

To be Considered by the  
House of Delegates  
*Spring 2014*

R-01

**ACTION:** Adopted   Defeated   Adopted/Amended   Tabled   Postponed   Pulled

**Summary:**        Reinstatement of the Meet Entry Fee restrictions for LSC non-Championship meets and revise the Championship Meet Entry Fees

**Rationale:**        To limit the continued increase of cost for swimmers to attend meets

**Submitted by:**    Brent Watkins

**Recommendation:** *(Office Use Only)*

**Effective Date:**    September 1, 2014

ARTICLE 202: MEET ENTRY FEES

202.1. Non Championship Meet ENTRY FEES\* - - The maximum allowable entry fee for NCS non-Championship meets is as follows:

Timed Finals events: \$4.00 per event short course, \$6.00 per event long-course  
Prelims/Finals events: \$6.00 per event short course, \$8.00 per event long course  
Relay events: \$10.00 per event short course, \$12.00 per event long course  
Facility/Swimmer surcharge: \$10.00 short course, \$15.00 long course

202.2 Championship Meet Entry Fees - The maximum allowable entry fee for NCS Championship meets is as follows:

Short Course (Sr & AG): \$4.00 individual, \$8.00 relay  
Long Course (AG): \$6.00 individual, \$10.00 relay  
Long Course (Sr): \$8.00 individual, \$12.00 relay  
Facility/swimmer surcharge may not exceed \$10.00 for short course or \$15.00 for long course

202.3. FEES FOR LATE ENTRIES - The fees charged for late entries are limited to no more than double the amount listed for on-time entries in the respective meet's announcement.

202.4 NON-NCS REGISTERED ENTRANTS Meet hosts may charge non-NCS registered entrants an additional one dollar (\$1.00) per individual entry and an additional two dollars (\$2.00) per relay.

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**Summary:**            Add fine/penalty for late Meet Recon submittals

**Rationale:**           Late meet recons cause problems for registrar and increases probability of unregistered swimmers

**Submitted by:**      Suzanne Heat/John Roy

**Recommendation:** *(Office Use Only)*

**Effective Date:**     Immediately

### 203.5. OTHER FEES AND FINES

- .1 Sanction/Approval requests shall be subject to a late fee, assessed by the Sanction Chair, or designee, that must be paid in addition to the sanction fee.
  - A. A sanction/approval request for a meet, other than a closed, dual or tri meet, for which prior scheduling approval has been given but is not received at least sixty (60) days prior to the meet, a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the sanction fee shall be assessed.
  - B. If a sanction/approval for a closed, dual, or tri meet, is not received at least thirty (30) days prior to the meet, a late fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in addition to the sanction fee shall be assessed.
  - C. If Meet announcement is changed after the sanction/approval is granted without Sanction Committee approval; the sanction chair may fine the host team the late fee. The sanction chair can revoke the sanction/approval if deemed necessary.
- .2 The initial meet recon is due at least 7 days prior to the start of the meet. If additional athletes are added to the meet after the initial recon, a second recon must be sent 2 days prior to the start of the meet. , If the recons are not provided in the timeline specified, the host shall pay a \$500 fine. Future sanctions for the team shall not be approved until the fee is paid. NCS Championship meets are exempt from this requirement
- .3 The Sanction Chair or designee shall assess a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less for willful violation or neglect of the provisions of this article. The assessment of such a fine may be appealed according to NCS Rules and Bylaws.

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R-03

**ACTION:** Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Add Administrative official to certified officials

Rationale: USA Swimming requires this position to be certified

Submitted by: Official's Committee

Recommendation: *(Office Use Only)*

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### 209.3. CERTIFICATION

- .1 Roster of Current Officials - The Committee shall maintain a roster of current certified officials and provide lists to meet directors and Referees upon request.
- .2 Officials - Positions certified by NCS include: Administrative Official, Stroke and Turn Judge, Starter, and Referee. Additional positions recognized by USA Swimming may be certified. See USA Swimming Rules and Regulations for USA Swimming membership requirements for officials.

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R-04A

**ACTION:** Adopted Defeated **Adopted/Amended** Tabled Postponed Pulled

**Summary:** Revise 4 hour rule to conform to USA Swimming rules

**Rationale:** To ensure the General Rules of NCS are in compliance with the correct interpretation of USAS 205.3.1F since the rule states "shall be planned" (meaning must be planned) and NCS rule is based on actual completed time.)

**Submitted by:** Chris Kitchens

**Recommendation:** *(Office Use Only)*

**Effective Date:** (Immediately)

## **ARTICLE 210.5 PROTESTS AND PENALTIES**

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.3 **LENGTH** Meet hosts shall take steps to control the length of meets, using a maximum of four (4) hours of competition per session and eight (8) hours of competition for a prelims/finals meet for a particular age group or class of swimmer in any one day as a desirable goal. This effort may take any one or combination of several forms, such as: limiting the number of events in one day, number of competitors, or the number of event entries, subject to the approval of the appropriate Division Vice-Chair.

- A. With the exception of NCS championship meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers 12 years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or less for a timed finals session or in a total of eight (8) hours or less per day for a preliminaries and finals meet.
- B. The rule does not apply to "Open" events even if swimmers 12 years of age or younger are entered.
- C. Events that are scored multi-age (including Open events) are impacted by the rule if the multi-age scoring involves 12U designations, such as 11-12, 10U, 12U, etc. Meet Announcements. Meets must be planned such that events for 12&Unders can reasonably be concluded within four (4) hours. Sessions that exceed four hours are not in violation of the rule if properly planned.
- D. Compliance Process
  2. Measurement of the time duration applicable to this rule begins with the published meet start time of a session that offers 12U events and ends with the conclusion of the last 12U event of the day
  3. The following intervals shall be used for planning purposes:
    - a. Dive-overs 20 seconds

- b. Non Dive-overs 30 seconds
  - c. Chase starts -20 seconds
  - d. Backstroke events +10 seconds
4. Timelines must be submitted to the Meet Referee within 1 day after close of entries. The Meet Referee and Meet Director will work together to ensure all 12&U sessions are under 4 hours.
- E. The meet host must refund entry fees to entrants for all events cancelled or limited.

.4 All fines will be placed into the NCS Travel Fund. The assessment of a fine may be appealed according to NCS Rules and By-Laws.

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R-05

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**Summary:**          Allow athletes to receive funding for WCTs and either the Open or Juniors in the same season.

**Rationale:**        USA Swimming adds an extra meet in the summers with WCTs.

**Submitted by:**    Paul Silver

**Recommendation:** *(Office Use Only)*

**Effective Date:**    Immediately

#### 212.4. TRAVEL FUND ELIGIBILITY

- .1 Swimmers must be registered members of NCS and USA Swimming for the current year.
- .2 Swimmers must qualify for and participate in an individual event at the National Championship or other meet for which travel support is requested or be selected for and represent NCS in a Southern Zone Championship meet. NCS will reimburse a swimmer for only one event per season. Olympic Trials, World Championship Trials, and Open Water Nationals are exempted from this restriction. Age Group Zones are also exempted if an athlete achieves their first junior or national cut at the Age Group Zone meet.

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R-06

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Summary: Clarify/clean-up language of NCS All-Star recognition

Rationale: Housekeeping

Submitted by: Bill Martin & Brent Watkins

Recommendation: *(Office Use Only)*

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ARTICLE 214: NCS ALL STAR CRITERIA

214.1. GENERAL Selection of NCS All Stars and Swimmer of the Year shall be based upon times achieved by NCS registered for both Long Course Meters and Short Course Yards, in USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed meets, in the age group events designated by NCS, provided such events are offered in NCS meets and are available to all NCS swimmers.

214.2. ALL STAR CRITERIA

- .1 An NCS Top 5 list will be published that includes the Top 5 NC swimmers in both Short Course Yards and Long Course Meters (from September 1 of the previous year thru August 31 of the current year) in each event in the following age groups: 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.
- .2 Each NCS swimmer who individually achieves at least one USA National Age Group Recognition Top 10 Time is a NCS All Star.
- .3 Each NCS swimmer who achieves NC Top-5 "AAAA" times in two or more of the following categories: distance freestyle, sprint freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, or individual medley for Short Course Yards is a NCS All Star upon verification by the NCS All Star Committee. The recognition period will begin September 1 of the previous year and end August 31 of the current year.
- .4 Each NCS swimmer who achieves NC Top-5 "AAAA" times in two or more of the following categories: distance freestyle, sprint freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, or individual medley for Long Course Meters is a NCS All Star upon verification by the NCS All Star Committee. The recognition period will begin September 1 of the previous year and end August 31 of the current year.
- .5 Swimmers placing in the Top 3 in each age group in the NCS Open Water Championship as well as any 18& under swimmer who participates in the USA Swimming Open Water National Championships will be recognized as an NCS Open Water All-Star.

214.3. ADDITIONAL ALL STAR CRITERIA AND DESCRIPTION

- .1 All Star lists shall be published at the NCS banquet for Short Course Yards and Long Course Meters
- .2 Distance Freestyle (Freestyle events 400 and longer for 17-18, 15-16, and 13-14; 200 and longer for 11-12 and 10&Under) and Sprint Freestyle (Freestyle events 200 and shorter for 17-18, 15-16, and 13-14; 100 and shorter for 11-12 and 10&Under) are considered distinct

'strokes' for the purposes of this Article, along with Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Individual Medley.

.3 The NCS All Star Committee is responsible for publishing the NCS All-Star Criteria.