



USA Swimming National Disability Committee



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Minutes of Conference Call – June 20, 2019

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), Tom Franke,
Randy Julian (Staff liaison), Jim Peterfish
Amanda Pope Tharon Drake (Athlete)
Caroline Holmes (Athlete)

Absent: Paul Stockett Jon Larson,
Bob Welch,

1. USA Swimming Coaches Webinar
 - Randy reported the Disability has been added to the agenda for the USA Swimming Coaches webinar on July 10th at 10am MT
 - Topics were discussed and a decision was made to present the Motivational Times standards for this event.
 - Jim Peterfish was volunteered to present a modified version of the presentation he gave at convention for this webinar.
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2. Annual Awards
 - Randy reported that the awards nomination forms have been updated and posted on the web site for 2019.
 - Randy distributed a list of nominations for the Disability Service Award from previous years and suggested that perhaps the committee should review the nominations that were not successful as they were many solid candidates among them.
 - A decision was made to not actively solicit nominations for 2019 and the committee will review the previous nominations for a candidate for the Service Award this year.
 - Randy will reach out to Linda Conger to see if she is prepared to examine the times for 2018/2019 and determine the automatic candidates for Athlete and Coach of the year.
3. Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy.
 - Discussion was continued from the last conference call concerning the MAAPP program that has been adopted by USA Swimming.
 - Randy confirmed that the athlete's reps on the committee who are minors must not receive any electronic communication after 8pm their local time.
 - Randy has the parents phone numbers in case a requirement arises for urgent communication with our athlete rep during the 8pm to 8am blackout period,



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- A number of questions have been submitted to the Safe Sport representative regarding the online course and the inability of athletes with Cognitive impairments to be able to complete this. No update has been received at this time.
4. Template wording for Meet information
 - Jim Peterfish distributed a draft document to the committee containing proposed draft wording to be sent out to the LSC's for including in Zone and Sectional meets packets. Jim asked the committee to review the documents and provide feedback to him ASAP.
 5. Convention workshop
 - Amanda reported that she has completed the presentation deck that she will be using for the 2019 convention workshop on including athletes with Autism.
 - Amanda presented the deck at the Eastern Zone meeting and received very positive feedback regarding the relevance and the material covered.
 - Next step is to provide Randy with a presentation topic and brief bio for the workshop that can be included in the Convention material and posted on the web site.
 6. Motivation Times
 - Discussion was held regarding the Motivational Times and the fact that they are due to be updated in 2020 for the next quadrennial.
 - After discussion on how to gauge if the times are correct, Randy volunteer to explore if a data extract from the SWIMS database that showed the records times for all athletes with a Disability could be made available.
 - Tharon volunteered to start looking at these times and comparing them to the Motivational times to determine if they were achieving the required outcome.
 7. Combined USA Swimming/U.S. Paralympics Swimming Workshop
 - Randy reported that the combined USA Swimming/U.S. Paralympics Coaches workshop has been requested for the weekend of November 12through 15, 2020.
 - The USA Swimming budget has been approved for this workshop, and U.S. Paralympics Swimming has committed to provide National Level coaching staff and an internationally certified World Para Swimming Intellection Impairment classifier for presentations.
 - Randy has not yet received confirmation for the 50 beds he requested at the Olympic Training Center campus in Colorado Springs.
 - Final agenda and times will be determined once the final date has been confirmed.
 8. Post Call Update
 - Randy provided the data extract from the SWIMS database for 2017 & 2017 calendar years. Refer Appendix I of the minutes for a brief analysis of the data objects



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APPENDIX I – 2018/2018 swim by Athletes register with a Disability

Total Swims by Event		
Event	Course	Swims
100 BK (LCM)	LCM	751
100 BR (LCM)	LCM	627
100 FL (LCM)	LCM	483
100 FR (LCM)	LCM	945
1500 FR (LCM)	LCM	95
200 BK (LCM)	LCM	324
200 BR (LCM)	LCM	268
200 FL (LCM)	LCM	137
200 FR (LCM)	LCM	636
200 IM (LCM)	LCM	503
400 FR (LCM)	LCM	360
400 IM (LCM)	LCM	169
50 BK (LCM)	LCM	529
50 BR (LCM)	LCM	424
50 FL (LCM)	LCM	401
50 FR (LCM)	LCM	1004
800 FR (LCM)	LCM	111
100 BK (SCM)	SCM	37
100 BR (SCM)	SCM	30
100 FL (SCM)	SCM	22
100 FR (SCM)	SCM	55
100 IM (SCM)	SCM	23
1500 FR (SCM)	SCM	1
200 BK (SCM)	SCM	8
200 BR (SCM)	SCM	10
200 FL (SCM)	SCM	2

200 FR (SCM)	SCM	28
200 IM (SCM)	SCM	22
400 FR (SCM)	SCM	8
400 IM (SCM)	SCM	2
50 BK (SCM)	SCM	46
50 BR (SCM)	SCM	35
50 FL (SCM)	SCM	33
50 FR (SCM)	SCM	95
800 FR (SCM)	SCM	2
100 BK (SCY)	SCY	1270
100 BR (SCY)	SCY	1076
100 FL (SCY)	SCY	777
100 FR (SCY)	SCY	1699
100 IM (SCY)	SCY	697
1000 FR (SCY)	SCY	141
1650 FR (SCY)	SCY	121
200 BK (SCY)	SCY	507
200 BR (SCY)	SCY	459
200 FL (SCY)	SCY	230
200 FR (SCY)	SCY	1115
200 IM (SCY)	SCY	830
400 IM (SCY)	SCY	273
50 BK (SCY)	SCY	1214
50 BR (SCY)	SCY	847
50 FL (SCY)	SCY	773
50 FR (SCY)	SCY	1927
500 FR (SCY)	SCY	555



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Total Swims by Course	
Course	Swims
LCM	7,767
SCM	459
SCY	14,511

Swims by Year	
Year	Swims
2017	5,229
2018	17,508
	22,737

Swimmers by Year	
Year	Swimmers
2017	1,499
2018	1,981
	3,480

Swimmers in Both Yrs
1,223

Athletes by Disability		
Disability	Athletes	%
Blind	576	25.52%
Blind, Cognitive	13	0.58%
Blind, Deaf	14	0.62%
Blind, Deaf, Cognitive	2	0.09%
Blind, Deaf, Physical	4	0.18%
Blind, Deaf, Physical, Cognitive	1	0.04%
Blind, Physical	10	0.44%
Blind, Physical, Cognitive	1	0.04%
Cognitive	1070	47.41%
Physical	538	23.84%
Physical, Cognitive	28	1.24%

Totals	Swims
Minimum swims by each Athlete	1
Maximum swims by each Athlete	42
Average swims by each Athlete	10