

Southeastern Swimming General Chair Report

1. Sanction Report – As of the current date, all sanctions are done through the end of October, with several November meets and one or two in December and January already sanctioned. We have newly revised Team Information, Waiver and Disabled Swimmer forms available on the website. Please download them, especially the waiver, as it is required for the sanction. Generally, the process has been going smoothly; most teams have adapted their applications from the last year, thus the corrections made then are already made.
2. Convention items – Convention was rather quiet this year, with most legislation being simple housekeeping. There were, however, one or two notable exceptions which are of interest:
 - A. It was proposed that non-athlete members of USA Swimming be subject to background checks, as are many professions which deal with children. The motion was defeated due to lack of specific information (costs, who pays them, etc.), however the House of Delegates passed a resolution supporting the idea and directing the Board of Directors to proceed with a pilot program in Florida and return with specifics next year. This **will** pass; we need to be ready to implement it when we get the program.
 - B. There was an addition to the 304.3.13 (anti-recruiting rule) which added a couple of examples of general advertising which is not prohibited. Essentially, the rule now states that a club may advertise to an “identifiable general population where there is a reasonable expectation that the majority of that population are not current members of USA Swimming”. “Advertising that is placed in or on any item that is sold” is also defined as general.
 - C. All clubs, including seasonal clubs, must now require all directors and officers to be members of USA Swimming.
 - D. There was also a proposal to include a provision for minimum air quality during a competition. The proposal was withdrawn due to a lack of specifics; however, expect it to return when the ability to measure chloramines in the air is more precise (not too far off, from what I was told).
3. Plans for the coming year – This is an exciting year for the LSC. With the increase in the dues, we have more funds to provide services for our athletes. We are currently working on a 9 year projection which includes the proposals for the distribution of these funds. There is a short questionnaire which is available at this meeting dealing with where we need to go from here. Please fill it out if you have any ideas on the direction that the LSC should take.