

USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee Minutes

October 19, 2023 - Virtual Meeting

Present: Rachel Olson, USA Swimming; Nate Chessey, USA Swimming; Dan McCarthy, USA Swimming; Mike Seip, Chair; Starre Haney; Stacy Smith; Doug Wharam; Lynne Shine; Melissa Millerick-May; Marco Greico, Athlete; Davis Shelton, Athlete; Connie Harvey, American Red Cross

Absent: TJ Walsh, Athlete; Garret Sims, Athlete; Branden Burns; Jack Yetter; Lindsay Mondick, YMCA; John Wallum, IOA

Guests: Tim Husson, PV

Call to Order: Mike Seip, Committee Chair, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee at 12:00 PM EDT on Thursday, October 19, 2023, via Zoom videoconference.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ANNOUNCEMENTS
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
BUSINESS

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. NGB updates – Nate/Dan/Rachel
3. 2024 ABM/Workshop Combo
4. ROO-Rachel
5. Meet Marshal Training/Webinar
6. Working Groups
7. LSC Contacts
8. Other

Goals/Working Groups for 2023-24

1. Meet Marshal Program Development
2. Water Temperature
3. Communications
4. Racing Start Certifications
5. Certifications
6. Hypoxic Blackout
7. Concussion

Future Meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month via Zoom at 12:00 PM EST: November 16 2023, December 21 2023, January 19 2024, February 16 2024, March 21 2024, April 18 2024, May 16 2024, June 20 2024, July 18 2024, August 15 2024

Adjournment

October 2023 Agenda

- Motion to approve Agenda: Marco Greico, Second: Davis Shelton

September 2023 Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes: Starre Haney, Second: Mike Seip

NGB Updates (Nate & Mike)

- The Zoom link for all future meetings of the Committee will be posted on the USA Swimming Calendar of Events page.
- Starting in 2024, the Spring Workshop will be discontinued. All invited National Committee presentations, workshops, and meetings will take place in person during the Annual Business Meeting in September. The Committees that have been slated for in-person presentations in 2024 are Officials, DEI, Athletes, Coaches, and USA Swimming University platform.

Report of Occurrences (Rachel)

- High frequency and high severity event occurrences are the subject of future risk mitigation plans to be developed by the Committee in 2024.
- Currently a task force of Committee members is reviewing the ROO form and introductory narrative for clarifying changes.

Athlete Executive Committee (Marco)

- Marco and Davis have another year remaining on their term with the Operational Risk Committee. The other two athlete positions expire at the end of this year. 250 applications were submitted by athletes for National Committee positions. Two will be selected to join Marco and Davis for 2024.

Working Group Reports:

- Meet Marshals (Starre & Mike)
 - There have been a lot of questions regarding Meet Marshals; perhaps a Webinar is needed to answer questions concerning the training program. It would be an opportunity to present best practices and answer questions – not present the program itself.
 - Additionally, since a lot of the Reports of Occurrence concern accidents that happened during meet warm-ups (which Meet Marshals assist in controlling), this would also be an item for discussion during any potential webinar.
- Concussion (Starre)
 - Completed updated spreadsheet and sent to Committee.
 - Coaches and Officials need to be made aware of this information. There were several changes and updates in various states.
- Communication (Mike)
 - Branden will present the report at the next meeting.
- Racing Starts (Davis)
 - Racing Starts material was revisited and revamped during the development of the coaching education platform.
 - Additionally, everything is current on the Operational Risk section of the USA Swimming website.

- Water Temperature (Stacy)
 - Coaches continue to experience hesitation when it comes to shutting down practice for water or air quality issues. Seeking to address coach education on this through the LSC OR Chairs.
- Coaching Certifications (Marco & Connie)
 - Shallow Water Lifeguarding is being returned to the list of acceptable courses for purposes of satisfying the STSC in-water requirements. It should be noted that this does NOT mean that coaches who use Shallow Water Lifeguarding to fulfill their STSC in-water requirements can consider themselves certified to guard practices held in deep water pools. It should also be noted that as far as the American Red Cross is concerned, the assumption is that Coaches are there to support the lifeguard on duty – not to be the primary lifeguard.
- LSC Contacts List (Mike)
 - All Committee members need to reach out to their LSC contacts for any updates and transmit that information to Jack.
- Hypoxic Blackout (Doug)
 - Nothing new to share with the Committee at this time.

Adjournment: Mike Seip adjourned the October 19, 2023, meeting of the Operational Risk Committee at 12:54 PM EDT.