



Special meeting of the House of Delegates

USA Swimming is requiring our LSC to make some important By-Law and Policy changes. So, the Board of Directors have called a Special meeting to take place at the beginning of the September 26th Athlete Protection meeting that is being held at the Waukesha Technical college.

Call to Order at 12:30 pm

I-Proposed Bylaws Changes: Enhancing Athlete Representation to come into compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Act. (See attached changes)

II-Proposed Changes to Wisconsin Swimming Inc., Policies: 1.1, 1.4, 2.2.1, 2.8.3. (See attached changes)

Per our normal rules after a discussion with any additions or corrections of these proposed changes the House will vote to bring them forward to be voted upon in our October House of Delegates meeting.

Adjournment 1:00 pm

If your normal House of Delegates voting member can not attend, please bring a written note from your Club President to change the voting member for this meeting.

1 **Proposed Bylaws Changes Enhancing Athlete Representation on**
2 **The Board of Directors and House of Delegates**

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4 **(additions: underlined, deletions: double strikethrough)**

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7 ARTICLE 4
8 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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10 4.1 MEMBERS: The House of Delegates of WSI shall consist of the Group Member
11 Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representative, members of the Board of
12 Directors designated in Section 605.1, and the At-Large House Members.

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14 4.1.1 Group Member Representatives: Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from
15 its membership a Group Member Representative and one or more alternates. In addition, each
16 Group Member shall appoint from its membership a Group Member Athlete Representative and
17 one or more alternates. The appointments shall be in writing, addressed to the
18 Registration/Membership Coordinator of WSI and duly certified by the chief executive officer or
19 Secretary of the appointing Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw its
20 Group Member Representative, Group Member Athlete Representative, or one or more of its
21 alternates and substitute a new Group Member Representative, Group Member Athlete
22 Representative, or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Registration/Membership
23 Coordinator of WSI and signed by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group
24 Member.

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29 4.1.3 Athlete Representatives: Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for
30 a two-year term, or until his/her respective successor is elected. At the time of election, the
31 Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member or a Seasonal Athlete Member in good
32 standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be
33 currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the
34 program of swimming conducted by Wisconsin Swimming or another LSC; and (d) reside in the
35 Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term. The election of
36 ~~one~~ the Athlete Representative shall be conducted annually during the WSI short course
37 swimming championships, or other regularly scheduled meet designated by the Board of
38 Directors. The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Senior Athlete
39 Representative or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The
40 Athlete Representative shall be elected by a majority of the Athlete Members and Seasonal Athlete
41 Members in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older.
42 At the conclusion of the two year term, the Athlete Representative will serve two years as an ex-
43 officio member of the Board of Directors, with voice and vote.
44 ~~At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must be:~~
45 ~~A. An Athlete Member or a Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing;~~
46 ~~B. At least sixteen (16) years of age or have junior status in high school;~~
47 ~~C. Competing currently, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in~~
48 ~~the program of swimming conducted by WSI or another LSC; and~~
49 ~~D. Reside in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term.~~

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ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 MEMBERS: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers, committee chairmen, coordinators and representatives of WSI, together with those additional members designated in Article 5.3. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of USA Swimming and WSI.

5.1.1 General Chair

5.1.2 Administrative Vice-chair

5.1.3 Finance Vice Chair

5.1.4 Senior Chair

5.1.5 Age Group Chair

5.1.6 Treasurer

5.1.7 Secretary

5.1.8 Technical Planning Chair

5.1.9 Safety Chair

5.1.10 Registration/Membership Coordinator

5.1.11 Officials Chair

5.1.12 Athletes' Representatives (2)

5.1.13 Coaches' Representative

5.1.14 Records, NTV & Top 16 Coordinator*

5.1.15 Rules Chair*

5.1.16 Adaptive Swimming Chair

* Appointed by General Chairman

5.2 AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS This Section reserved for future use.

5.3 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The following persons shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors during the time period in which they meet the defined status:

5.3.1 The Immediate Past General Chairman of WSI, if an Individual Member in good standing;

~~5.3.1~~ 5.3.2 Members of the USA Swimming Board of Directors who are Individual Members in good standing;

~~5.3.2~~ 5.3.3 USA Swimming Committee Chairmen who are Individual Members in good standing; and

5.3.4 The Immediate Past Athlete Representatives, if an Individual Member in good standing. Ex-officio Athlete Representatives will have voice and vote on the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO WISCONSIN SWIMMING POLICY 1.1 ISSUANCE OF MEET
SANCTIONS/APPROVALS

Submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative/Sanctioning Chair.
September 3, 2010

1.1 Issuance of Meet Sanctions/Approvals

1.1.1 Meet Sanction: A permit issued by the LSC to a USA Swimming member to conduct a Meet in conformance with all USA Swimming and LSC policies, in which all participants are current members of USA Swimming.

A. The following clause will appear on all sanction application forms and on all forms upon which official sanctions are granted: "In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."

1.1.2 Meet Approval: A permit issued by the LSC for a Meet conducted in conformance with USA Swimming Technical Rules and LSC policies, in which both current USA Swimming members and non-members may compete.

A. The following clause will appear on all approval application forms and on all forms upon which official approvals are granted: "In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."

RATIONALE: To conform with USA Swimming Rules 202.3.7 and 202.4.12 and as per the direction of the LEAP Evaluation & Achievement Program Evaluation Team.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO WISCONSIN SWIMMING POLICY 1.4 Obtaining a Sanction/Approval

Submitted by: Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative/Sanctioning Chair
September 3, 2010

1.4.1 To obtain a sanction/approval:

- A. To Obtain a Sanction: A Meet Host must send a copy of the proposed Meet Information listing Meet details to the LSC Sanctioning Officer and, for a LSC Championship Meet, to the Age Group Chairman and Senior Chairman. Any exceptions to LSC and USA Swimming regulations must be identified for the Sanctioning Officer at the time the sanction/~~approval~~ is requested. After Meet Information is approved by the Sanctioning Officer, and, for LSC Championship Meets, by the Age Group Chairman and the Senior Chairman, a sanction/~~approval~~ number will be issued. All sanctions for LSC Championship Meets must be requested sixty (60) days prior to the Meet to allow for ordering of medals.
- B. To Obtain an Approval: A Meet Host must send a copy of the proposed Meet Information listing Meet details to the LSC Sanctioning Officer. USA Swimming's Form F must also accompany all approved meet requests. Any exceptions to LSC and USA Swimming regulations must be identified for the Sanctioning Officer at the time the approval is requested.
- B.C A Meet Host accepting entry reservations, must submit Meet Information to the Sanctioning Officer by August 1st for Fall/Winter Season and by February 1st for the Spring/Summer. The Sanctioning Officer or designee shall review and approve or deny the sanction/approval request at least two (2) weeks prior to the Meet Reservation Date for the appropriate season.

RATIONALE: To differentiate between a sanction and an approval and to include USA Swimming's Form F into our Policy for all teams requesting an approval for their meet.

WISCONSIN SWIMMING POLICY 2.2 Meet Entry Information

Proposed Change – September 3, 2010

Submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative/Sanctioning Chair, Wisconsin Swimming.

2.2.1. A Meet Host must send Meet Information, via United States Postal Service or e-mail, to all clubs in the LSC for any sanctioned open Meet. If the Meet is full due to reservations, the Meet Host only needs to send Meet Information to those clubs holding reservations in the Meet.

Meet Information shall include the following:

- A. Location and Date
- B. Facility including water depth (meet announcement shall include information about water depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3.5 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls) and block height
- C. The meet announcement must include one of the following two statements:
 - 1) The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming's Rule 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming;
or
 - 2) The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 1.4.2.2C(4).
- ~~C.~~D. Meet Time Schedule, including warm-up times and procedure
- ~~D.~~E. Host Team Name
- ~~E.~~F. Sanction Number/Approval Number
- ~~F.~~G. Entry Fees and Deadline
- ~~G.~~H. Admission Fees
- ~~H.~~I. Order of Events
- ~~I.~~J. Entry Limitation including meet policy regarding deck registration and deck entries
- ~~J.~~K. Classification of Meet
- ~~K.~~L. Waiver Form
- ~~L.~~M. Timing System to be Used
- ~~M.~~N. Program Cost
- ~~N.~~O. Concession Facilities
- ~~O.~~P. Awards
- ~~P.~~Q. Name & Telephone Number of Meet Director
- ~~Q.~~R. See Wisconsin Swimming website (www.wisconsinswimming.org) for electronic Meet Entry Form or contact the Meet Entry Coordinator, if submitting entries manually, for Meet Entry Form.
- ~~R.~~S. Name of Meet Referee
- ~~S.~~T. Notification that non-LSC entrants must bring current USA Swimming membership cards.
- ~~T.~~U. For a Meet conducted in an outdoor pool, procedures for threatening weather and closing the pool; for handling any weather related Meet delay and resuming the Meet; and for refunding entry fees, if any refund, for events not competed.

RATIONAL: To comply with USA Swimming Policy 202.3 Conditions of a Sanction and 202.4 Requirements for Approval.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO WISCONSIN SWIMMING POLICY 2.8.3
Submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative/Sanctioning Chair
September 3, 2010

2.8.3. Splash Fee: A Meet Host shall remit to the LSC:

- A. For Non-Championship Meet: Effective January 1, 2011 and for a period of three (3) years ending December 31st, 2013 to the LSC General Fund, ~~\$3.00 (three dollars)~~ \$2.00 (two dollars) per individual event swimmer for any sanctioned or approved Meet charging an individual event fee (Fee does not apply to relay only swimmers entered in Non-Championship Meet); and
- B. For Championship Meet: To the LSC Travel Fund, \$3 (three dollars) for each age group swimmer including each relay only swimmer; and \$5.00 (five dollars) for each senior swimmer, including each relay only swimmer

RATIONALE: At the Recommendation/Proposal of the Budget Committee on October 30, 2010 to lower the splash fee for all LSC sanctioned/approved meet with a "sunset clause" to re-look at the budget and adjust after a three-year period.