by USA Swimming and are selected by USA Swimming in accordance with a defined selection or tryout procedure that is open to all and publicly announced in advance. Except for domestic amateur athletic competition, which by its terms requires that entrants therein be expressly restricted to members of a specific class of amateur athletes such as those referred to in Section 4 of Article VII of the USOC Constitution, the term "protected competition" shall also include any domestic amateur athletic competition or event organized and conducted by USA Swimming which has been designated by USA Swimming in its selection procedure, and publicly announced in advance, as a competition or event directly qualifying successful competitors therein as an athlete representing the United States in a protected competition as defined in the immediately preceding sentence of this subsection.

RACE — any single swimming competition; i.e., preliminary, final, timed final.

RECORD ATTEMPT — swimming against time in a record attempt, unpaced by other swimmers. (Refer to Article 104 for record requirements).

REINSTATEMENT — return of all or limited rights of membership in USA Swimming.

RELAY — a race in which each team member swims a specified portion of the course.

RELAY LEG — (relay) the part of the a relay event that is swum by a single team member.

REPORTABLE TIMES — times achieved in conformance with applicable USA Swimming rules which may be submitted to USA Swimming for recognition.

SANCTION — a permit issued by an LSC to a USA Swimming group member to conduct a meet in conformance with all USA Swimming rules in which all participating swimmers are athlete members of USA Swimming, except as provided in 202.3.1.

SCISSOR KICK — use of the top of the instep of one foot and the bottom of the other foot in the propulsive part of the kick.

SCRATCH (from an event) — withdraw an entry from competition.

SEASONAL ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP — an individual athlete membership in USA Swimming which may be offered at the option of the LSC for one or two periods of not more than 150 days in a registration year pursuant to Article 302.2.3.

SEASONAL CLUB — an organization which has been accepted for membership in USA Swimming and which operates on the basis within of a period of time specified by the LSC.

SEED — to distribute the swimmers among the required number of heats and/or lanes, according to their submitted or preliminary times.

DECK-SEED — swimmers are required to check in for their events on the day of the meet. After scratches are determined, events are seeded.

PRE-SEED — all entrants are seeded prior to the day of competition

SEEDING — ~~EVENTS SEEDED ON THE DECK~~ — swimmers are called to report to the clerk of course for their event on the day of the meet. After scratches are determined, swimmers are seeded in the proper heats. **PRE-SEEDED HEATS** — swimmers are arranged in heats in events according to submitted times and heat sheets are prepared prior to the day of competition.

SESSION — any portion of a meet distinctly separated from other portions by locale, time, or type of competition, i.e., preliminaries and finals; morning and evening; Senior and Age Group, etc.

SHALL — mandatory.

SHOULD — recommended but not mandatory.

SIMULTANEOUSLY — occurring at the same time.

SPLIT TIME — ~~time recorded from official start to completion of an initial distance within a longer event.~~

SPORTS CITIZEN — an athlete who has represented a nation other than the United States in international competition is a sports citizen of that nation and is considered ineligible to represent the United States until FINA requirements for changing sports citizenship (sport nationality) have been met. (See Foreign Swimmer)

AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATION — ~~a not-for-profit corporation, club, federation, union, association, or other group organized in the United States which sponsors or arranges~~ conducts any ~~amateur~~ athletic competition.

STILL WATER — ~~water contained within four walls, or landlocked, and has no perceptible current or movement other than that caused by wind or by other swimmers. (Circulatory systems should be off during competition.)~~

SUBMITTED TIMES — ~~those filed with an entry, as having been previously achieved.~~

SUPPORT PERSONNEL — persons in ~~the~~ an open water swimmer's escort craft who provide for feeding, navigating, coaching and other supporting activities ~~for a swimmer.~~

SWIMS (Swimming Web-Based Interactive Membership System) — A single integrated database system which includes USA Swimming membership data and a databank of achieved times that are considered official and are recognized for proof of entry and recognition programs.

SUSPENSION — deprivation of all rights of membership in USA Swimming.

TAPPER — personal assistant who uses a pole with a soft-tipped end to tap a blind or visually-impaired swimmer as notification of turns and the finish.

TEXTILE MATERIALS — natural and/or synthetic, individual and non-consolidating yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting and/or braiding, or as further defined under current FINA swimwear rules.

TIMED FINAL HEATS OR TIMED FINALS — competition in which only heats are swum and final placings are determined by the times ~~performed~~ achieved in the heats.

TIME STANDARD — the time a swimmer must have previously achieved in order to compete in that event at ~~any~~ a designated competition.

TOUCH — contact with the end of the course.

TURN — a point ~~on the course~~ where the swimmers reverse or change direction ~~of the swim.~~

UNATTACHED — status of a member who competes but does not represent a USA Swimming member club or another FINA member Federation in competition.

UNESCORTED SWIM — an open water event where swimmers compete without a designated support craft.

USA SWIMMING — ~~United States~~ USA Swimming, Inc., a Colorado corporation.

SWIMMING-VENUE — the area located on the sides and ends of the pool, spectator area, team areas within the pool facility (e.g., portion of the building designated for teams and swimmers, or fenced area around an outdoor pool), locker rooms, and such other areas as may be specifically designated by the host club or organization, meet director, or referee; in open water competition, the geographical area and environs where the meet is conducted.

VERTICAL — ~~at a right angle~~ perpendicular to the ~~normal~~ water level surface.

WALL — vertical portion of the pool, contiguous surfaces of the deck and overflow gutter, the front portion of the starting block or platform, or the touchpad at the end of the course.

WARNING SIGNAL — a bell, whistle, air horn, or other appropriate audible device.

WAVE — at an open water event, ~~the~~ a second or subsequent start used if the start area cannot accommodate all contestants at the same time.

WEBSITE — the official site maintained by USA Swimming on the internet (www.usaswimming.org).

Open Water Swimming Words and Terms

All terms from this section have been integrated into main glossary except for those left below.

CHECK POINT — a point along the course where a swimmer's progress is noted.

COUNTDOWN — the announcement at regular intervals of the time remaining before the start of the race.

GREASE — substance used by the swimmers to reduce friction or reduce the loss of body heat during a swim.

INDIVIDUAL SWIM — an individual un-paced and uncontested swim for time and/or distance, not normally considered to be part of a competitive race. Equivalent to a time trial or a record attempt against time in pool swimming.

NAVIGATIONAL AID — a device used to accurately measure and establish a course to be swum.

MEDICAL EVACUATION PLANS — written plans for the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency or need for medical intervention.