

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**  
**TO GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE 120-DAY RULE FOR ATHLETES**  
**DISPLACED BY HURRICANE FLORENCE AND SUBSEQUENT DISASTERS**

September 29, 2018

Due to the extraordinary and monumental devastation and destruction of Hurricane Florence, USA Swimming recognizes that member athletes have been displaced from their homes and clubs;

Further, USA Swimming believes enabling displaced athletes to be included as part of a team is important in recovery;

Therefore, be it resolved that, pursuant to Articles 507.2.8 and 511.1.3 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming, USA Swimming establishes the following procedure to grant a temporary exception to the 120-day representation rule set forth in Article 203.3 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming:

1. By November 1 or within thirty (30) days of beginning workouts with a new club, an athlete must submit the following information to USA Swimming Member Services for verification: His/her name, date of birth, Hurricane Florence FEMA number, club most recently represented and club which he/she wishes to represent.
2. Member Services will notify the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair of the eligibility facts. The Chair, or his designee, shall make the final determination, which shall be binding without right of appeal.
3. Each USA Swimming-approved transfer request under this resolution shall be exempt from Article 203.3 (the 120-day rule) and transfer effective immediately.
4. Each athlete whose transfer is approved pursuant to this resolution may, at any time within one year of passage of this resolution, return immediately to representing his/her original club or, if the original club is disbanded, any other club in the original LSC.
5. This resolution will take effect immediately upon approval by the USA Swimming House of Delegates and expire at the close of business of the House of Delegates meeting in 2019.
6. USA Swimming staff and the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair are authorized to follow a substantially similar procedure, as applicable, for any subsequent instances of devastation and destruction that may occur between now and the House of Delegates meeting in 2019.