**Passed**

**Disability Coach to SES Zone All-Star Team Staff**

A Disability Coach will be selected to The Southeastern Swimming Zone Team Coaching Staff to coach the Disability Athletes.

**Selection Procedure for Disability Athletes to SES All-Star Zone Team (Changes made through strikes and highlighted additions)**

I.              Adapted swimming competitors who apply for inclusion onto the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team must have each of the following criteria:

A.    Applicants must be able to show proof of one of four disabilities: Visual, Hearing, Cognitive, or Physical. USA Swimming’s definition of disability is: a permanent physical or cognitive disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

B.    Applicants must be a registered member of Southeastern Swimming, Inc. for the year of the competition.

C.    Applicants must have competed in at least one (1) of the following meets within one (1) calendar year from the start of the competition:

1)     Southeastern Swimming Short Course Championships

2)     Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championships

3)     Southeastern Swimming Region Championship (any region)

4)     Highly encouraged to have competed in Long Course Meets

D.    Applicants must complete and return all necessary paperwork and fees to Southeastern Swimming before the stated deadline to be considered for inclusion onto the Southeastern Zone Team.

E.    Applicants must be aged eleven (11) years and not have reached their nineteenth (19) birthday on or before the first day of the Zone Meet to be eligible for selection.

II.     For Southeastern Swimming Zone Team, no more than three (3) boys and three (3) girls shall be selected onto the team.  These swimmers may represent any of the following age groups:  11-12, 13-14, or 15-18. Disability swimmers will be scored based on the number of disability swimmers in that particular event, as follows:

Five athletes (6,4,3,2,1); Four athletes (5,3,2,1); Three athletes (4,2,1); Two athletes (3,1); One athlete(2)

Disability Swimmers are swum together, but scored by gender and age group, but NOT separated by Disability.

III.            In the case of more applicants than available roster spaces, applicants shall be selected for inclusion onto the team by the following criteria:

A.       The selection shall be made using the same point value system as does the rest of the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team.  Using up to, but not exceeding a swimmer’s best three (3) zone chart point scoring swims, a total is summated. The highest sum total shall be selected for inclusion onto the Southeastern Swimming Zone Team.

B.        Since Short Course Meets are competed in more commonly by Adapted swimmers, a

second point chart shall be created for Short Course Yards.  This chart shall be based on the same formula used for Long Course meters.

C.        Swimmer’s times shall be used in the age group chart for their age on the first day of the Zone Meet.  For example, if a swimmer is 12 at Regions, but will be 13 at the zone meet, that swimmer’s times from Districts shall be used against the 13&O point chart.

D.       Please note that the following events do not count towards point totals as they are not events in the zone meet:  11-12 1000 yard/800 meter Freestyle, 13 & Over Girls 1650 yard/1500 meter Freestyle, and 13&Over Boys 1000 yard/800 meter Freestyle.

E.        Any ties shall be broken by the highest point value of the swimmer’s single best scoring event.

F.        Since Adaptive Swimmers have an opportunity to score, but must compete in prelims and finals selection will be made considering swimmers ability to compete in 6 events during the course of the meet.

Swimmers should be able to travel with the SES Zones team.