

**USA SWIMMING**  
**RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**  
**September 25, 2021**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Action</b>
R-1	To remove the definition of bullying from the Rulebook.	Official Glossary	Adopted
R-2	To align the definition of Personal Care Assistant with the U.S. Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy.	Official Glossary	Adopted
R-3	To reassign responsibility of the Policy Manual from the Board of Directors to staff and to further specify that the Policy Manual contains operating policies.	Official Glossary	Adopted/Amended
R-4	To align the term “assistant” with the defined term Personal Assistant	Various	Adopted
R-5	To specify the events to be contested in Development competitions	(new) 102.1.3	Adopted
R-6	To give swimmers alternatives related to swim-offs consistent with previous practice/interpretations of the Rules and Officials Committees.	102.5.2	Adopted
R-7	To specify the minimum number of officials required for development competitions is the same as that of dual and intra-squad meets.	102.10.4	Adopted
R-8	To use “athlete first” language when referring to athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing	103.18 & 105.3.1	Adopted
R-9	To remove reference to personal (care) assistants only being required to be a member of USA Swimming if also acting in a coaching capacity. A Personal (Care) Assistant who meets any of the provisions of Corporate Bylaw 2.6.6 is required to be a non-athlete member of USA Swimming.	105.1.3 C	Adopted
R-10	To use “athlete first” language when referring to athletes who have cognitive impairments	105.4	Adopted
R-11	To reflect current practices and the Times and Recognition Policy Manual	202.6.4, 202.8.1, & .2	Adopted
R-12	To reduce the number of swimmers at two-course meets in order to address frequent overcrowding at Sectional meets.	204.9.3	Adopted
R-13	To specify Development Competition program as part of the Age Group Program	(new) 205.11	Adopted/Amended
R-14	To include the preceding Open Water Olympic Head Coach as a member of the National Steering Committee.	501.1.2 A (1)	Adopted
R-15	To ensure all non-athlete members of USA Swimming receive annually a printed copy of the Rule Book as a benefit of membership.	(new) 503.1 & .2	Adopted
R-16	To add the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Chair/Coordinator as a member of the LSC Board of Directors.	Required LSC Bylaws Template	Adopted