

**USA Swimming Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2022 / Virtual Zoom Call**

**CALL TO ORDER**

USA Swimming Steering Committee staff liaison, Lindsay Mintenko, called the October 13, 2022 Steering Committee meeting to order at 11:00 am Mountain Time with the following members in attendance:

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members:** Cammile Adams, Gunnar Bentz, Bruce Gemmell (Chair), Connor Jaeger, Matt Kredich, Greg Meehan, Lindsay Mintenko

**USA Swimming Staff:** Matt Barbini, Carli Brashier, Bryce Elser, Tim Hinchey, Stacy Michael-Miller, Erik Posegay, Joel Shinofield, MJ Truex

**Other:** Jaime Lewis (Senior Development Committee)

**2023/2024 SELECTION**

Ms. Mintenko provided an update from the last Steering Committee meeting that we are unable to age limit the Pan American Games due to the Ted Stevens Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. Going through the bullet points listed in the provided document on 2023 and 2024 competition selection, Ms. Mintenko stressed athletes cannot turn down a competition to go to another competition and that relay only athletes who are selected for 2023 World Championships cannot attend the 2023 Pan American Games. The expectation is a World Junior Championships will take place during the third or fourth week of August, with age restrictions returning to normal, 18&U men and 17&U women.

For the 2024 World Championships Team, a paper selection will be used to determine the team. Instead of using any times during a qualification period, only times achieved at specific meets would be used. Those competitions will be: P66 Nationals, 2023 World Championships, 2023 World Junior Championships, 2023 July TYR Pro Swim Series (PSS) type competition (3.5 day meet), and 2023 Pan American Games. U.S. Open would not be considered for selection because it is too close to the actual competition. The selection procedures are written with the ability to include additional relay swimmers for the 100 and 200 free. The question was proposed to the group if Pan American Games should be part of the selection for the 2024 World Championships Team. The consensus for those in attendance was yes.

A question was asked clarifying if athletes could attend both 2023 and 2024 World Championships as that had changed from the last Steering Committee meeting. Ms. Mintenko stated that after speaking with the Athletes' Advisory Committee, the athletes wanted to have the opportunity to send the best athletes to World Championships. Director, High Performance Matt Barbini added the athletes wanted it to be an individual's decision to attend the 2024 World Championships, versus a mandate saying they could not attend. Addressing the concerns about coaches having to have harder conversations with athletes encouraging them not to attend the 2024 World Championships if it wasn't in the best interest of 2024 Olympic Trial preparations, it was noted the selection procedures for 2024 would include "A" time standards that would limit the number of athletes who could be selected. Additionally, for 2023 World Championships selection, priorities for being named to the team will be changed, with 50s of stroke being moved to the last place priority and the fifth and sixth place finishers in the 100 and 200 Free would move up on the priority list.

Providing more context on the 2023 July TYR PSS type competition, Ms. Mintenko emphasized this meet came out of conversations with the Senior Development Committee. This 3.5 day competition is slated to occur the last few days of the 2023 World Championships, from July 26-29, 2023. While not necessarily called a TYR PSS, the format will be similar to a TYR PSS.

### **2023 DUEL IN THE POOL**

Mr. Barbini stated that Swimming Australia was interested in having another iteration of Duel in the Pool with USA Swimming. The question was proposed to the group of whether to hold this competition in August or December of 2023. The consensus of the group was that August would be a better time of year to hold this competition.

### **2023 RELAY CAMP**

Mr. Barbini confirmed to the group that USA Swimming would be moving forward with the Relay Camp discussed at the last meeting. The camp will take place from April 27-29 in Austin. The first practice will be in the afternoon on the 27<sup>th</sup> and the last practice will be the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent out in two waves. The initial wave will go out to the top six athletes in the 100 and 200 free as well as the top two athletes in the 100s of stroke. The second wave will likely go out after the Knoxville PSS. The initial wave has 28 athletes. The expectation is about 30-35 athletes will be invited in total. Coaches will also be invited. There are 17 unique coaches for the initial wave of athletes being invited. Mr. Barbini asked for any ideas about building momentum and culture around this event to be sent to him. He reiterated the camp is optional.

### **OTHER**

It was asked if Todd DeSorbo and Anthony Nesty could be included in Steering Committee meetings moving forward. Mr. Gemmell said he and Lindsay would discuss offline regarding this request.

### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Gemmell thanked everyone for their input and time and adjourned the meeting.

### **ATTACHEMENTS**

Attachment 1- 2023/2024 Selection