



USA Swimming National Disability Committee



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Minutes of Conference Call – June 28th, 2018

Disability Committee Mission Statement: *USA Swimming encourages people with disabilities to participate in the sport of swimming and facilitates their inclusion in USA Swimming programs through education and collaboration. We seek to involve people with disabilities in existing competitions and programs for all swimmers, rather than provide unique disability-only opportunities.*

Attendees: Mark Rieniets (Chair),
Randy Julian (Staff liaison),
Paul Stockett
Jim Peterfish
Linda Conger
Haley Beranbaum (Athlete)
Jon Larson,

Absent: Bob Welch
Tharon Drake (Athlete),
John Loria
Tom Franke,

1. Agenda for convention
 - a. The flyer developed by John Loria for convention workshop was discussed and approved, with minor changes to some of the bolding
 - b. Once corrected Randy to forward to relevant people to be posted on the convention site
2. Motivational time
 - a. Need to add a Sectional meet standard to the existing (Linda Conger)
 - b. Draft presentation for committee workshop to be prepared and distributed to committee for review (Bob & Jim)
3. Education sub-committee/Task force
 - a. Construction of Para 101 has begun
 - b. Task force located resources developed by the Adaptive Swimming Committee around 2001. This material will be reviewed, updated and included as appropriate.
 - c. Flowchart for progression of an adaptive swimmer is still being reviewed/updated (Jon Larson)
4. Officials Trifold for Rule 105
 - a. Sent to committee for review and feedback
 - b. Question was raised about using the USA-S logo Randy to check.
5. Awards at Convention
 - a. John Loria will send a blast email out to all LSC Disability chairs reminding them about nominations
 - b. Linda will go back through nominations for last 5 years for the service award to find nominations who did not receive the award and forward to committee members for consideration



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- c. Nominations for Athlete award will close on August 17, to allow Para Pan Pac performances from Australia meet to be considered.

Post conference call update

A task force was formed by USA-S to examine the possibility of including Para Meet times for USA-S registered athletes into SWIMS. Minutes from the task force are attached below



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Task Force for Addition of Paralympic Times to SWIMS

Conference Call Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 2 p.m. MDT

Attending: Suzanne Heath, Larry Herr, Madison Lash, Mike Stromberg, Julie Dusliere, Tim Husson

1. Welcome and Introductions – Suzanne Heath, TF Chair
2. Request for PARA data entry overview – Julie Dusliere, Vice President, Paralympics
 - A. Julie and Queenie Nichols, Director High Performance, Paralympic Swimming, have received many requests from Paralympic athletes who are USA Swimming members and their coaches, to be able to get member athlete times from PARA meets into SWIMS so that they could use those times to enter LSC and Sectional meets.
 - B. Since Paralympic Swimming uses the WPS (World Para Swimming) rules which are the same as the Fina Technical Rules, the times swum would be considered official for USA Swimming purposes.
3. Identification of meets for data entry – Julie
 - A. Approximately 6-12 meets a year are run by U.S. Paralympics. These meets, which are listed on the Paralympic website and are run under PARA rules, are the only meets that would be loaded into SWIMS.
 - B. Queenie Nichols and her staff would provide education to athletes and coaches as to the meets to be loaded, and the process to include the need for the USA-S ID numbers for member athletes.
 - C. The calendar of PARA meets to be loaded will be provided to Tim Husson on January 1st of each year. There may be a few additional meets added during the year.
4. How to manage the data transfer from Paralympics to USA Swimming for entry – Tim and Larry
 - A. U.S Paralympics will manage the meet results as follows:
 - (1) Process the results file from MM for the World Paralympics for use in rankings by classification
 - (2) Create a separate MM back-up for USA Swimming data entry to SWIMS. This back-up will include ID numbers for member athletes (no classifications will be utilized for USA Swimming purposes).
 - (3) Within 7 days, the back-up for SWIMS will be sent to the T & R Committee designee, who will export the times to a HY3 or CL2 file for uploading to SWIMS. T & R chair, Tim Husson, will provide the individual's name and email address to U.S. Paralympics. The PARA meets will be loaded into SWIMS within 48 hours of receipt of the backup file.

NOTE: A file from a recent PARA meet in the preferred format, including USA ID numbers, will be sent to Tim and to Larry Herr to upload as a test meet in the staging environment.



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5. Policy Manual Update
 - A. Suzanne will send a proposed addition to the manual to Tim Husson for editing and Suzanne will send the final proposal to the task force. Once the task force has approved the proposal, Tim will present it to the T & R Committee for approval. The approved policy proposal will be sent to Dan McAllen, Vice Chair of Program Operations for USA Swimming, by August 20th for inclusion on the USA-S Board agenda for approval at their September meeting.
 - B. In the interim between July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019, if there are PARA meets where we can load times for member swimmers, Tim Husson will load those times.
6. Follow-up Meeting – as soon as we have a proposed policy, Suzanne will send it to the task force and convene a brief conference call meeting to discuss any recommendations for changes. The policy will then be sent to Jay Thomas for his approval before sending to Dan McAllen.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Heath
July 13, 2018



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Minutes from Coaches Education Task Force