



Senior Development Committee

Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2022
11:30am Mountain

USA Swimming Mission: USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates, and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

Committee Mission: To evaluate programs, advise and make recommendations within the scope of the committee focusing on issues that affect senior level athletes and coaches.

USA Swimming Priority Results:

1. USA Swimmers achieve sustained competitive success at the Olympic Games and other high-level international competitions.
2. Members have and use resources for sustainable success.
3. There is growth in swimming participation and interest.
4. USA Swimming is recognized as the “Best in Class” National Governing Body.

Type of Meeting: Standard Committee Business – September Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Jaime Lewis (Chair)

Minutes: MJ Truex (Staff Lead)

I. Call to order: Jaime calls meeting to order at [11:3_]am Mountain

II. Roll call

Present: John Morse, Kevin Zacher, Amanda Weir, Chris Natoli, Chris Plumb, Kate Lundsten, Allison Beebe, Jaime Lewis, Marcie McNichols, Paul Silver, Todd Capen

Staff: MJ Truex, Brendan Hansen, Beth Winkowski, Terry Jones, Dean Ekeren, Matt Barbini, Patrick Murphy, Kaitlin Pawlowicz

Not Present: Aidan Pflieger (Athlete), Revere Schmidt (Athlete), Olga Espinosa (Ex-Officio)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

IV. Approval of agenda

V. OLD BUSINESS



i. 2023 Meet Schedule Proposal by subgroup (Kevin)

- 1 Meet - Summer Championships
- To be held Aug 1-5 @ Irvine
- Goal is to have approx. 1200 athletes
 - 19&O Standard to target 300-350
 - 18&U Standard to target 800-850
(If 18&U Standard ends up being faster, go with one standard)
- A, B, C, D Finals
 - C & D Finals for 18&U Athletes- **fill with 19&O if needed**
- Crown a Junior Team Champion
- Compete all 5 relays (200/400/800 Free; 200/400 Medley)
 - 1 Relay per day
 - No Relay Only swimmers

Call for vote: Motion on what the subcommittee brought to the committee.

Motion Failed

Motion to have 2 meets, with one 3.5-day Open Invite July 26-29 and a traditional Junior Nationals Meet on August 1-5. Motion: Passed

Following the passing of the motion, discussion was on the format with the 3.5 day Open and how it would follow the Winter US Open Format and Juniors would remain the same as is.

There was a comment regarding the results of the vote. The feeling that this vote will be unpopular with those swimming at the World Championships and they would like to have had a meet they could come back and participate in. The belief that the coaches of the Steering Committee may feel like it hurts the relay only swimmers and the non-Olympic event qualifiers. It also takes away the ability for those athletes to qualify for the national team, get funding and how it will negatively affect those athletes aiming for the 2024 Olympic Team by taking away an opportunity for those athletes to compete. The Steering Committee will likely not be thrilled with this decision. Question: When do they return from Worlds? They return on the 30th of July. They would be able to attend if the Open Meet was the second meet on the schedule. There was continued discussion on value of having the Open Meet later rather than the date that was voted on. Some of the committee members felt like going to one meet was better for all involved. They felt like there was value in having our best 18&U athletes swimming at the same time as the National level athletes. It would also allow coaches to attend both Futures and a meet for those athletes. Reflection from one of the committee members time as National Team athlete and felt like it would be better to go to one meet rather than having 2 which contradicts her previous vote. More discussion on the pros of having one meet and what is the right thing to do as the Senior Development Committee. There seemed to be more discussion to going back to the original proposal by the subcommittee of having 1 meet, rather than flipping Juniors and the Open Meet. Amanda asked that the previous vote be reconsidered due to the information and discussion brought forth following the original vote.

The original motion was brought before the committee again as stated in the first motion for a second vote (Having 1 Meet). – Motion Passed



Discussion ensued regarding Futures. August 26-29 for Futures dates. Discussion included **cap or no cap** for Futures. Discussion on capping due to tighter standards on the Summer Championship Meet

Motion to keep 5 sites and no cap and work with the boundaries to make sure the sites are utilized based on the capacity of the facility.

Motion Passed.

The Senior Development Committee had considered having some input on the boundaries once the sites were selected. Traditionally USA Swimming Staff makes those decisions. USAS will select a staff committee to determine boundaries.

There was discussion that came back around about allowing foreign athletes in the meet. There are 2 different categories for foreign athletes.

- 1. Those that solely represent a foreign country**
- 2. Those that both represent a foreign country but are also USA Swimming Members.**

Question is to only allow those who are living in the US and competing in a joint capacity. Not allow simply foreign federations to attend? Question is this meet going to be a FINA approved meet? Likely try and get it approved by FINA. Discussion on that the C/D finals are protected from foreign athletes and keep the 18&U athletes protected.

Motion to not allow foreign athletes that are not also USA Swimming athletes to participate.

Motion Passed This would also include protecting the C/D Junior National Finals from foreign athletes.

VI. Other Business

Adjournment: 12:35pm Mountain