

**New England Swimming  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 17, 2019**

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**LEGAL SPLIT FORM MOTION #1**

**Narrative:** Create new language defining the use of legal split forms at meets.

**Rationale:** The number of legal split forms generated at meets has become unmanageable. In addition, an administrative back log of work often impacts the timely flow of data at trials/finals meets especially during relays. Relay Lead-off splits are automatically downloaded into SWIMS. (8/29/2019 Technical Committee minutes Item #3.)

**Technical Committee recommends adoption.**

*Amend the New England Swimming Meet Announcement template as follows:*

*[Strike existing LEGAL SPLITS section.]*

**LEGAL SPLITS – Individual Events:** Legal splits must be requested before the event, by a coach, using a legal split form (available from the Control Table) and the requesting party must supply an additional timer(s) on the lane for the split, if necessary, to meet the USA-S requirement. (1 timer with touchpad timing, 3 timers without touchpad timing). Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course.

**LEGAL SPLITS – Relays:** All lead-off splits for relays are automatically loaded into SWIMS and do not require additional watches for validation unless there are no touchpads present, or the second swimmer starts in the water. If there are no touchpads, or the second swimmer starts in the water, a legal split form with three watches will be required for entry into SWIMS. Timers must be positioned over the lane at the end of the racing course. It is recommended that coaches report lead-off time discrepancies to the Administrative Referee or Administrative Official.

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**NEW ENGLAND SWIMMING RECORDS MOTION #1**

**Narrative:** Combine New England Records and New England Resident Records into one category, New England Records. Historical data will be maintained. Moving forward, New England Records can be set by swimmers registered in New England, and representing the New England LSC (or representing USA in FINA competition).

**Rationale:** The majority of Resident and New England Records are held by the same person. This change will allow a more streamlined and efficient process for maintaining records. There are very few LSCs in the Eastern Zone that have both LSC Records and Resident Records. In addition, with 2 categories of records and multiple age groups at championship meets, the heat sheets become very cumbersome. (8/29/2019 Technical Committee minutes Item #4.)

**Technical Committee recommends adoption.**

*Amend the New England Swimming Policies and Procedures as follows:*

**R. Records** (New England Swimming Policies and Procedures)

Any time achieved at a sanctioned meet or at an approved meet where the swimmer's primary representation is their USA Club, and is entered into the USA Swimming SWIMS database, performed by a swimmer who is properly registered with USA Swimming is eligible to set a New England ~~or New England Resident~~ Record.

**New England Record requirements:**

- ~~• The swimmer must represent a USA Swimming club, or be USA Swimming Unattached, at the time of the swim;~~
- ~~• The meet must take place within the geographical boundary of the New England LSC~~
- New England Resident Record requirements:**
- The swimmer must represent a New England LSC club, or be Unattached-NE, at the time of the swim;
- The meet may take place in any USA Swimming LSC territory, or any FINA federation territory;
- Swimmers registered with the New England LSC and representing Team USA may establish a New England Resident Record at any USA Swimming meet or at any FINA federation meet. (approved at June 12, 2012 BOD meeting)

*[Strike language referencing New England Resident Records.]*

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**MEET ENTRY POLICY MOTION #1**

**Narrative:** Create a new “Invitational” entry category for all meets.

**Rationale:** The past two years have seen a significant increase in the number of meets requiring changes to the meet announcement after posting, centered on the combination of sessions at under-subscribed meets. We have received requests from two of our meet hosts, who host a significant number of meets, to create a new category or remove the 75/25% policy completely. (8/29/2019 Technical Committee minutes Item #8.)

**Technical Committee recommends adoption.**

*Amend the New England Swimming Rules and Regulations as follows:*

**2. Entry Acceptance policies:** Host teams may choose one of ~~two~~ **three** methods to limit entries into their meet, which are detailed below. The method to be used must be specified in the meet announcement.

**a. 75%/25% Procedure**

[unchanged]

**b. First-Come-First-served (FCFS) Procedure**

[unchanged]

**c. 100% Procedure**

i. Host teams may invite any teams at their discretion. New England LSC clubs must have first priority. If the meet is not full 48 hours after entries open, the host may accept entries from teams outside the New England LSC.

*Effective Date: April 1, 2020. The policy will be evaluated no later than December 31, 2020. Unless further action is taken before December 31, 2020, the policy will automatically discontinue on March 31, 2021.*

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**SWIMMER PARTICIPATION FEE MOTION #1**

**Narrative:** Increase the Swimmer Participation Fee for all New England Swimming Senior Championship meets to \$20 (currently \$10).

**Rationale:** The cost of our top facilities is growing each year. This increase will help offset some of the costs necessary for a host to provide a quality Championship meet. (8/29/2019 Technical Committee minutes Item #10.)

**Technical Committee recommends adoption.**

*Amend the New England Swimming Meet Rules and Regulations as follows:*

**J. Meet Entry Fees, Surcharges, Awards and Subsidy Policy**

	Calendar Meets	Reg/Silv	AG Championship	15-18/Senior Champs
[Other Items]	[unchanged]	[unchanged]	[unchanged]	[unchanged]
Participation Fee per	[unchanged]	[unchanged]	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

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**LCM SENIORS REIMBURSEMENT POLICY MOTION #1**

**Narrative:** For the purpose of New England Swimming Reimbursement Policy, the LCM Senior Championship meet will count as participating in two (2) LSC meets, making the requirement the same as it is for short course.

**Rationale:** Policy standardization. (8/29/2019 Technical Committee minutes Item #11.)

**Technical Committee recommends adoption.**

*Amend the New England Swimming Reimbursement Policy as follows:*

**ELIGIBILITY:** [...] The SCY **and LCM** Senior meets counts as two meets.

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