

**Technical Committee Proposals to New England Swimming Board of Directors  
11/7/2017**

NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2017

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**Item 1: YMCA New England Championship be Approved Regardless of Weekend Held**

**Proposed:** A pre-emptive phone call was made to ask about the dates for the YCMA New England Championship in the spring. March 17 and 18. This is also the weekend of the NES Silvers meet. This year, the meet is falling on a protected weekend. Although we have made both Silver and Regional meet weekends unprotected in the future, we will face a problem this year. The Y meet dates vary each year, and there is no predicting where the meet will fall in future years. **As I result, a proposal is before you to consider granting the YMCA New England Championship Meet, Approved status, regardless of the weekend it is held** like the status Bay State Games has.

**Rationale:** The athletes that will be attending YMCA NE meet will be going to that meet, without regard to any meet NES may be hosting on the same weekend.

YMCA New England Championship impacts USA athletes from several LSC's outside of New England Swimming (Maine, and Connecticut).

It is a requirement for athletes to compete at YMCA New England champs to qualify for YMCA Nationals. Most importantly, these very same athletes are also New England Swimming athletes.

**Recommendation:** **ACCEPT**

**Effective Date:** **November 8, 2017**

**Motion:** **Withdrawn by the Technical Committee**

**Item 2: Language change for Tech suit ban in meet announcement.**

**Proposed:** Change Tech Suit Policy to: **SWIMWEAR: Swimmers 10 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Technical" suits at any New England Swimming sanctioned or approved meet.**

**Rationale:** There have been numerous phone calls from meet hosts complaining about the phrase "at this meet" in the Tech Suit Ban statement that is now required to be included in all Meet Announcements.

**SWIMWEAR: Swimmers 10 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Technical" suits at this meet.**

**Recommendation:** **ACCEPT**

**Effective Date: November 8, 2017**

**Motion:** moved by Robert Menck and seconded by Rick Oseterberg. The motion passed unanimously with the acclamation of the Board.

**Item 3: Change the language in meet announcement addressing daily event limits (6).**

**Proposed:** Make the following changes to Rules and Regulations, H-Meet Policies, article 1, subsection b:

**Current Language:** A team cannot limit the number of events in which a swimmer can compete in a timed finals session to fewer than six a day unless they are offering fewer than six events in the session, or unless stated in the "Cut Protocol" section of Meet Announcement.

**New Language:** The maximum number of events in which a swimmer can compete in a timed final session shall be six. A meet host may limit the number of events in which a swimmer may compete in a timed finals session by stating this number in the meet announcement.

**Rationale:** Currently, our policies state that an athlete may participate in a maximum of 6 events per day. This is consistent with USA Swimming Regulations. In addition, a host may only reduce the amount of entries an athlete can swim in to less than 6 by not offering 6 events in a session, or in accordance with cut procedures. We should change our language to allow a host to limit the number of events in which an athlete may participate by stating this number in the Meet Announcement. The Change in USA Swimming rules to up the entry limit from 5 to 6 was created to allow teams to host some unique format meets where 3 events were swum in the morning, then an additional 3 in a later session (non- trials finals meet).

**Recommendation: ACCEPT**

**Effective Date: May 1, 2018**

**Motion:** moved by Robert Menck and seconded by Chris Sheppard. The motion passed unanimously with the acclamation of the Board.

**Item 4: Final Vote Create a Coach Reimbursement Policy**

At the New England Swimming Board of Directors meeting that was held on September 5, 2017 a proposal was introduced and discussed to create a Coach Reimbursement Policy. A vote to accept was recommended the passing of the policy. As with all new legislation involving finance, this proposal needs to be presented to the Board of Directors a second time.

**Recommendation: ACCEPT**

**Effective Date: September 5, 2017**

**Motion:** moved by Robert Menck and seconded by Chris Sheppard. The motion passed unanimously with the acclamation of the Board.