

House of Delegates Working Group Legislative Proposal (2021)

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**Location:** Bylaws pages 13-14: 6.1

**Purpose:** To update the composition and athlete representation requirements of the House of Delegates to comply with USOPC requirements.

**Effective Date:** Immediately

**6.1 ORGANIZATION –**

.1 All voting members of the Board of Directors, all Zone Directors (four (4) coach, four (4) non-coach, and four (4) athlete), the four (4) Zone Junior Athlete Representatives, the National Team Steering Committee, the National Team Athletes Committee, and the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, the Registration/Membership Committee, the Credentials/Elections Committee, and past USA Swimming Presidents or Board Chairs (as applicable) 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. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.1 shall not exceed thirty-two (32).

.2 The Age Group Development Committee Chair and one (1) additional coach member of the Age Group Development Committee elected by the Committee and the Senior Development Committee Chair and one (1) additional coach member of the Senior Development Committee elected by the Committee shall be members of the House of Delegates. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.2 shall not exceed four (4).

.3 The eleven (11) members of the Athletes' Executive Committee and ten (10) National Representatives, five (5) being appointed each year by the Athletes Chair and each serving a two (2) year term, shall be members of the House of Delegates. Eight (8) additional LSC Athlete Representatives, with two (2) selected by each Zone Athlete Director with advice and consent from the Coach and Non-Coach Zone Director, shall be members of the House of Delegates. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.3 shall not exceed nineteen (19). The National Representatives and their alternates must at the time of their appointment be engaged in senior swimming, or have competed in USA Swimming Championships within five (5) years preceding their appointment. The Board Chair 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 at least twenty percent (20%).

.4 Each LSC shall annually appoint three (3) members to the House of Delegates. The following from each LSC shall be members: the General Chair, a coach member of the LSC Board of Directors selected by the LSC, and an additional non-coach member of the LSC Board of Directors selected by the LSC. An alternate for each of the delegates may also be selected. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.4 shall not exceed 177. The following from each LSC shall be members of the USA Swimming House of Delegates: the chair of its Administrative, Senior, and Age Group divisions; the athletes' representative to the LSC; the coaches' representative to the LSC; and its General Chair. An alternate for each of the delegates may also be elected. Information that may be of assistance to the House of Delegates at its next meeting shall be provided in a conspicuous place on the website.

.5 The eighteen (18) LSCs with the greatest number of athlete members shall each select one (1) additional coach member of the LSC to be a member of the House of Delegates. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.5 shall not exceed 18.

.6 A sufficient number of 10 Year Athlete representatives and 10 Year+ Athlete representatives to constitute one-third (33.3%) of the total House of Delegates shall be directly elected by athletes who meet the same standard as 10 Year

Athletes, inclusive of the five athlete representatives on the Board of Directors. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) must be 10 Year Athlete representatives and up to the remainder may be 10 Year+ Athlete representatives. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.6 shall not exceed 125. Any organization, as set forth in 2.3.2 of these Bylaws, which conducts a program in competitive swimming, or which is composed of persons joined together in support of swimming or some aspect of it, may make application for membership to USA Swimming. The Board of Directors or its designee shall determine whether an organization meets the criteria set forth in this Article and may recommend ratification of membership by the House of Delegates. Additionally, if the organization is national in character, the Board of Directors or its designee may recommend to the House of Delegates that the organization be allowed to appoint a maximum of five (5) members to the House of Delegates.

~~.6 Each of the Armed Forces may appoint one (1) member, provided it is actively engaged in senior swimming activity.~~

~~.77 The Board Chair, in consultation with the National Team Steering Chair, shall appoint, on an annual basis, twenty-five (25) fifteen (15) members selected from coaches who had athletes that qualified for the preceding Olympic Trials and from members that served as the manager or assistant manager on a national team or junior national team trip within the past four (4) years. The appointments shall provide for a reasonable geographic representation of USA Swimming Membership. The total delegates named pursuant to 6.1.7 shall not exceed fifteen (15).~~

~~.86 The Board Chair shall be empowered to appoint up to twenty additional ten percent (10%) of the total membership as members of the House of Delegates. The total delegates appointed pursuant to 6.1.7 shall not exceed twenty (20).~~

~~One fourth (1/4) of all those appointed shall be appointed in equal numbers from members, other than athletes, of the five (5) LSCs having the largest number of registered athletes as of August 31 of the prior calendar year.~~