

Final Draft Term Limit Proposal Florida Swimming Officials Committee

1. The Florida Swimming Officials Committee (Committee) comprises the following voting Members:
 - a Chair (Officials Chair),
 - a Vice Chair,
 - a representative from each Florida Swimming Area (Area Representatives),
 - one Florida Swimming Coach Representative,
 - Athlete Representatives - at least 20% of the voting members, and
 - the Florida Swimming Vice Chair responsible for the Officials Committee.¹

Each member of the Committee (not position), if participating in a properly noticed meeting, has one vote on any matter before the Committee. The Officials Chair only votes to break ties.

2. In addition to the voting members of the Committee, one "Assistant Area Representative" may be appointed from each Area. Assistant Area Representatives have "voice" at any meeting of the committee, but no vote.
3. Official members of the Committee are appointed as follows –
 - Officials Committee Chair - appointed for a two year term by the FL Swimming General Chair with input from the Florida Swimming Vice Chair responsible for the Officials Committee.
 - Officials Committee Vice Chair – appointed for a two year term² by the Florida Swimming General Chair, with input from the Officials Committee Chair and Florida Swimming Vice Chair responsible for the Officials Committee, from candidates nominated by the Officials Committee. Candidates may be eligible Area Representatives or other eligible Florida Swimming officials.
 - Area Representative – appointed by the Officials Committee Chair from eligible Florida Swimming officials from the Area. When Area Representative vacancies occur, for any reason, the Officials Committee Chair may solicit and consider nominations of eligible candidates from any certified official members in the "Area."
 - Assistant Area Representatives – nominated by the Area Representative and appointed by the Officials Chair from eligible Florida Swimming officials from the Area³. The Assistant Area Representative may not be affiliated with the same FS Club as the Area Representative unless specifically approved by the Florida Swimming Board of Directors.

The Officials Chair and Vice Chair must be Florida Swimming certified Meet Referees with at least 3 completed years of service as a certified official.³ Area Representatives and Assistant Area Representatives must be Florida Swimming certified officials with at least 3 completed years of service as a certified official. The Officials Chair, Vice Chair and Area Representatives must have at least 2 years of service as a member of Florida Swimming.

4. The Coach Representative member is appointed by the General Chairman with the advice and consent of the respective division vice-chairman and the Officials Chair from nominations submitted by the Florida Swimming Coaches Association.
5. Athlete Members are appointed by the General Chair from nominations submitted by the Athletes Committee. If not enough nominations are submitted by the Athletes Committee, the Senior Athlete Representative must submit the nominations.
6. Quorum:
A quorum of the Officials Committee is those members present at a properly noticed meeting provided the Officials Chair (or Vice Chair if the Officials Chair cannot participate) and at least 4 Area Representative are present. ⁴
7. Participation Through Communication Equipment:
Participation by telephone or other methods where all business can be heard and, if necessary, seen by all participants is acceptable. ⁵
8. Term Limits:
 - No Member of the Officials Committee may serve in any position for more than 4 consecutive years, except Area Representatives, who may serve no more than two consecutive 3 year terms. Individuals may again be appointed to the position after one full calendar year if a vacancy occurs.
 - Two Area Representatives must vacate their position at the conclusion of the Florida Swimming Annual Meeting each year in the following rotation: 2008 - Areas 1 and 2, 2009 - Areas 3 and 4, 2010 Areas 5 and 6 and then continuing in that rotation. Area Representatives with 3, or less, years of service when the position is vacated are eligible for, but do not have a right to, appointment to another 3 year term.
 - Officials appointed to fill an Area Representative position that is vacated part way through a 3 year term are deemed to be completing a full 3 year term if filling a vacancy with more than one year remaining at the time of appointment. If the official is appointed with less than one year remaining in the term – vacancy occurred at or after the conclusion of FS Annual Meeting preceding the normal term completion Annual Meeting - the appointment is "Interim" and, if eligible and appointed to continue in the position, the official may serve up to two full contiguous terms.
 - Interim Area Representative appointments may not exceed one year. They may be the Area Assistant Representative.
 - If necessary, the Officials Chair may appoint Interim Area Representatives from outside the represented Areas. ⁶

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| 1. Bylaw change – 607.3.1 | 4. Bylaw change – 607.12 |
| 2. Bylaw change – 607.2 (1) | 5. Bylaw change – 607.11 |
| 3. Bylaw change – 607.2.2 (B) | 6. Bylaw changes – 607.17 & 607.18 |