**SWIM MEET WEB POSTING PROPOSAL #1**

*Technical Committee recommends that this motion be considered.*

Background: The Technical Committee seeks to update the procedures for posting swim meet information on host team websites.

*Change the following sections of the New England Swimming Policies and Procedures:*

1. SWIM MEET POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
   1. Meet Entry Acceptance
      1. Meet Announcement Posted On Host Team Website
         1. Meet announcements posted on host team websites must be posted on an individual website page, dedicated to the meet information for one meet only. This website page must to linked from the New England Swimming calendar website with a perpetual, non- recycled URL.

This policy will take effect on April 1, 2017.

*Clerical Note: Update the numbering under F. Meet Entry Acceptance*

*Additional Clerical Note: The New England Swimming Office is required to archive all New England Swimming sanctioned and approved meet results, meet information and meet event files.*

# DISTANCE EVENT ENTRY FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL #1

*Technical Committee recommends that this motion be considered.*

Background: At the request of New England Swimming member teams, the Technical Committee seeks to increase the meet entry fee for distance events, 400 yards and longer, and to add the $.75 surchage for distance events, 400 yards and longer.

*Change the following sections of the New England Swimming Policies and Procedures:*

1. SWIM MEET POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
   1. Meet Entry Fees, Surcharges, Awards and Subsidies
      1. Entry Fees:

A team may charge less than the approved fees, but the surcharges remain the same.

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|  |  | Calendar Meet | Championship Meet |  |
|  | Individual Events | $5.00 | $8.00 |  |
|  | Distance Events | ~~$7.00~~ $10.00 | ~~$8.00~~ $10.00 |  |

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|  |  | Sanctioned Meets | Championship/ Regionals/ Silvers | Approved Meet | Non- Calendar Sanctioned Meets | Observed Meet (High School) | Bay State Games |  |
|  | **Sanction Fee** | $25.00 per day | No charge | $80.00 per day | $50.00 per day |  | $25.00  per day |  |
|  | **Surcharge** | $.75 per splash for timed finals | No surcharges | $1.50 per splash | $.75 per splash | $5.00 per splash | $5.00 per splash |  |
|  |  | $.50 per athlete per event for prelims/ finals |  |  | No participation fee allowed |  |  |  |
|  |  | ~~No~~ ~~surcharge~~ ~~for distance~~ ~~events~~ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# TIME TRIAL EVENT ENTRY FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL #1

2. Sanction and Surcharge Fees

This policy will take effect on April 1, 2017.

*Technical Committee recommends that this motion be considered.*

Background: At the request of New England Swimming member teams and for the sake of consistency, the Technical Committee seeks to increase the meet entry fee for time trial events.

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|  |  | Calendar Meet | Championship Meet |  |
|  | Individual Events | $5.00 | $8.00 |  |
|  | Distance Events | ~~$7.00~~ $10.00 | ~~$8.00~~ $10.00 |  |
|  | Non electronic entry | Add $.50 per entry | Add $.50 per entry |  |
|  | Relays | Up to 4 x I.E. Entry Fee (Up to  $20.00) | $25.00 |  |
|  | Time Trials | ~~$5.00~~ $10.00 | $10.00 |  |

A team may charge less than the approved fees, but the surcharges remain the same. This policy will take effect on April 1, 2017.

# LOTTERY PROCESS FOR NON-NEW ENGLAND TEAMS DURING THE LONG COURSE SEASON PROPOSAL #1

*Technical Committee recommends that this motion be considered.*

Background: The Technical Committee seeks to update the procedures for the lottery process of meet entry acceptance during the long course season to protect New England Swimming teams.

*Change the following sections of the New England Swimming Policies and Procedures:*

1. SWIM MEET POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
   1. Meet Policies
      1. General Policies For All Meets

f. Lottery: If a meet becomes oversubscribed, and if there are two or more entering teams tied in sequence of receipt, a lottery shall be conducted by the New England Swimming office to determine the sequence that the tied teams will be accepted into the meet. The New England Swimming office will share the results of the lottery with all teams participating in the lottery. For all long course meets, non-New England Swimming teams (including Maine) will be selected last in the lottery process.

This policy will take effect on April 1, 2017.

# ON DECK CREDIENTIALS FOR OFFICIALS AND COACHES #1

*Technical Committee recommends that this motion be considered.*

Background: The Technical Committee seeks to update the procedures ensuring that all USA Swimming Officials and Coaches have visible deck credentials at all New England Swimming sanctioned and approved meets.

*Change the following sections of the New England Swimming Policies and Procedures:*

II. SWIM MEET POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

L. Running a Swim Meet

4. USA Swimming Memberships Cards: New England Swimming policy requires that all coaches and officials display their membership cards or Deck Pass while on deck at swim meets. The Meet Director, and all those working on deck at a meet, excluding Marshals and Timers, must be registered with USA Swimming.

As of September 1, 2015, Official’s membership cards are considered their white card printed

from OTS, not a colored card sent from the NES office. All Officials must display their white cards on deck at swim meets.

The meet host will check the credentials of every coach on deck at the meet. Coaches may present their Deck Pass membership card, their New England Swimming printed membership card or their membership card printed from the USA Swimming website.

Coaches who are eligible to be on deck based on their USA Swimming coaching credentials will receive a bracelet or an ink stamp on their hand for the meet from the meet host.

The Meet Referee will ask any “coach” without a ~~card~~ bracelet or ink stamp to leave the deck without exception. The referee will also make a list of all those without ~~cards~~ bracelets or ink stamps. The list will be sent to the New England Swimming office to be checked. If a “coach” who was asked to leave the deck is found not to be fully registered (current certifications in CPR, Safety Training for Swim Coaches, the background screen, and completed education requirement) the “coach will be fined $100.00 and the team will be fined $200.00 to be paid within 30 days. Any “coach” who refuses to leave the deck will cause the team’s swimmers to swim unattached for the remainder of the meet.

This policy will take effect on April 1, 2017.

# Additional Items Discussed:

1. Distance session subsidies will remain in place.
2. The request to increase Observation Fees to $10.00 per splash was removed.
3. The New England Swimming Office and the New England Swimming Technical Committee is collaborating to address to potential need for a premium facility fee. We will create a Task Force with a coach, a parent, an official and a swimmer on it to survey the New England Swimming community. We are also seeking philosophical guidance from the New England Swimming Board of Directors later in this meeting.
4. The New England Swimming Technical Committee is seeking guidance from the New England Swimming community regarding long course meet entry acceptance policies, specifically concerning the allowance on non-New England Swimming teams within the 75% of accepted teams in our long course calendar meets.
5. All New England Swimming community members are reminded that host teams are required to fulfill all of the duties and responsibilities for running sanctioned and approved meets. Host teams are not permitted to assign attending teams to provide timers or other meet staff. Attending teams may choose to provide volunteer timers and volunteer meet staff, but the conditions of their acceptance into the 75% of accepted teams must not be dependent upon such support. The updated meet announcement template will reflect this rule reminder.
6. The request to prevent officials from directly notifying 12 and younger swimmers of disqualifications was rejected as it is in conflict with USA Swimming policy which states that “an attempt be made to notify either the coach or swimmer of a disqualification.” All coaches and teams are reminded that they may notify the Meet Referee before the meet start regarding the special needs of their athletes so that the officials can make the appropriate notification based on the athletes’ individual needs.
7. The New England Swimming Office is working to update the meet template for the Long Course 14 and Under Championship Meet as well as the Board Member Guidelines and Responsibilities and the Committee Chair Responsibilities.
8. The New England Swimming Technical Committee will present the Athlete Reimbursement Policy at the January meeting of the New England Swimming Board of Directors.