



USA Swimming National Disability Committee



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Minutes of Conference Call – May 25, 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),
John Loria
Paul Stockett
Jim Peterfish
Linda Conger

Absent: Bob Welch
Tharon Drake (Athlete),
Haley Beranbaum (Athlete)
Jon Larson,
Tom Franke,

1. Rule book change for sanctions
 - a. Rule book changes for use of the Paralympic name sent to Rule and Regs No update at this time
2. Agenda for convention
 - a. Motivation times was selected as the major topic for convention workshop
 - b. Presentation for history, trials and benefits and target audience
 - c. Blast out to the General hairs, Disability Chairs and LSC offices
 - d. Jon Loria to draft a letter and circulate it to the committee
3. Motivational time
 - a. Need to add a Sectional meet standard to the existing
 - b. Draft presentation for committee (Bob & Jim)
4. Education sub-committee
 - a. 2 meetings/conference calls so far
 - b. Have identified initial target audience
 - c. First education material will be a Para 101 which will cover
 - i. Disability swimming
 - ii. Committees
 - iii. Target audience will be the broader community
 - iv. Long term looking at the USA-S Learn platform for a course
 - v. Targeting the trifold for Rule 105 pamphlet (See below)
 1. Why is it there and what does it cover
 - vi. Developing a survey to find out what people don't know so educational resources can be developed to cover those topics
 - vii. Next task force conference call will June 14 (Minutes from previous calls below)



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5. Items send today from Jim Peterfish
 - a. Sent committee a draft copy of the survey for meet follow up
 - b. Pamphlet trifold card for officials addressing rule 105
 - c. Target to finalize pamphlet for Ohio JO championship for distribution of final pamphlet

6. Leap
 - a. Jon Lori is reviewing Leap levels for LSC's
 - b. Appears the best approach is to request a Disability Chair in Level 1 to gain points
 - c. To get Level 2 add a requirement for a permanent LSC Disability Chair
 - d. Items for discussion at the convention business meeting



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Minutes from Coaches Education Task Force

Conference Calls

1. April 17th, 2018
2. May 10th, 2018

Summary

The task force has decided to take the approach of trying to create small and basic materials, a.k.a. “Low-Hanging Fruit” first before investigating the need for outside consultants and designing our own courses for USA Swimming Learn. This was decided in the first call as well as a few objectives and projects for everyone to work on. The second call was a status update on these projects and some brainstorming.

Action Items

1. PARA 101 Powerpoint course-Similar to D&I 101 and Safe Sport 101 but not aimed at Disability chairs but having it available for everyone.
2. A flow chart of what to do and who to contact as a new disabled swimmer entering the sport and looking for a club/path through the sport.
3. A Rule 105 pamphlet to help educate officials and coaches on this rule for accommodating swimmers with disabilities.
4. A survey for all disability chairs to take to gain data as well as contacts because we don't know what they don't know until we ask.

Next Conference Call

1. June 14th, 2018