

Georgia Swimming Age Group Committee  
Agenda - November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 8:35pm  
Phone Call (404-465-2907 or [www.uberconference.com/gaswimming](http://www.uberconference.com/gaswimming))

Meeting called to order at 8:37pm

1. Roll Call, present:

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| Lucas Ferreira (GA), Chair<br>Jonathan Shaheen (CCAC), athlete<br>Jason Swaim (SMAC) | Ryan L’Roy (GOLD)<br>Sarah-Grace Thompson (SA), athlete<br>Mike Radford (ABSC) |
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2. Approve minutes from [late September](#) meeting

Moved by Jonathan; second by Ryan

Lucas: there’s been minor changes to the original sent out by e-mail (Jason Swaim has been added to the minutes; name of guests corrected). No further discussion.

**Approved.**

3. USA-S Convention reports

a. National Tech Suit Ban effective 2020

Lucas: brief overview of rule that was passed at Convention banning/restricting use of Tech Suits for 12&U, and how that rule differs from the one currently in place in the LSC (a detailed description of the [rule is posted here](#)).

i. Put into effect in 2019 in Ga

Lucas: the national rule was passed to go into effect only in September 2020. There’s been talk in other LSCs about putting it into effect a year earlier, starting in September 2019. Question if this is something the committee would like to recommend.

Jonathan: concerns about it becoming confusing, since we are still on the first year of the local rule. It might be easier/more streamlined to just continue to enforce our local rule through 2019 and adopt the National rule when it goes into effect.

Ryan: in agreement

At this point, committee recommends sticking with local rule through 2019-2020 season. Adopt the National rule when it goes into effect, September 2020.

ii. Discuss loophole in GSI Tech Suit rule

Lucas: there have been questions about the interpretation on the rule regarding the 11-12s. The way it is written, 11-12 swimmers are allowed to wear Tech Suits at any meet if competing in “Open” events. Rule was written with such intent, having in mind meets such as Atlanta Classic or Pro Series that might not fit LSC Championship meet criteria, but where top-end 12yr olds might be competing against Seniors. Coaches might choose to enter their swimmers in “Open” events rather than 11-12 so that they can suit up, even early in the season, which is likely a loophole in the rule.

Ryan: question came up at a meet hosted by GOLD. Didn’t remember any swimmer actually suiting up, but heard from coaches that they will use this option later in the season to give their athletes a better chance at achieving State or Sectional cuts and other time standards.

Lucas: question if the committee considers this a loophole, and would like to address it.

At this point, rule has been interpreted this way already, and so committee feels it should be the case through the end of this season. Committee will monitor if this does become an issue and choose to address it for next season if necessary.

**Tabled.**

4. Update on conversations about LCM Calendar with GCSL and Senior Committee

*Lucas: would like to thank Sarah-Grace for making the initial contact with GCSL and opening that door of communication. Lucas has had a phone call with Bill Mahoney (GCSL President) and Tad Thompson (County Meet Director), which was very positive, but ultimately learned that unless GCSL would be willing to completely re-structure their season and championship meet they are bound to their traditional weekend at Tech. There's another meet that takes place the weekend before, and their meet as is currently structured would not be able to run anywhere else.*

*Lucas has already followed that up with Wes Hamborg and Beth Winkowski, and while at this time there's no solution to the issue, the Senior Committee will discuss the possibility of hosting LC Senior State on the same weekend as Age Group State.*

*Jonathan: while it is not an ideal scenario for smaller teams (who might be unable to staff both meets), the quality of the meet should be a more important factor.*

*Sarah-Grace: it would also be a stretch for families that have both 14&U and Senior swimmers, who would have to split between both meets.*

*Jason: question if any other LSCs host both meets in the same weekend.*

*Lucas: knows of some LSCs that have 1 combined meet for all ages (which would also require a drastic re-structure of the meet), but not sure if anyone else hosts 2 separate meets on the same weekend. Reminder that with the compression of vacation we might come to a point where we have to completely rethink the LCM season, but at this point the Age Group meet is better off staying where it's at.*

*No votes or recommendations needed from the committee, but Lucas will keep everyone updated in case the Senior committee decides to move their meet.*

5. Zone Team Reports:

a. Open Water

*[Athlete application are now available on the website](#). Applications are due February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the meet will be in Ft Myers, Fl, on April 13-14. Team will depart from Atlanta on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Coaches, please encourage your athletes to apply for the team!*

b. Age Group Zones

*No updates at this time.*

6. 2019 Age Group Select Camp updates

*No updates at this time. Reminder that the camp will once again be held on Memorial Day Weekend, at Emory. Lucas should have athlete invitations and be working on Head Coach early next year.*

7. Old Business

8. New Business

a. SCY State Meet Info

*Lucas: Meet info was sent out for revision last week. Lucas thanked everyone who sent feedback and notes. Meet will be sent to the Sanction committee in the morning, and fee structure will be as it was bid (\$15.00 facility surcharge; \$6.00 electronic heat sheet fee; \$7.00/individual events; \$14.00/relays). Some conversation regarding the heat sheet surcharge, and at this point the host wants the ability to edit heat sheets until the day before the meet, which makes running the meet quite easier.*

9. Next meeting: February 6<sup>th</sup> via phone call, 8:35pm.

*Lucas: at this point, there's no need for a meeting in December, and early January is usually a heavier time for coaches and athletes. Next meeting to be held only in February, in anticipation of the meeting to take place at the Age Group Champs a couple weeks after.*

*Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm*