



Senior Development Committee Minutes

Conference Call, September 10, 2020

Allison Beebe (chair), Todd Capen, Mary Liston (Operations Committee), Kevin Milak (AG Development), Alan Pfau, Norm Wright, Morgan Cordle, and Shawn Smith

Absent: Bob Bowman (Steering), Mark Weber, Chris Natoli and Grace Ariola

USA Swimming staff: Jaime Lewis, Patrick Murphy, Brendan Hansen, Matt Barbini, Kelsey Floyd, and Larry Herr.

- Approval of August 20th minutes- m/s/a.
- Futures Advisory Group Recap
 - The group was diverse in nature and struggled to wrap their heads around how to serve both the 18 & under athlete and the 19 & Over athlete, yet was able to agree upon the following recommendations:
 - Remove the qualifying ceiling
 - C & D final is limited to 18 & Under athletes
 - Change the meet to a Wed-Sat format to include a full 4-day format
 - Add a 5th site (pending budgetary restrictions)
 - Please note the discussion regarding these recommendations was considering the entire quad.
 - Discussion on what a 5th site would look like
- Club Excellence
 - Sub-Committee proposal
 - Teams who were Gold, Silver, or Bronze in 2020 will maintain their status for 2021.
 - Using meet results from July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020, if a team moves up a level, they will be moved accordingly.
 - Teams that would have moved into the recognition program based on performances from July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 will be recognized.
 - Teams will **not** need to submit an application this year.
 - Teams will be able to use the appropriate Club Excellence logo.
 - Because of the lack of competitive opportunities and budget reductions, the subcommittee recommends giving training stipends to clubs with swimmers 18 & Under who are ranked in the Top 40 in their respective events at Olympic Trials. The competitive window for rankings is July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020.
 - The goal is to use the limited funding to help clubs with athletes that have a legit shot of making the Olympic Team.
 - Patrick Murphy will propose a funding recommendation based on athlete rankings.
 - Because the Olympic Open Water team has been selected, we will not give stipends to clubs based on Open Water swimming this year.
 - 2021 Club Excellence recognition- with 2020 Nationals canceled teams will be recognized as a carry-over from 2020 Club Excellence
 - Block proposal- m/s/a
- Convention Agenda Items