

## Disability Committee Call 3/19/19

On the call: Will Chidsey, Rudy Kurniawan, Andrea Alessi, Mike Burgess, Courtney Christ

1. Championship season review:
  - a. 5 athletes classified, 2 did not want to use the classification with the currently policy of swimming with their own age group
    - i. Proposal to look into changing the language of who they can swim with since their times are slower than their age group
  - b. 1 athlete participated in the Silver meet using the standard at the UNAC meet
  - c. 3 athletes participated in the Gold meet
    - i. The athletes who participated enjoyed the experience
    - ii. Did not feel “out of place”
2. Future seasons Championship meets
  - a. Promotion to get additional athletes to be classified, if they are interested
  - b. The Special Olympic season is just starting at NI Championship season
  - c. As we get more athletes look at a multiclass meet to pull out and score against each other since they most likely will not be competitive across the field.
    - i. PowerPoint scoring?
3. Looking at other LSC and what they do for Disability
  - a. Mike
    - i. “California” - San Diego Imperial Swimming (SI), Southern California Swimming (CA), Central California Swimming (CC), Pacific Swimming (PC), and Sierra Nevada Swimming (SN). The last two of these include parts of Nevada as well as California.
    - ii. All across broken links and not up to date information
  - b. Will
    - i. Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, South Carolina.
    - ii. Didn't have much posted, if did it was broken links and just pdfs. Had incorporated the standards.
    - iii. Recommends all information in one place and easy to find, documents explaining
  - c. Andrea
    - i. Arizona, Kentucky, Lake Erie
    - ii. Arizona- reached out to but no response back, only has a link to USA Swimming's “Including Swimmers with a Disability”
    - iii. Kentucky- Diversity and Inclusion no disability, no programs in place currently, links to the Special Olympics schedule
    - iv. Lake Erie- Welcome statement, statement on how the rules applied to the nontraditional swimmers, adaptive clinics offered, social media interviews
  - d. Courtney
    - i. Colorado, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin

- ii. Colorado- para based, clinics for meet directors/coaches, AngleFish swimming course, Article 105, Motivational Standards. Participate with Wounded Warriors
  - iii. Montana- Para based, sanctioned meet inclusion statement, travel funding, resources for coaches
  - iv. North Carolina- Para based, clinics for athletes, coaches, officials, Motivational time standards, no disability chair: Admin Vice Chair and Age Group Chair, policies and procedures same as NI
  - v. Ohio- Para, uses USA Swimming's 105.1.1 to classify athletes into disability categories
  - vi. W. Virginia- nothing
  - vii. Wisconsin- Article 105, hand enter nontraditional athletes into meets
  - e. LSC to still look at
    - i. Metro, Michigan, Mid Atlantic, Minnesota, S. Texas, New Jersey, New Mexico, Arkansas, Virginia, N. Texas, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific NW, Snake River, Potomac Valley
4. Special Olympics
- a. Contact Martha- to set up a training on how to be an adaptive team, also does official training
  - b. May 11 Super regional meets
  - c. June 14-16 Summer Games
  - d. Work on setting up clinics across the LSC
  - e. Specialolympics.org for resources

Next call- Tuesday, June 11, 2019