

## **ARTICLE IV WESTERN ZONE TEAM**

### SECTION 1 – WESTERN ZONE TEAM, Age Group and Senior:

- A. The Age-Group Chair will head the Western Zone Meet Committee consisting of the Age Group Vice Chair, selected Zone Coaches, and Zone Team Coordinators to take care of all aspects of planning and attending each Zone Meet.
- B. Swimmer Eligibility: To be a member of the Snake River Swimming Western Zone Team a swimmer must:
  1. be a registered member of Snake River Swimming
  2. achieve an “A” or “B” qualifying time standard, as defined under Part D, after September 1 of the current season, in such that the current season be defined as beginning September 1 and ending August 31.
  3. be a high-point award winner at the Snake River Swimming Summer Championships in the 9-10, 11-12 or 13-14 age-groups; or
  4. if two (2) Snake River swimmers in any age group qualify and plan to attend the meet, a third and fourth swimmer may be selected by the Western Zone Meet Committee based on the criteria outlined in Part C of this Section
- C. Addition of Relay Swimmers: As referenced in Part B of this Section, if at least two (2) Snake River swimmers in any age-group qualify and plan to attend the meet, a third and/or four swimmer may be selected using the following criteria:
  1. Swimmers will be ranked by event using yard and meter times for the 50 Free, 100 Free, 100 Back, 100 Fly, and 100 Breast, with equal weighting placed on all events. Times performed in short-course yard competitions will be considered through June 1. More consideration will be given to long-course times. Rankings will be posted periodically on the Snake River Swimming website;
  2. The Western Zone Meet Committee will evaluate the rankings, with preferences placed on meeting the specific needs of relay swims. A swimmers lowest ranked event will be disregarded during the evaluation process. If there are two qualifiers, the committee will select two swimmers and one alternate swimmer to fill the relay. If there are three qualifiers, the committee will select one swimmer and one alternate to fill the relay;
  3. If selected swimmers decline the invitation in such that a relay cannot be formed, the committee may evaluate additional invitations at their discretion so long as such invitations maintain a similar standard and the integrity of the process is continued; and
  4. Selected swimmers will be allowed to swim individual events within the restrictions of Snake River Swimming’s total allotment of allowable nonconforming swims.
- D. Time Standards: The following standards will be used for selection of the Snake River Swimming Zone Team(s):
  1. “A” Standard: Equivalent to the meet standards established by the Western Zone;
  2. “B” Standard: Equivalent to the “A” standard, plus 1.0 seconds added for each 50 of the respective event up to 200 yards or meters. Events longer than 200 yards or meters will have 4.0 total seconds added to the “A” standard.
- E. Swimmer Funding
  1. To receive funds a swimmer must have competed in no less than three Snake River Swimming sponsored meets during the year preceding the Western Zone Meet and meet the selection criteria as outlined above.
  2. Swimmers who have met at least one A or B qualifying time for the meet will receive the full subsidy amount as decided upon by the House of Delegates.
  3. Swimmers who have not met at least one A or B qualifying time but were selected for the meet to fill relays, will receive ½ the subsidy amount.
  4. Swimmers will pay all expenses, including transportation, housing, meals, individual entry fees, and uniforms in advance of the meet. The amount to be paid will be determined by the Zone Committee. Eligible swimmers will receive their LSC reimbursement within 45 days after the meet.

5. Swimmers 10 and under, are required to travel with a parent, and are not required to share in the lodging or transportation expense incurred by the other zone participants.
  6. All swimmers, including 10 & Under swimmers, will share the cost (transportation, housing, and meals) of sending a chaperone to the meet, if one is needed.
- F. Policies and Procedures
1. All zone participants are expected to travel with the Team. Those desiring to make their own travel arrangements must inform the Zone Chair no later than July 1 preceding the meet or they will be required to pay their proportionate share of the team travel costs. Regardless of the means of travel to the meet, all team members are required to be lodged with the team for the duration of the meet. Exceptions to this policy can only be made by the Executive Committee after notifying the General Chair.