

USA SWIMMING
RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO 2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS

No.	Description	Location	Recommendation
R-1	To update definitions	Glossary	Approval
R-2	To clarify the 120 day rule and the definitions of closed and open competitions	Glossary and 203.3	Not Yet Reviewed
R-3	To remove the incentive to illegally compose a relay for the purpose of getting an official time for the lead-off swimmer	Glossary, 102.24.1 A (1)(c), 104.2.1 E	Approval
R-4	To eliminate confusing language	101.1.3 C	Approval
R-5	To clarify seeding procedures for distance events, 400y, 400m/500y or longer, with 3 or more heats	102.5.1 D	Approval
R-6	To eliminate the Zone Board of Review structure and extend jurisdiction to the National Board of Review	Various	Approval
R-7	To clarify that therapeutic elastic tape is prohibited	102.8.1 E	Approval
R-8	To provide additional income for professional U.S. athletes by modifying advertising rules for swimsuits, caps and goggles	102.8.3 A (1), (2) & (3)	Approval
R-9	To allow certified USA Swimming or YMCA officials to observe swims in LSC meets authorized for observation from positions other than the end of the pool	202.8.4	Approval
R-10	To align with current practices	204.10, 207.2, 207.2 & 207.4	Approval
R-11	To allow the Senior Development Committee and USA Swimming's National Event Director the ability to schedule Futures as seen best for the athletes	204.10.2 & .3	Approval
R-12	To allow flexibility when providing awards for fastest reported national age group times in individual and relays events	205.9.8	Approval
R-13	To align with current practice of entries submitted via OME (Online Meet Entry).	207.8.1	Approval
R-14	To align with current practice for International Programs	207.10.2	Approval
R-15	To align with current practice regarding the General Meeting	207.11.1 A	Approval
R-16	To align with current practice regarding the scratch rule	207.11.6 E (4) & F	Approval
R-17	Remove from the Rulebook as conduct of distance and relay events should be covered in the meet announcement	207.11.8	Approval
R-18	To align USA Swimming Rules with U.S. Center for SafeSport-required Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies and direct resolution to the local level	304.3.3 & Article 305	Approval
R-19	To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and U.S. Center for SafeSport Code regarding failure to report as the Center has exclusive jurisdiction of the matter	304.3.4	Approval
R-20	To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and USA Swimming Criminal Background Check Policy	304.3.6	Approval
R-21	To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and U.S. Center for SafeSport Code regarding aiding and abetting as the Center has exclusive jurisdiction over the matter	304.3.11	Approval
R-22	To direct resolution of conflict involving Officials to the local level	304.3.13	Withdrawn

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No.	Description	Location	Recommendation
R-23	To direct resolution of team conflict to the local level and provide NBOR with jurisdiction over appeals arising from LSC Affiliation Agreements and National Team Honor Codes	304.3.15 & 403.2.1 G (new) & F (new)	Approval
R-24	To omit consideration of image or reputation in the assessment of potential bad acts	304.3.16	Approval
R-25	To update reporting requirements consistent with federal law	306.1	Postponed Recommendation
R-26	To update current wetsuit rules	701.1.3 (new)	Postponed Recommendation
R-27	To align with FINA as selection for junior international open water competition is determined by the swimmer's age as of December 31	701.2 (new)	Postponed Recommendation

No.	Description	Location	Recommendation
HK-1	To move adopted language from the 2018 House of Delegates to the appropriate article	103.5.3 (new)	Approval

RES 1	Regarding USA Swimming Club Membership Fee Increase
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Informational	To align USA Swimming Rules with U.S. Center for SafeSport required Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies and direct resolution to the local level	Corporate Bylaws 2.6.2, 2.6.3 & 2.6.8
Informational	To align USA Swimming Board athlete representative elections with USOC requirements	Corporate Bylaws 4.2.3

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R-1	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 1 **Location:** Page 14 – **Official Glossary**
- 2 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
- 3 **Purpose:** To update definitions.
- 4 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 5 ~~**BONUS (C) FINAL** — the third fastest heat of swimmers competing in Finals.~~
- 6 ~~**CONSOLATION (B) FINAL** — the second fastest heat of swimmers competing in Finals.~~
- 7 **FINALS** — a session of a meet in which the concluding heats of an event are contested which may include championship,
8 consolation, or bonus finals.
- 9 • Championship (A) Final – the fastest heat of swimmers competing in Finals
- 10 • Consolation Final(s) – the second fastest and subsequent heats of swimmers competing in Finals for which team
11 selection, scoring points and/or prize money are awarded
- 12 • Bonus Final(s) – any finals heat in which no points or placement prizes are awarded

R-2	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 13 **Location:** Page 14 – **Official Glossary**
- 14 Page 67 – **203.3 Representation**
- 15 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
- 16 **Purpose:** To clarify the 120 day rule and the definitions of closed and open competitions.
- 17 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends has not yet reviewed this proposal.*
- 18 **CLOSED COMPETITION**
- 19 • Competition exclusively among members of a single club
- 20 • Competition or series of competitions within an independent organization open only to members of that organization,
21 such as:
- 22 ○ YMCA competition
- 23 ○ Summer league competition
- 24 ○ Conference competition
- 25 • Closed competition does not include representing a group within USA Swimming such as LSC, Zone, Region, or
26 Section, nor does it include dual meets, invitationals or other meets where only certain clubs are invited to participate
- 27 **OPEN COMPETITION** — competition that is not otherwise defined as a closed competition in which any qualified club,
28 organization or individual may enter.
- 29 **OPEN EVENT** – an event in which any qualified individual may compete, regardless of age.
- 30 **203.3** For a swimmer to represent a USA Swimming club in a competitive event, one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days
31 must have elapsed before the swimmer is permitted to represent any other USA Swimming club in USA Swimming open or
32 closed competition. The 120-day count shall begin on the day following the last date the athlete represented a USA Swimming
33 club in open competition.

R-3	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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34 **Location:** Page 14 – **Official Glossary**
35 Page 39 – **102.24 Timing Rules**
36 Page 51 – **104.2 USA Swimming Records**
37 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
38 **Purpose:** To remove the incentive to illegally compose a relay for the purpose of getting an official time for the lead-off
39 swimmer.

40 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

41 **RELAY** — a race in which ~~each~~ four eligible team members each swim a specified portion of the course.

42 102.24 TIMING RULES

43 .1 Requirements for Official Time

44 A Performance Requirements

- 45 (1) An official time can be achieved only in USA Swimming sanctioned or USA Swimming approved competition, or
46 in an observed swim in accordance with all applicable rules. It may be achieved in:
- 47 (a) Any heat.
 - 48 (b) A swim-off.
 - 49 (c) A lead-off leg in a relay swum by four eligible relay members; the lead-off swimmer's time shall not be
50 nullified by a subsequent disqualification of his/her team members.
 - 51 (d) A split time recorded from the official start to the completion of an initial distance with a legal finish within a
52 longer event, provided the swimmer completes the event or the lead-off portion of the relay in compliance
53 with applicable rules.
 - 54 (e) A time trial or a record attempt.

55 .2 - .5 [no changes]

56 104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS

57 .1 General Requirements and Conditions for Records

58 A-D [no changes]

59 E Should the first swimmer on a legally composed relay team complete his/her leg in a record time for that
60 stroke/distance, his/her performance shall not be nullified by ~~any~~ a subsequent disqualification of his/her team
61 members.

62 .2 - .5 [no changes]

R-4	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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63 **Location:** Page 19 – **101.1 Starts**

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

65 **Purpose:** To eliminate confusing language.

66 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

67 **Effective Date:**

68 101.1 START

69 .1 - .3 [no changes]

70 .3 False Starts

- 71 A Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given shall be disqualified if the Referee independently observes and
72 confirms the Starter's observation that a violation occurred. Swimmers remaining on the starting blocks shall be
73 relieved from their starting positions with the "stand up" command and may step off the blocks.
- 74 B If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue without recall. If the
75 Referee independently observes and confirms the Starter's observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or
76 swimmers who have false started shall be disqualified upon completion of the race.
- 77 C If the recall signal is activated ~~inadvertently~~, no swimmer shall be charged with a false start and the Starter shall restart
78 the race upon signal by the Referee.
- 79 D A swimmer who would otherwise be charged with a false start may be relieved of the charge if the false start was
80 caused by the swimmer's reaction to the "stand up" command.
- 81 E Declared false start: swimmers reporting to the Referee prior to the start of their race and declaring their intent not to
82 compete will be disqualified except as noted in 207.11.6D(1).
- 83 .4 - .5 [no changes]

R-5	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 84 **Location:** Page 26 – **102.5 Seeding, Lane Assignments, Swim-Offs, and Order of Heats**
- 85 **Proposed by:** Officials Committee
- 86 **Purpose:** To clarify seeding procedures for distance events, 400y, 400m/500y or longer, with 3 or more heats.
- 87 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 88 **102.5 SEEDING, LANE ASSIGNMENTS, SWIM-OFFS, AND ORDER OF HEATS**
- 89 .1 **Preliminary Heats When Finals are Scheduled** — Entry times shall be listed by the meet committee with the fastest
90 swimmer first and the slowest swimmer last. Swimmers whose sub- mitted times are identical should be assigned places in
91 the list by draw. Swimmers with no submitted times shall be considered the slowest and shall be placed at the end of the list
92 by draw. Swimmers shall be seeded in lanes under the procedure outlined for finals seeding in 102.5. Swimmers shall be
93 seeded in heats according to submitted times in the following manner:
- 94 **A Fewer than three heats**
- 95 (1) If there is only one heat, it shall be swum as scheduled during the preliminaries and finals.
- 96 (2) If there are two heats, the fastest swimmer shall be seeded in the second heat, next fastest in the first heat, next
97 fastest in the second heat, next in the first heat, next in the second heat, next in the first heat, etc.
- 98 **B Three heats** — Except for 400y, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y and 1500m/1650y events, the fastest swimmer shall be
99 placed in the third heat, next fastest in the second, next in the first. The fourth fastest swimmer shall be placed in the
100 third heat, the fifth in the second heat, and the sixth fastest in the first heat, the seventh fastest in the third heat, etc.
- 101 **C Four heats or more** — Except for 400y, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y and 1500m/1650y events, the ~~last fastest~~ three
102 heats of an event shall be seeded in accordance with B above. The heat preceding the ~~last fastest~~ three heats shall
103 consist of the next fastest swimmers; the heat preceding the ~~last fastest~~ four heats shall consist of the next fastest
104 swimmers, etc. Lanes shall be assigned in descending order of submitted times within each heat, in accordance with
105 the pattern outlined in 102.5.
- 106 **D** For 400y, 400m/500y, 800m/1000y and 1500m/1650y events, the ~~last fastest~~ two heats of an event shall be seeded in
107 accordance with 102.5.1A(2). The heat preceding the fastest two heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers; the
108 heat preceding the fastest three heats shall consist of the next fastest swimmers, etc. Lanes shall be assigned in
109 descending order of submitted times within each heat, in accordance with the pattern outlined in 102.5
- 110 **E Exception** — When there are two or more heats in an event, there shall be a minimum of three swimmers seeded into
111 any one preliminary heat, but subsequent scratches may reduce the number of swimmers in such heat to less than
112 three.
- 113 .2 - .6 [no changes]

R-6	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 114 **Location:** Various
115 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
116 **Purpose:** To eliminate the Zone Board of Review structure and extend jurisdiction to the National Board of Review.
117 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
118 **Effective Date:** Immediately

119 **102.7 POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES IN PROGRAM**

120 .1-.3 [no changes]

121 **4 Postponement or Cancellation**

122 A-F [no changes]

123 G Entry fees for teams or swimmers may be refunded, in whole or part, at the discretion of the meet committee, upon
124 cancellation of a meet or particular event. The decision of the meet committee on refunding may be appealed to the
125 LSC Administrative Review Board or ~~Zone Board of Review~~ National Board of Review for hearing under the provisions
126 of Part Four.

127 **102.23 PROTESTS**

128 .1-.5 [no changes]

129 .6 Except as provided in 102.23.1, the Referee's or the meet jury's ruling may be appealed as follows

130 A Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One and Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and
131 Regulations shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chair of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations
132 Committee who shall issue a ruling within five (5) days from the date of the receipt of such protest. This ruling shall be
133 final and binding on all parties.

134 B All other protests, together with the Referee's or the jury's written decision, shall be submitted to the ~~Zone Board of~~
135 ~~Review for the Zone in which the sanctioning LSC is located or, in the case of a National Championship or trials class~~
136 ~~meet,~~ to the National Board of Review, in accordance with Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

137 **ARTICLE 402**
138 **BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERSHIP**

139 ~~402.1 — ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW — The selection and composition of the membership of the Zone Board of Review shall be~~
140 ~~governed by the Required Zone Board of Review Procedures.~~

141 [re-number remaining]

142 **ARTICLE 403**
143 **JURISDICTION**

144 ~~403.1 — JURISDICTION OF THE ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW — In matters involving a member or members of only one Zone,~~
145 ~~matters arising in regional or zone competition and any complaint alleging violations of 304.3.12 through 304.3.16 inclusive of the~~
146 ~~USA Swimming Code of Conduct involving one or more members or prospective members of the Zone, and/or one or more~~
147 ~~Participating Non Members, and not brought by USA Swimming, shall be filed directly with the respective Zone. Any appeal of~~
148 ~~the Zone Board of Review's decision shall be made to the National Board of Review pursuant to Article 408 hereof. The~~
149 ~~resolution of any dispute regarding jurisdiction of the Zone or the National Board of Review with regard to a particular case shall~~
150 ~~be determined by the Chair of the National Board of Review, which resolution shall be binding on all parties and non-appealable.~~

151 [re-number remaining]

152 **403.2 JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

153 .1 **Original and Exclusive Jurisdiction** — The National Board of Review has original and exclusive jurisdiction to hear:

154 A-B [no changes]

155 C Any complaint under 304.3 through 304.3.146 against any member of USA Swimming, including any athlete, coach,
156 manager, official, member of any committee, or a Participating Non-Member

ARTICLE 404
AUTHORITY OF BOARDS OF REVIEW

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- 159 **404.1 — ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW** — The Zone Board of Review shall have the following power and authority:
- 160 .1 ~~**Remedies and Penalties** — The Zone Board of Review, after conducting such hearings as it may determine to be~~
161 ~~necessary or helpful, may, among other remedies, with regard to a party named in the Notice of Hearing and Petition:~~
- 162 A ~~Dismiss the Petition with or without permission to refile;~~
163 B ~~Censure or fine a party;~~
164 C ~~Establish a period of probation, with or without conditions;~~
165 D ~~Prohibit or mandate future actions, inaction or conduct;~~
166 E ~~Determine the results of, or require a rerun of, any election held by the Zone or any constituent element thereof;~~
167 F ~~Vacate, modify, sustain, reverse, remand or stay any decision or order of a House of Delegates, Board of Directors,~~
168 ~~officer, division or committee, or coordinator of a LSC within the Zone;~~
- 169 G ~~With the exception of the technical rules (Parts One and Seven), interpret any provision of (i) the Rules and~~
170 ~~Regulations of USA Swimming (to the extent not preempted by FINA or USA Swimming Rules and Regulations); (ii)~~
171 ~~the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, the Required LSC Bylaws, other policies, rules, regulations and procedures of~~
172 ~~USA Swimming, the Zone or the LSC; and (iii) the Amateur Sports Act and other applicable laws, rules and regulations;~~
173 ~~as well as adjudicate alleged inconsistencies and claims of supremacy and invalidity with respect to the foregoing;~~
- 174 H ~~Deny, grant, suspend or restore the eligibility or right to compete of an athlete member of the Zone and USA~~
175 ~~Swimming;~~
- 176 I ~~Deny, grant, suspend or restore membership in the respective LSC and USA Swimming for a definite or indefinite~~
177 ~~period of time, with or without terms of probation, or expel any Group Member or Individual Member of the respective~~
178 ~~LSC and USA Swimming, including any administrator, athlete, coach, trainer, manager, meet director, official, officer,~~
179 ~~Board Member, House of Delegates representative of a Group Member, coordinator, chair or member of any~~
180 ~~committee or sub-committee;~~
- 181 J ~~Prohibit for a definite or indefinite period of time the participation by a Participating Non-Member in the affairs or~~
182 ~~activities of USA Swimming, the Zone, the respective LSC, its Group Members or other LSCs and their Group~~
183 ~~Members;~~
- 184 K ~~Assess costs, including any filing fee and attorneys' fees and expenses, to the prevailing party or refund any filing fee~~
185 ~~paid by the prevailing party (except as otherwise set forth below);~~
- 186 L ~~Issue such interim orders, prohibitory or mandatory in nature, as may be necessary pending a final decision of the~~
187 ~~Board; and~~
- 188 M ~~Assess sanctions in any combination of the foregoing or assess any other remedies deemed appropriate under the~~
189 ~~circumstances.~~
- 190 .2 ~~**Preliminary Hearing and Temporary Orders** — In appropriate cases, the Zone Board of Review, after an initial~~
191 ~~investigation and/or a preliminary hearing, may make in its discretion temporary orders for the good of the sport of~~
192 ~~swimming. The temporary order may encompass any remedy or order permissible in a final decision and may include, by~~
193 ~~way of example, suspending membership, granting the right to participate or coach in a competition, permitting a swimmer~~
194 ~~to compete subject to protest, or offering or ordering the parties to attempt to resolve their differences pursuant to mediation~~
195 ~~or other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms prior to any hearing before the Zone Board of Review. These orders may~~
196 ~~be made effective pending full hearings by the Zone Board of Review or the conclusion of administrative or judicial~~
197 ~~proceedings of other bodies addressing the same or similar issues or on other terms as determined by the Zone Board of~~
198 ~~Review.~~
- 199 .3 ~~**Grounds for Imposition** — The Zone Board of Review may fashion remedies and orders and impose penalties with~~
200 ~~respect to any Group or Individual Member of the Zone, or Participating Non-Member residing within the Zone (1) who has~~
201 ~~violated any of the regulations, rules, policies or procedures of the LSC, Zone, USA Swimming or FINA, including any of the~~
202 ~~responsibilities of membership set forth in the Required LSC Bylaws, (2) who aids, abets, instigates or encourages another~~
203 ~~to violate any of such regulations, rules or policies, (3) who is responsible for any such violation by another, or (4) who has~~
204 ~~acted in a manner which has brought, or may bring, into disrepute the LSC, the Zone, USA Swimming or the sport of~~
205 ~~swimming.~~

206 [re-number remaining]

207 **ARTICLE 406**
208 **ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS AND PROCEDURES**

209 [Delete entire Article and re-number remaining]

210 **ARTICLE 408**
211 **APPEAL FROM ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW TO NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

212 [Delete entire Article and re-number remaining]

213 **ARTICLE 413**
214 **REQUIRED ZONE BOARD OF REVIEW PROCEDURES**

215 [Delete entire Article and re-number remaining]

216 [And other such housekeeping edits as may be required in 304, 409, 411, 412.1, 412.2, and 412.3]

217 [Amend Required LSC Bylaws to remove all Zone Board of Review references]

R-7	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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218 **Location:** Page 30 – **102.8 Swimwear**

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

220 **Purpose:** To clarify that therapeutic elastic tape is prohibited.

221 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

222 **102.8 SWIMWEAR**

223 **.1 Design**

224 A - D [no changes]

225 E No swimmer is permitted to wear or use any device, substance or swimsuit to help his/ her speed, pace, buoyancy or
226 endurance during a race (such as webbed gloves, flippers, fins, power bands, adhesive substances, etc.). Goggles
227 may be worn, and rubdown oil applied if not considered excessive by the Referee. Therapeutic elastic tape is
228 prohibited. Any other kind of tape on the body is not permitted unless approved by the Referee.

R-8	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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229 **Location:** Page 30 – **102.8 Swimwear**

230 **Proposed by:** National Steering Committee

231 **Purpose:** To provide additional income for professional U.S. athletes by modifying advertising rules for swimsuits, caps
232 and goggles.

233 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

234 **Effective Date:** January 1, 2020

235 **102.8 SWIMWEAR**

236 .1-2 [no changes]

237 **.3 Advertising**

238 A Advertising means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark, logo, or any other distinctive sign of the
239 manufacturer of the item or any other advertiser permitted in accordance with this rule. FINA labeling and the USA
240 Swimming logo or club logo shall not be considered as advertisements. Logos of the swimwear manufacturer shall be
241 considered as advertising and are included in the limits described in (1) through (3) below. In the competition venue or
242 complex of all events conducted by and under the control of USA Swimming or any LSC or division thereof, advertising

- 243 appearing on swimwear is allowed as follows:
- 244 (1) **Swimsuits** — A total of ~~two~~ three separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 30 square centimeters (4.65
- 245 sq. in.) each, measured as worn, shall be permitted.
- 246 (2) **Caps** — A total of ~~two~~ three separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 20 square centimeters (3.1 sq. in.)
- 247 each, as measured as applied, shall be permitted. A club logo is not considered as advertising and is not subject
- 248 to the size limitations.
- 249 (3) **Goggles** — A total of ~~two~~ three separate advertising logos of a maximum size of 6 square centimeters (.9 sq. in.)
- 250 each, as measured as applied, shall be permitted, but only on the spectacle frame or band.
- 251 B Body advertising in the form of temporary tattoos or other embellishments is not allowed.
- 252 C Advertising for the following shall not be allowed:
- 253 (1) Products involving tobacco, nicotine, psychoactive cannabinoids, alcohol or pharmaceuticals containing
- 254 substances banned under IOC or FINA rules;
- 255 (2) Political statements; and
- 256 (3) Any products or services that would be counter to the values of the sport or bring disrepute to USA Swimming.
- 257 D Swimmers in violation of the above provisions may be barred from the competition venue until they comply. However,
- 258 any swimmer who competes in an event wearing swimwear in violation of these advertising provisions shall not be
- 259 subject to disqualification.

R-9	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 260 **Location:** Page 65 – **202.8 Requirements for Observed Swims**
- 261 **Proposed by:** Times & Recognition Committee
- 262 **Purpose:** To allow certified USA Swimming or YMCA officials to observe swims in LSC meets authorized for
- 263 observation from positions other than the end of the pool.
- 264 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 265 **202.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS** — Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming or YMCA
- 266 officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Official
- 267 times achieved as observed swims may be submitted for entry into the SWIMS database if all of the following conditions are met:
- 268 .1-.3 [no changes]
- 269 .4 Where the technical rules of the stroke differ from USA Swimming as defined in Article 101, at least two observers from
- 270 USA Swimming and/or the YMCA, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or approved by the LSC, must be
- 271 ~~present, one at each end of the course, on deck and in position to observe the strokes where the rules differ, in order to~~
- 272 verify compliance of the swim or swims with that part of the USA Swimming rule that differs from the organization's rule.
- 273 Where the technical rules as listed in Article 101 are identical to those of the organization under whose rules the meet is
- 274 being conducted, the judgment of the organization officials shall be sufficient. The times should be entered, upon request,
- 275 into SWIMS, the National Times Database.

R-10	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 276 **Location:** Page 70 – **204.10 USA Swimming Futures Championships**
- 277 Page 74 – **207.2 USA Swimming U.S. Open Championships**
- 278 Page 75 – **207.3 USA Swimming National Championships and Open Water Championships**
- 279 Page 75 – **207.4 USA Swimming Junior National Championships**
- 280 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee
- 281 **Purpose:** To align with current practices.
- 282 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

283 **204.10 USA SWIMMING FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The USA Swimming Futures Championships shall be governed by
284 USA Swimming and conducted by the Program & Events Committee.

285 .1-3 [no changes]

286 **207.2 USA SWIMMING U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The USA Swimming U.S. Open Championships shall be governed
287 by the ~~Senior Development Committee~~ USA Swimming and conducted by the Program & Events Committee. All USA Swimming
288 member athletes who have achieved the qualifying time standards for one or more specific events are eligible to participate. The
289 meet shall be conducted in years designated by the National Team Managing Director.

290 **207.3 USA SWIMMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The USA Swimming
291 National Championship meets and Open Water Championship meets shall be governed by USA Swimming and conducted by
292 the Program & Events Committee. All USA Swimming member-athletes who have achieved the qualifying time standards for one
293 or more specific events are eligible to participate.

294 If the following USA Swimming team selection trials are held in conjunction with the USA Swimming National Championships,
295 only United States citizens eligible to represent the United States in international competition will be allowed to compete in the A
296 (championship) finals from which team selections are chosen: Pan American Games Trials and Pan Pacific Championship Trials.
297 Foreign swimmers may compete in all relays, but in individual preliminary events and ~~B and C~~ (consolation and bonus) finals
298 only. When the selection of more than one of the above teams necessitates picking swimmers from beyond eighth (8th) place in
299 a specific event, this rule also applies to the ~~B and C~~ (consolation and bonus) final(s) in that event. Finals will be seeded
300 accordingly.

301 **207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The USA Swimming Junior National Championship meet
302 shall be governed by USA Swimming and conducted by the Program & Events Committee.

303 .1-3 [no changes]

R-11	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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304 **Location:** Page 70 – **204.10 USA Swimming Futures Championships**

305 **Proposed by:** Senior Development Committee

306 **Purpose:** To allow the Senior Development Committee and USA Swimming's National Event Director the ability to
307 schedule Futures as seen best for the athletes.

308 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

309 **204.10 USA SWIMMING FUTURES CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The USA Swimming Futures Championships shall be governed
310 and conducted by the Program & Events Committee.

311 .1 The Futures Championships will be swum long course during the summer season. The dates, place of competition and
312 number of competitions to be held will be determined by the Senior Development Committee based on the
313 recommendations of USA Swimming's National Events staff.

314 ~~.2~~ The meets should be scheduled to be held during the same week as the USA Swimming Junior National Championships.

315 ~~.3~~ 2 LSCs will be assigned to a specific Futures meet based upon the recommendation from the Senior Development
316 Committee.

R-12	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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317 **Location:** Page 78 – **205.9 National Age Group Recognition Program**

318 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee

319 **Purpose:** To allow flexibility when providing awards for fastest reported national age group times in individual and relays
320 events.

321 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

322 **205.9 NATIONAL AGE GROUP RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

- 323 .1-.7 [no changes]
- 324 .8 Each swimmer achieving the fastest reported time in each individual event and each member of the relay team achieving the
325 fastest time in a relay event shall be awarded an appropriate certificate and an emblem, pin or similar memento by USA
326 Swimming. ~~Other awards will be determined and announced to the LSCs by the Program & Events Committee Chair or~~
327 ~~designee.~~

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- 328 **Location:** Page 76 – **207.8 Entry Forms and Meet Announcement**
- 329 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee
- 330 **Purpose:** To align with current practice of entries submitted via OME (Online Meet Entry).
- 331 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

332 **207.8 ENTRY FORMS AND MEET ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 333 .1 The ~~entry forms and~~ meet announcement shall be prepared under joint direction of the Program & Events Committee Chair
334 or designee, ~~the Rules Chair,~~ the Meet Director, and the President/Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee(s).
- 335 .2 The meet announcement shall state qualifying times and procedures necessary for proof of entry times. (See 207.6 and
336 207.7) For a USA Swimming Championship meet, the President/CEO or his/her designee may permit bonus events. For
337 each qualifying time achieved in an individual event, additional bonus events may be allowed. Requirements for bonus
338 events will be specified in the meet announcement.

R-14	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 339 **Location:** Page 77 – **207.10 Programs**
- 340 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee
- 341 **Purpose:** To align with current practice for International Programs.
- 342 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

343 **207.10 PROGRAMS**

- 344 .1 [no changes]
- 345 .2 ~~International Program — Upon the recommendation~~ ~~At the discretion~~ of the National Team Managing Director ~~with the~~
346 ~~approval of the Program & Events Committee Chair,~~ the USA Swimming National Championships may be conducted in a
347 format with the order of events simulating the World Championship or Olympic program. The men's 800 and women's 1500-
348 freestyle may be included in this format. All relays shall be conducted on a timed finals basis with all heats swum in the
349 finals session.

R-15	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 350 **Location:** Page 78 – **207.11 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships**
- 351 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee
- 352 **Purpose:** To align with current practice regarding the General Meeting.
- 353 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 354 **207.11 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The administrative rules for the conduct of
355 the National Championships and Open Water Championships are specified herein. Additional rules for Open Water
356 Championships are listed in Article 704.
- 357 .1 **General Meeting**
- 358 A A general meeting, chaired by the Program & Events Committee Chair or designee, shall be held at all USA Swimming

- 359 championship meets prior to the first day's competition. The Meet Referee, all participating coaches, and
 360 representatives of each participating club are ~~obligated to attend or be represented at this meeting~~ responsible for all
 361 information disseminated at the meeting.
- 362 B Only business pertinent to the administrative conduct of that championship meet and its events may be considered and
 363 finalized at this meeting by a vote of those in attendance and no changes shall be made thereafter.
- 364 C It is the obligation of every swimmer entered in the meet to attend or be represented at this meeting and to become
 365 acquainted with the changes, if any, and the decisions made at this meeting.

R-16	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 366 **Location:** Page 78 – **207.11 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships**
- 367 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
- 368 **Purpose:** To align with current practice regarding scratch rule.
- 369 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 370 **207.11 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The administrative rules for the conduct of
 371 the National Championships and Open Water Championships are specified herein. Additional rules for Open Water
 372 Championships are listed in Article 704.
- 373 .1 - .5 [no changes]
- 374 **.6 Scratch Procedures**
- 375 A – D [no changes]
- 376 E Exceptions for Failure to compete — No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual
 377 event if:
- 378 (1) The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
- 379 (2) A swimmer qualifying for a C, B, or A (bonus or consolation final or) final race based upon the results of the
 380 preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that race
 381 that they may not intend to compete and further declares their final intentions within thirty (30) minutes
 382 following their last individual preliminary event.
- 383 (3) It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the
 384 swimmer.
- 385 (4) The swimmer pays a re-entry fee for each preliminary event in which he or she failed to compete. The re-
 386 entry fee shall be established by the National Team Steering Committee and the Program & Events
 387 Committee Chair or designee and published in the meet announcement.
- 388 F Notwithstanding the provisions of 207.11.6, the scratch procedures for a selection meet for the United States teams for the
 389 Olympic Games, the FINA World Championships, the Pan Pacific Championships, the Pan American Games or the World
 390 University Games shall be established by the National Team Steering Committee and the Program & Events Committee
 391 Chair or designee.

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- 392 **Location:** Page 78 – **207.11 Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships**
- 393 **Proposed by:** Program & Events Committee
- 394 **Purpose:** Remove from the Rulebook as conduct of distance and relay events should be covered in the meet
 395 announcement.
- 396 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 397 **207.11 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS** — The administrative rules for the conduct of
 398 the National Championships and Open Water Championships are specified herein. Additional rules for Open Water

399 Championships are listed in Article 704.

400 .1-7 [no changes]

401 ~~.8 **Finals**—Except for the relay events, the 1000 and 1650-yard and 800 and 1500-meter freestyle events, there shall be C, B,~~
402 ~~and A (bonus, consolation and championship) final heats, with the consolation heats preceding the championship heat, in both~~
403 ~~short course and long course National Championships. The order of final heats for each meet shall be approved by the Program~~
404 ~~& Events Committee Chair or designee.~~

R-18	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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405 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
406 Page 96 – **Article 305 Athlete Protection Policies**

407 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

408 **Purpose:** To align USA Swimming Rules with U.S. Center for SafeSport required Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention
409 Policies and direct resolution to the local level.

410 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

411 **Effective Date:** Immediately

412 304.3 CODE OF CONDUCT

413 .1-2 [no changes]

414 .3 ~~Repeated violations of any of the Athlete Protection~~ Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies set forth in Article 305 [see
415 page ___].

416 **ARTICLE 305**

417 **MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION PROTECTION POLICIES**

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

419 **305.1**—~~Inappropriate touching between an athlete and an adult non-athlete member or Participating Non-Member (as defined~~
420 ~~in 401.1) is prohibited, including, but not limited to, excessive touching, hugging, kissing, and having an athlete sit on a non-~~
421 ~~family member adult's lap.~~

422 **305.2**—~~Any inappropriate sexual conduct or advance, or other inappropriate oral, written, visual, or physical conduct of a~~
423 ~~sexual nature at any time, past or present toward any person under the age of eighteen (18) by (i) a coach member or other non-~~
424 ~~athlete member, or (ii) any other adult participating in any capacity whatsoever in the activities of USA Swimming (whether such~~
425 ~~adult is a member or not) is prohibited.~~

426 **305.3**—~~Any rubdown or massage performed on an athlete by any adult member or Participating Non-Member, excluding the~~
427 ~~spouse, parent, guardian, sibling, or personal assistant of such athlete, is prohibited unless such adult is a licensed massage~~
428 ~~therapist or other certified professional. Any rubdown or massage performed at a swim venue by a licensed professional must be~~
429 ~~conducted in open/public locations and must never be done with only the athlete and licensed massage therapist in the room.~~
430 ~~Even if a coach is a licensed massage therapist, the coach shall not perform a rubdown or massage of an athlete under any~~
431 ~~circumstances.~~

432 **305.4**—~~Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms~~
433 ~~or locker rooms.~~

434 **305.5**—~~Employees and volunteers of USA Swimming, Zones, LSCs and member clubs who interact directly and frequently~~
435 ~~with athletes as a regular part of their duties and individuals with any ownership interest in a member club must be non-athlete~~
436 ~~members of USA Swimming and satisfactorily complete criminal background checks as required by USA Swimming. This does~~
437 ~~not apply to volunteers such as timers, marshals, computer operators, etc., who only have limited contact with athletes during a~~
438 ~~meet. Any individual who is banned, currently suspended or ineligible for membership is prohibited from serving as a timer,~~
439 ~~marshal, or computer operator, or otherwise being on deck at any time in connection with a USA Swimming activity.~~

440 **305.6—TRAVEL**

441 .1—~~Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete unless the coach~~
442 ~~is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete.~~

- 443 ~~.2 Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-~~
444 ~~required criminal background check.~~
- 445 ~~.3 When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parent's (or legal guardian's)~~
446 ~~written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach.~~
- 447 ~~.4 Clubs and LSCs shall develop their own travel policies. USA Swimming will provide a model club travel policy as an~~
448 ~~example. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with~~
449 ~~the club.~~
- 450 **305.7 1** Clubs shall establish their own action plans for implementing USA Swimming's anti-bullying policy the Minor Athlete
451 Abuse Prevention Policies (see page ____). USA Swimming shall provide a model plan as an example which shall serve as the
452 default for any club that fails to establish its own plan. Club anti-bullying plans must be reviewed and agreed to annually by all
453 athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of the club.
- 454 **305.8 2** Clubs shall establish their own ~~electronic communication/social media~~ anti-bullying policy. USA Swimming shall
455 provide a model policy as an example, which shall serve as the default for any club that fails to establish its own policy. Club
456 ~~electronic communication~~ anti-bullying policies should be reviewed and agreed to annually by all athletes, parents, coaches and
457 other non-athlete members of the club.

R-19	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 458 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
- 459 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
- 460 **Purpose:** To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and U.S. Center for SafeSport Code
461 regarding failure to report as the Center has exclusive jurisdiction of the matter.
- 462 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 463 **Effective Date:** Immediately
- 464 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:
- 465 ***Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review***
- 466 .1-.3 [no changes]
- 467 ~~.4 Violation of any of the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements set forth in Article 306 or the Prohibitions against~~
468 ~~Retaliation for Good Faith Reporting of Abuse set forth in Article 307.~~
- 469 [re-number remaining and appropriate references]

R-20	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 470 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
- 471 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
- 472 **Purpose:** To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and USA Swimming Criminal
473 Background Check Policy.
- 474 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approvals.*
- 475 **Effective Date:** Immediately
- 476 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:
- 477 ***Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review***
- 478 .1-.5 [no changes]
- 479 ~~.6 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the~~
480 ~~existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony or (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to~~
481 ~~distribute illegal drugs or substances.~~

482 [re-number remaining]

R-21	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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483 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
484 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
485 **Purpose:** To delete redundant language between USA Swimming Code of Conduct and U.S. Center for SafeSport Code
486 regarding aiding and abetting as the Center has exclusive jurisdiction over the matter.
487 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
488 **Effective Date:** Immediately
489 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:
490 **Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review**
491 .1-10 [no changes]
492 ~~.11 For any USA Swimming member club or coach to knowingly:~~
493 ~~A allow any person who has been sanctioned with a membership suspension by the Center for SafeSport or USA~~
494 ~~Swimming to coach or instruct any of its athlete members,~~
495 ~~B aid or abet coaching or instruction of athletes by any person who has been sanctioned with a membership suspension~~
496 ~~by the Center for SafeSport or USA Swimming or~~
497 ~~C allow any person who has been sanctioned with a membership suspension by the Center for SafeSport or USA~~
498 ~~Swimming to have an ownership interest in such USA Swimming club or its related entities.~~
499 [re-number remaining and appropriate references]

R-22	WITHDRAWN PENDING APPROVAL OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES						
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500 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
501 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:
502 **Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review**
503 .1-12 [no changes]
504 ~~.13 Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed~~
505 ~~towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming~~
506 ~~sanctioned competition.~~
507 [re-number remaining]

R-23	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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508 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**
509 Page 100 – **(new) 403.2 Jurisdiction of the National Board of Review**
510 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors
511 **Purpose:** To direct resolution of team conflict to the local level and provide NBOR with jurisdiction over appeals arising
512 from LSC Affiliation Agreements and National Team Honor Codes.
513 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
514 **Effective Date:** Immediately
515 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

516 **Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review**

517 .1-14 [no changes]

518 ~~.15 Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming, any Zone or LSC team authority.~~

519 [re-number remaining]

520 **403.2 JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW**

521 .1 **Original and Exclusive Jurisdiction** — The National Board of Review has original and exclusive jurisdiction to hear:

522 A-E [no changes]

523 F Any appeal initiated pursuant to adverse action taken by the USA Swimming Board of Directors against an LSC for
524 alleged violations of an LSC Affiliation Agreement.

525 G Any appeal initiated pursuant to adverse action taken against an athlete for alleged violations of the applicable USA
526 Swimming Honor Code.

R-24	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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527 **Location:** Page 94 – **Article 304 Code of Conduct**

528 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

529 **Purpose:** To omit consideration of image or reputation in the assessment of potential bad acts.

530 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*

531 **Effective Date:** Immediately

532 **304.3** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

533 **Measures to be adjudicated by the USA Swimming National Board of Review**

534 .1-15 [no changes]

535 .16 Any other material and intentional act, conduct or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to ~~the image or~~
536 ~~reputation of~~ USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.

R-25	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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537 **Location:** Page 97 – **Article 306 Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements**

538 **Proposed by:** Board of Directors

539 **Purpose:** To update reporting requirements consistent with federal law.

540 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee has postponed a recommendation pending further clarification from*
541 *proposer.*

542 **Effective Date:** Immediately

543 **ARTICLE 306**

544 **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

545 **306.1** Pursuant to federal law, it is every member's responsibility to ~~promptly~~ immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any
546 incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, ~~regarding sexual misconduct by a member as described in the~~
547 ~~SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport.~~
548 Reporting (720-531-0340) must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible
549 information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. Various state laws may also require reporting to law
550 enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.

551 **306.2** Filing a knowingly false allegation of child abuse and sexual misconduct is prohibited and may violate state criminal law
552 and civil defamation laws. Any person making a knowingly false allegation of sexual misconduct shall be subject to disciplinary
553 action by USA Swimming.

R-26	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 554 **Location:** Page 135 – (new) **701.1 Events/Meets**
- 555 **Proposed by:** Open Water Committee
- 556 **Purpose:** To update current wetsuit rules.
- 557 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee has postponed a recommendation pending further clarification from*
- 558 *proposer.*
- 559 **701.1 EVENTS/MEETS**
- 560 .1 Recommended individual events are listed in 102.1.3.
- 561 .2 **Wetsuit Events: 5k and greater** — For open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20°C (68°F),
- 562 men and women may use either swimsuits or wetsuits. When the water temperature is below 18°C (64.4°F), the use of
- 563 wetsuits is compulsory.
- 564 .3 **Wetsuit Events: less than 5k** — For open water swimming competitions in water with temperature below 20°C (68°F),
- 565 men and women may use either swimsuits or wetsuits.
- 566 .3.4 **Team Events** — Team events may be conducted in various formats concurrently with individual events, with the results
- 567 achieved in the individual event used to compute the team scoring as announced in the meet announcement.

R-27	ACTION:	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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- 568 **Location:** Page 135 – (new) **701.2 Eligibility**
- 569 **Proposed by:** Open Water Committee
- 570 **Purpose:** To align with FINA as selection for junior international open water competition is determined by the swimmer's
- 571 age as of December 31.
- 572 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee has postponed a recommendation pending further clarification from*
- 573 *proposer.*
- 574 **701.2 ELIGIBILITY** – Age for Open Water Zone Championships shall be determined by the swimmer's age as of December
- 575 31 of that year.
- 576 [re-number remaining]

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- 577 **Location:** Page 46 – (new) **103.5 /LSC/ Pool and Bulkhead Marking**
- 578 **Proposed by:** Rules & Regulations Committee
- 579 **Purpose:** To move adopted language from the 2018 House of Delegates to the appropriate article.
- 580 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Regulations Committee recommends approval.*
- 581 **103.5 /LSC/ POOL AND BULKHEAD MARKINGS**
- 582 .1 - .2 [no changes]
- 583 .3 **/M/ 15 Meter Markings:** Fixed distinctive marks shall be placed on either the pool wall or deck surface adjacent to any
- 584 outside lane at a distance of 15 meters from each end wall of the course. These marks should also be used to correctly
- 585 align the distinctive floats on the lane dividers, but the fixed marks on the deck or walls take precedence for judging.
- 586 [re-number remaining]
- 587 **103.16 /M/ FLOATING LANE DIVIDERS AND MARKINGS**
- 588 .1 Floating lane dividers shall extend the full length of the course and shall be attached at each end wall with recessed anchors

- 589 so located that the center line of the cable securing the dividers shall be on the surface of the water with the bottom half
590 uniformly submerged for its entire length. They shall:
- 591 A Separate the racing lanes.
- 592 B /LSC/ Be outside the outermost lanes being used.
- 593 .2 Dividers shall consist of contiguous floats having a minimum diameter of 5 centimeters (2 inches) to a maximum diameter of
594 15 centimeters (6 inches). The color of the floats extending from the walls the distance of 5 meters for long course and short
595 course meters and 15 feet for short course yards shall be distinct from the rest of the floats. Distinctive colored floats, or
596 markers extending around the full circumference of the floats, shall be placed at 15-meters (49 feet 2-1/2 inches) from each
597 end wall in both short course and long course pools. ~~A fixed mark shall be placed on any wall or the deck adjacent to an
598 outside lane to correctly align the 15 meter buoys for judging underwater starts/turn distances. The mark on the wall or deck
599 will be considered the default marking for officiating purposes.~~ Additionally, in long course pools, a distinctive warning line or
600 lane markers may be placed at a distance of 13 meters from each end wall. Damaged or broken floats shall be removed
601 and/or replaced, to the extent possible.

RESOLUTION
REGARDING USA SWIMMING CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2020 for the 2021 Membership Year

"WHEREAS, we desire that the United States continue to be recognized as the #1 swimming nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming desires to continue to be recognized as being among the flagship National Governing Bodies in the U.S. Olympic Committee's family of sports; and

WHEREAS, the current fee schedule for USA Swimming clubs is set at \$70 per membership year; and

WHEREAS, club membership fees have been a funding source for USA Swimming's successful efforts over the past decade to meet the objectives of Building the Base, Promoting the Sport, and Achieving Sustained Competitive Success in International Competition; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming's club membership fees have not been adjusted for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, USA Swimming also seeks to continue the expansion of its programs, services and support for clubs, including Safe Sport and insurance;

WHEREAS, the USA Swimming Board of Directors has approved the proposal to increase club membership fees to the following levels beginning with the 2021 membership year:

- For existing clubs from \$70 to \$250
- For new, first-year clubs only, from \$70 to \$500
- For seasonal clubs from \$40 to \$70

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the USA Swimming House of Delegates approve a fee increase for annual club members beginning in the 2021 membership year."

**CHANGES TO CORPORATE BYLAWS OF USA SWIMMING
AS AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
[Informational Only]**

2.6 PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

- .1 A Coach member of USA Swimming must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Junior Coach members must be age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17).
- .2 All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks ~~and athlete protection education~~ as required by USA Swimming. The criminal background check requirement is waived for Junior Coach members.
- .3 All adult members of USA Swimming, including athletes, and junior coach members must have satisfactorily completed athlete protection education as required by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- .3.4 All clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in practices and USA Swimming sanctioned competition are members of USA Swimming.
- .4.5 All referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, and stroke and turn judges must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
- .6 Employees and volunteers of USA Swimming, Zones, 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. This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, marshals, computer operators, etc., who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet; however, any individual who is banned, currently suspended or ineligible for membership is prohibited from serving as a timer, marshal, or computer operator, or otherwise being on deck at any time in connection with a USA Swimming activity.

[re-number remaining]

4.2 VOTING BOARD MEMBERS shall be as listed herein; a minimum of one individual from each zone's geographic area shall be maintained among the members who are elected by the House of Delegates; a minimum of three coaches shall be maintained, inclusive of the Chair of the National Team Steering Committee.

.1-.2 [no changes]

- .3 Three "athlete representatives" (as defined in the then-current USOC Bylaws) directly elected by the Athletes Committee athletes who meet the same standards as an "athlete representative" shall be voting members.