

Fall 2017 HOD
Legislative Results

Block B – Requires 90% vote			
Number	Subject	Effective Date	Result
B-01	Athlete Representative Election	Immediate	Approved

Block A – Requires 50% vote			
Number	Subject	Effective Date	Result
HK-01	Reorder Sanctioning Sections	Immediate	Approved
R-01	Meet Scheduling	Immediate	Approved as Amended
R-02	Meet Announcement Requirements	Immediate	Approved as Amended
R-03	Travel Fund	Immediate	Approved as Amended
R-04	Meet Bid Change Appeal Process	Immediate	Approved

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B-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Change election of Athlete Reps from LC Senior Champs to Spring HOD.

Rationale: Target athletes interested in governance.

Submitted by: Senior Athlete Representative

(Office Use Only)

Effective Date: Immediate

ARTICLE 604 - HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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- .2 Athlete Representatives - Two (2) Athlete Representative shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, an Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member or a Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by NCS or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout the term. The election of Athlete Representative shall be conducted annually during ~~NCS's long-course senior swimming championship~~ Spring HOD, or other regularly scheduled meet designated by the Board of Directors. The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Athletes Committee, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The Athlete Representatives elected shall be determined by a majority of the Athlete Members in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older.

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HK-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Reorder/rearrange Scheduling/Sanctioning section in a more logical format

Rationale: Easier to follow process

Submitted by: Bill Martin

Recommendation: *(Office Use Only)*

Effective Date: Immediate

Section	Old	New
MEET SCHEDULING PROCESS / (AWARD OF DATES)	205	202
MEET ANNOUNCEMENT	206	203
MEET ENTRY FEES	202	203
SANCTIONS/APPROVALS	203	204
APPROVAL (Now part of SANCTIONS/APPROVALS)	204	204
POST MEET REQUIREMENTS / (REQUIRED MEET REPORTS)	211	205

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R-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Housekeeping changes the Meet Scheduling and Meet Sanctioning sections to be consistent with current practices and terminology. A summary chart for sanction fees and late fees was also added.

Rationale: Trying to make the scheduling and sanctioning processes easier to understand.

Submitted by: Bill Martin, Kevin Thornton, Trish Martin

Recommendation: *(Office Use Only)*

Effective Date: Immediate

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:~~

Entry fees may be set at the discretion of the meet host as outlined in the meet bid.

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.

[Note: See Article 212 for Travel Fund Surcharge and Article 215 for Facility Surcharge.]

ARTICLE 203: SANCTIONS/APPROVALS

203.1. USA SWIMMING REQUIREMENTS. Swimming meets (e.g., competitions, clinics, exhibitions, Swim-a-thons, benefits, or other events where amateur swimmers compete, demonstrate, or exhibit) must generally be sanctioned. Sanction applicants must be familiar with the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part II, Article 202, 202.1,

202.2, and 202.3 covering Jurisdiction, Requirements, and Conditions that are a part of the Sanction Application. Sanctions are issued, withheld or withdrawn in accordance USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 202. Special attention is called to the following provisions:

- .1 No sanction shall be issued to any organization whose interest is solely commercial or profit motivated.
- .2 United States Swimming, Inc. herein referred to as USA Swimming, must be recognized and conformed to as the sole governing body for the sport of swimming.
- .3 All swimmers competing in a sanctioned meet must be registered members of USA Swimming. USA Swimming Registration identification number must accompany each swimmer's entry
- .4 Sanctions are not transferable.
- .5 The word 'Olympic' shall not be used except that the term 'Junior Olympics' may be used for the NCS Long Course and/or Short Course 18&Under LSC Championships.
- .6 Liability and property damage clauses releasing USA Swimming and North Carolina Swimming must appear on all entry forms.
- .7 Sanctions will be withheld from teams that have outstanding fines or meet reports that are overdue. Meets already sanctioned will not be withdrawn for these reasons.
- .8 Sanctions may be withheld or withdrawn.

203.2. Time Trials - The purpose of Time Trials is to provide an opportunity for swimmers to achieve times. Time Trials are a race for time, not necessarily a competition between individuals. Time Trials conducted as an accessory to sanction or approved meet may be offered subject to the following:

- .1 When the Time Trial is a part of a regularly scheduled and sanctioned/approved meet, Time Trial information shall be a separate section/paragraph in the corresponding Meet Announcement, but may have separate meet director and/or meet referee. Time Trials will pay a separate sanction fee and receive a separate sanction number.
- .2 Time Trials will be offered at the discretion of the Meet Referee
- .3 Entrants in Time Trials must be entered in the meet.
- .4 Daily or meet entry limits will be stated, and must not exceed entry limits mandated by USA Swimming.
- .5 The time and place for the Time Trials will be stated in the Meet Announcement and must be planned so as to not interfere with meet warm-ups, breaks, and competition.
- .6 All USA Swimming Rules will apply to Time Trials.

203.3. ~~APPLICATION~~SANCTION/APPROVAL REQUEST PROCEDURE

- .1 Meets - For swim meets other than closed, dual, tri or quad meets, prior scheduling approval is required except as provided in Article 202. ~~As soon as possible after scheduling approval, and at~~At least sixty (60) days before the meet, the meet host must submit a sanction/approval request to the ~~Senior Vice Chair or his designee~~sanctions committee. The sanction request shall include:

~~A. Completed sanction request with forms for the following NCS Officers, Chair, or his/her designee: Senior Vice Chair, Age Vice Chair, Technical Planning Chair.~~

~~B.~~

A. Meet announcement Sheet. See Article 206 for required information.

~~C.~~B. Order of Events.

~~D.~~C. Appropriate Fees. **See Article 207.**

~~E.~~D. Any additional information required by the ~~Senior Vice Chair or designee~~sanctions committee.

Note: Meet hosts should submit the meet sanction request IMMEDIATELY after the meet has been scheduled by the NCS House of Delegates or Board of Directors.

- ~~.2~~ Closed, Dual, Tri or Quad Meets – ~~A completed~~For closed, dual, tri, or quad meets, the meet host must submit a sanction/approval request, ~~description of the nature and format of the meet, name of the meet referee, any additional~~ with the same information required by the Senior Vice Chair or designee and required fees, if any, shall be submitted to the Senior Vice Chair or designeedetailed above in section 203.3.1 at least thirty (30) days ~~before~~prior to the meet. start date.

- .3 The ~~Senior Vice Chair or designee~~sanctions committee shall consider the request promptly and, if approved will issue a sanction.

- .4 The sanctioning process should be completed within thirty (30) days.

203.4. SANCTION FEES **A list of sanction fees is listed in Article 207.9.**

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, tri or quad 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, tri or quad 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.

203.6 Summary Chart: Sanction Fees/Late Fees

<u>Meet Type</u>	<u>Scheduling Required*</u>	<u>Sanction Request Due**</u>	<u>Sanction Fee</u>	<u>Late Fee: Scheduled Meets</u>	<u>Late Fee: Unscheduled Meets</u>
<u>Intrasquad</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>30 days prior to meet start</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>Dual/Tri/Quad</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>30 days prior to meet start</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$300</u>
<u>Closed League</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>30 days prior to meet start</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$300</u>
<u>All Other</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>60 days prior to meet start</u>	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$300</u>

* While not all classes of meets are required to be on the technical planning schedule, NCS strongly encourages clubs to include all meets on the schedule. Submitting sanction or approved meet requests for unscheduled meets after the deadline results in higher late fees.

** Sanction Requests for both scheduled and unscheduled meets are due by the deadline

ARTICLE 204: APPROVALS

204.1. USA member swim clubs may not host Approved meets unless approved by the House of Delegates at the scheduling meeting or the Board of Directors. USA Swimming clubs hosting closed meets are exempt from this requirement.

ARTICLE 205: AWARD OF DATES

205.1. SCHEDULING

- .1 Except when the House of Delegates determines otherwise by a 2/3 majority, the schedule for each ~~indoors~~short course season (September through approximately April) shall be approved at the corresponding House of Delegates meeting the previous Spring and the schedule for each ~~outdoor~~long course season (approximately May through August) shall be approved at the corresponding House of Delegates meeting the previous Fall.
- .2 ~~At least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to each House of Delegates meeting, the~~The Technical Planning Committee shall ~~submit to the Board of Directors~~develop a ~~preliminary recommended~~ framework for the appropriate future season schedule. The framework shall include target dates for all meets at all levels of North Carolina Swimming and protected dates. The framework shall begin with national, zone, and sectional meet dates and provide for logical progressions toward season culminating events for all levels of NCS swimmers. ~~A final framework shall be submitted to and approved by the BOD and communicated to the membership at least 40 days prior to HOD.~~
- .3 A protected date is a date where no additional NCS sanctioned meets open to a particular level of swimmer may be subsequently added to the schedule. Saturday and Sunday of any weekend for the following events on the scheduled NCS calendar will be protected dates for which no meets shall be sanctioned or approved except as noted.
 1. Regularly scheduled HOD meetings
 2. NCS SC 14 and Under and Senior Championships Meets
 3. NCS LC 14 and Under and Senior Championships Meets
 4. NCS Open Water Championships

Closed championships are exempt. Meets may be awarded on the dates of events 2 or 3 for swimmers who are ineligible to compete in the protected meet.

The BOD may approve meets on protected weekends that do not detract from attendance at the protected event.

In the year of Olympic Trials, a meet may be sanctioned with the support of the National Team Director during the protected date of the Open Water Championships as long as the meet is designed and sanctioned to provide a beneficial opportunity to swimmers participating in or are nearly qualified for the selection meet (minimum of Winter Junior time standard).

- .4 The ~~Board of Directors shall review the recommended framework submitted by the~~ Technical Planning Committee, ~~approve a~~ shall post the scheduling framework, ~~including any changes it may wish to make, and post the approved framework~~ to the North Carolina Swimming website at least ~~ninety (90)~~forty (40) days prior to the upcoming House of Delegates meeting.

- .5 Based on the approved scheduling framework, the Technical Planning Committee shall solicit bids from member clubs and prepare a recommended schedule for consideration by the House of Delegates.
- .6 In order to bid for a meet, a club shall complete the current bid submission form (as prepared by the Technical Planning Committee). Submissions must be received 1 day prior to the Technical Planning Committee meeting to set the calendar. This form shall include proposed dates, site, type of meet, tentative order of events and qualifying standards (if any), all proposed fees (including, but not limited to, entry fees, facility surcharges, travel fund surcharges, parking fees, spectator fees and any other NCS approved fees), and other relevant information about the meet. ~~In addition, for NCS Championship and other defined (either by Rule or policy) meets, the bid form shall include a statement of acceptance by the bidding club of all Rules or policies applicable to the meet being bid.~~
- ~~.7~~.7 For a meet that has been properly bid to remain on the schedule and sent to the House of Delegates, a representative of the host club must be present at the Technical Planning meeting.
- .8 After a meet has been approved as part of the schedule, material changes to information originally submitted in the bid submission form, including a change in venue or changes in fees that are mandatory and apply to all or virtually all participants, shall be submitted to the General ~~Chairman~~Chair as soon as the changes are known to allow for a review of the proposed changes by the Technical Planning Committee, Board of Directors, and/or House of Delegates, as appropriate. Possible actions by North Carolina Swimming shall include a fine or revocation of scheduling approval.
- .89 At each appropriate House of Delegates meeting, the House of Delegates will approve, with possible modifications, the corresponding upcoming season schedule.
- ~~.9~~10 Once approved, the schedule shall be open to additional meets ~~requiring scheduling~~ as long as any such meet does not conflict with a protected date. Any requests for additional meets ~~requiring scheduling~~ must be submitted to both the technical planning committee and the sanctions committee prior to the appropriate sanction request deadline (30 days prior to the meet start date for closed, dual, tri or quad meets and 60 days prior the meet start date for all other type meets). Requests for additional meets that are made after the sanction request deadline shall be assessed a late fee ~~of \$100 for intersquad meets and \$300 for all other meets.~~ in addition to the sanction fee as detailed in the summary chart in section 203.6. Meet requests within 8 days of the meet start date will not be considered. The Technical Planning Committee shall have the authority to approve or reject any additional meets submitted for scheduling approval. A club may appeal any rejection or fine to the Board of Directors.
- ~~.40~~11 Once the schedule is approved, any club who has had its bid approved is expected to run the awarded meet. If a club decides not to hold a meet, it may be subject to penalty, as indicated below:
- A. For a Championship meet, if the club notifies the Technical Planning Committee at least 180 days prior to the first day of the meet, there shall be no penalty. If

the notification is received less than 180 days prior, the club shall be fined \$500.

- B. For other meets, if the club notifies the Technical Planning Committee at least 120 days prior to the first day of the meet, there shall be no penalty. If the notification is received less than 120 days prior, the club shall be fined \$200.
- C. If the Technical Planning Committee determines that an awarded meet is not essential to the schedule, it may allow the club to withdraw its bid without penalty. For example, the approved schedule may include 3 qualifying meets on a given weekend. Later, the Committee may determine that only 2 such meets are needed.

.4112 In the event that a scheduled meet, considered essential to the schedule, is not going to be held by a club, the Technical Planning Committee is authorized to solicit bids from other clubs and make a recommendation for an alternate host to the Board of Directors for final determination of alternate host.

.4213 The approved schedule shall be prominently posted on the North Carolina Swimming website. Any additions to or withdrawals from the approved schedule shall also be posted in way that draws attention to the change.

205.2. SANCTION REQUESTS - The award of ~~sanction and~~ meet date(s) shall be for the purpose of scheduling and shall not affect in any way the sanction rules in Article 201. Dates not herein classified or restricted shall be open for sanction requests. Such requests shall not be unreasonably withheld and the reason(s) for any denial shall be given to the requesting entity within a reasonable amount of time. A majority vote by the NCS House of Delegates or Board of Directors can override a denied sanction request.

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R-02

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Add additional information to meet announcement and add requirements for chase starts and 2 to a lane.

Rationale: Provide additional control over meets

Submitted by: Sanctions and Official's Committees

(Office Use Only)

Effective Date: Immediate

ARTICLE 206: MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

206.1. MEET EVENT INFORMATION A list of the information required in meet event announcement information is included in the Meet Director's Handbook. Descriptions of the facility included in the meet announcement shall accurately describe the portions, including warm up pool/ lanes, of the facility available for the competition, in the event that portions of the facility will not be made available to the competition.

206.2. FEES

.1 ENTRY FEES It is the decision of the meet host whether or not to refund entry fees, except that entry fees will be refunded whenever the host club cancels an event (individual or relay). Entry fees for events that are cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the Meet Host do not have to be refunded.

.2 A list of the maximum fees allowable **is in Article 202.**

206.3. MAILING DATES The entry forms and event information sheet shall be mailed or otherwise distributed (including posting on the NCS website) at least thirty (30) or more days prior to the meet. Event forms and event information shall not be mailed or distributed until the event is sanctioned or approved.

206.4 ENTRY DEADLINE The entry deadline can be no earlier than ten (10) days prior to the first day of the swim meet.

206.5 CHASE STARTS Chase starts may only be conducted for 100 meter and longer events in 50M pools with starting platforms and water depths of 4' or deeper on both ends. The timing systems for both ends shall be identical and shall conform to USA Swimming primary timing system requirements. If chase starts are to be considered, the option should be declared in the meet announcement that is submitted for sanctioning.

The Meet Director and Meet Referee shall jointly make requests to add previously unapproved chase starts to a meet to the Sanctions Committee no later than 24 hours after the entry

deadline. If the exception is approved, the information shall be communicated to teams entered in the meet within 24 hours of approval and entry fees shall be refunded to teams who decline to participate in chase start events. Conducting chase starts without prior Sanction Committee approval is considered a violation of NCS rule 203.5.1.C and is subject to penalties as stated.

206.6 TWO PER LANE Two-per-lane competition may only be conducted in freestyle events of 400M or longer in 50M pools with 9 foot wide lanes. Swimmers may start from either end of the pool provided starting platforms and water depths of 4' or deeper are available on each end and identical, independent timing systems that conform to USA Swimming primary timing system requirements are operating for each heat. If two-per-lane competition is to be considered, the option should be declared in the meet announcement that is submitted for sanctioning. Information about lane width shall be included in the facility description

The Meet Director and Meet Referee shall jointly make requests to add previously unapproved 2-per-lane events to a meet to the Sanctions Committee no later than 24 hours after the entry deadline. If the exception is approved, the information shall be communicated to teams entered in the meet within 24 hours of approval and entry fees shall be refunded to teams who decline to participate in two-per-lane events. Swimming any events two-per-lane without prior approval is considered a violation of NCS rule 203.5.1.C and is subject to penalties as indicated.

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R-03	
ACTION:	Adopted Defeated <u>Adopted/Amended</u> Tabled Postponed Pulled
Summary:	Clarify current procedures and revise funding levels to better support long-time NCS athletes
Rationale:	Swimmers who have paid into the travel fund over many years should have easier access to funding
Submitted by:	Travel Fund Committees
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Effective Date:	Immediate

Note: Due to the extensive changes, this proposal is presented as existing and proposed.

ARTICLE 212: TRAVEL FUND

EXISTING

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. Athletes who achieve their first national cut in any event at Junior Nationals may also receive funding to Senior Nationals in the same season. Age Group Zones are also exempted if an athlete achieves their first junior or national cut at the Age Group Zone meet.
- .3 While a member of North Carolina Swimming, swimmers must have supported NCS by representing NCS in a minimum of two NCS meets that have paid into the travel fund or other designated meets during the current season or three NCS or other designated meets during the previous 12 months of the meet for which funds are requested. Short course and long course seasons are separate seasons. Designated meets shall include all sectional and Grand Prix meets and other major meets approved by the Travel Fund Committee. A meet to which a swimmer received funding from the travel fund shall not count towards the participation requirement.
- .4 Meet results and heat sheets will be used to verify eligibility and participation.

- .5 The Travel Fund Committee may consider the awarding of funds for extenuating and appropriate circumstances. Such awards must have the approval of the Board of Directors prior to payment.
- .6 No swimmer shall receive funds for more than five (5) Junior Championships.
- .7 No club in arrears, with any travel fund charges or other assessments or fees due to USA Swimming or NCS, shall receive Travel Fund monies.
- .8 Any club hosting a Swim-a-thon that has not paid the established Swim-a-thon assessments to USA Swimming or that runs a 'swim-a-thon'-like event without paying the established swim-a-thon fees shall be considered in arrears until the fees are paid.

212.5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

- .1 Eligible NCS swimmers may receive reimbursement as follows:
 - A. Olympic Trials: An amount to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the most economical coach air fare readily available as determined by the Travel Fund Committee plus a per diem of eighty (\$80) per day. Swimmers qualified and participating in one (1) event shall receive three (3) days per diem. Swimmers qualified and participating in two (2) events shall receive five (5) days per diem. Swimmers qualified and participating in three (3) or more events shall receive eight (8) days per diem.
 - B. Long Course National Championships, US Open Championships, and World Championship Trials: six hundred fifty dollars (\$650)
 - C. Short Course National Championships: five hundred fifty dollars (\$550)
 - D. Long Course Junior Championships: five hundred fifty dollars (\$550)
 - E. Short Course Junior Championships: four hundred dollars (\$400)
 - F. Age Group Zone Championships: two hundred dollars (\$200)
 - G. Open Water Nationals: two hundred fifty dollars (\$250)
 - H. Camp Reimbursement
 - 1. National Select Camp: two hundred dollars (\$200)
 - 2. National Open Water Select Camp: two Hundred Dollars (\$200)
 - 3. Zone Select Camp: one hundred dollars (\$100)
 - 4. Zone Diversity Select Camp: two hundred dollars (\$200)
 - I. Open Water Zone Meet: one hundred fifty dollars (\$150)
- .2 When a swimmer has been NCS registered less than two consecutive years and has participated in a minimum of two (2) NCS meets, the swimmer may receive only one third (1/3) of the appropriate allocation during this first year of registration and only two thirds (2/3) of the appropriate allocation during his second consecutive year of registration.

- .3 All travel fund reimbursement checks will be sent directly to clubs.
- .4 The Travel Fund Committee Chair shall publish a complete report of Travel Fund disbursement on the NCS Website at the end of each fiscal year.
- .5 Funding for Coaches to Olympic Trials: Teams with swimmers qualified and participating at Olympic Trials will receive the following funding for one coach per team:
 - A. An amount to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the most economical coach air fare readily available as determined by the Travel Fund Committee.
 - B. A per diem of eighty dollars (\$80) per day. Teams with swimmers qualified and participating in one (1) event shall receive three (3) days per diem. Teams with swimmers qualified and participating in a total of two (2) events shall receive five (5) days per diem. Teams with swimmers qualified and participating in a total of three (3) or more events shall receive eight (8) days per diem.
- .6 Funding for Coaches at national championship meets: Teams with swimmers who have qualified for reimbursement at any junior national or national level meets supported by the NCS travel fund are allowed reimbursement support for one coach per team at the same rate as the athletes, as listed above in 212.5.1.

Adopted

212.4 ATHLETE FUNDING

- .1 REQUIREMENTS
 - A. At the time of the competition, a swimmer must be a year round registered NCS athlete representing a registered NCS club in good standing.
 - B. The swimmer must qualify for, travel to, and compete in at least one individual event at the funded competition.
 - C. Within the 12-month period preceding the competition, the swimmer must have competed with a NCS registered club in not fewer than four (4) USA Swimming meets hosted by NCS member clubs in good standing that collected and paid the NCS Travel Fund surcharge.
 - D. In order to receive funds, clubs must be in good standing with North Carolina Swimming. No club in arrears, with any travel fund charges or other assessments or fees due to USA Swimming or NCS, shall receive Travel Fund monies. Any club hosting a Swim-a-thon that has not paid the established Swim-a-thon assessments to USA Swimming or that runs a 'swim-a-thon'-like event without paying the established swim-a-thon fees shall be considered in arrears until the fees are paid.
 - E. Exceptions to these requirements may be granted by the LSC Board of Directors for extenuating circumstances such as military service, extended illness, or other hardships beyond the swimmer's control.
- .2 PRORATION
 - A. Swimmers who are registered as year round athletes with NCS for the registration year during which the competition occurs and for the three prior registration years are eligible for full funding when funding requirements are met.

- B. Swimmers who are registered as year round athletes with NCS for the registration year during which the competition occurs and for the two prior registration years are eligible for 2/3 funding when funding requirements are met.
- C. Swimmers who are registered as year round athletes with NCS for the registration year during which the competition occurs and for the prior registration year are eligible for 1/3 funding when funding requirements are met.
- D. Swimmers who are registered as year round athletes with NCS for the registration year during which the competition occurs but not in the prior year are not eligible for funding.
- ~~E. When meets are held in North Carolina, all funding levels will be 50% of the stated reimbursement levels.~~

.3 LIMITATIONS/EXCEPTIONS

- A. Swimmers are limited to funding for one meet in the winter championship season and one meet in the summer championship season.
- B. In seasons when US Olympic Team Trials, US World Championship Team Trials, and Open Water Nationals are conducted, these meets shall not count toward that season's limit.
- C. Athletes who achieve their first Senior National Cut at Junior Nationals and choose to compete in Senior Nationals may be funded for both meets.
- D. Athletes who achieve either their first Junior or Senior National Cut at the Southern Zone meet and choose to compete in one of these meets will be funded.
- E. Athletes competing for NCAA varsity swimming teams are not eligible for funding for meets that occur during the NCAA competition season.
- F. NCS athletes who compete as NCAA varsity swimmers and come back to North Carolina to practice with and represent NCS member clubs in meets during the off season are exempt from the minimum number of meets requirement provided they were NCS year round registered athletes for the four consecutive registration years prior to entering college.
- G. Unattached athletes who do not represent NCS registered clubs are not eligible for funding.

.4 NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING AGE GROUP ZONE TEAM

- A. Swimmers named to North Carolina Swimming Age Group Zone Teams must be registered year round athletes with NCS but are exempt from other funding requirements.
- B. Travel funds for these athletes will be determined each budget year by the North Carolina Swimming Board of Directors.
- C. Zone Team travel funds are allocated from the travel fund budget to the Zone Team budgets and not paid to clubs.

.5 USA SWIMMING CAMP SELECTIONS

- A. USA Swimming Camps will be reimbursed as follows:
 - 1. National Select Camp \$200
 - 2. National Open Water Select Camp \$200
 - 3. Zone Select Camp \$200
 - 4. Zone Diversity Select Camp \$200

- B. Swimmers selected to represent North Carolina Swimming at USA Swimming Camps must be registered year round NCS athletes but are exempt from other funding requirements.
- C. Athletes must travel to and participate in a camp to receive reimbursement.
- D. Athletes whose camp attendance is funded by USA Swimming are not eligible for additional reimbursement from NCS.
- E. Camps do not count toward a meet season limit.
- ~~F. Camps held in North Carolina will be reimbursed at 50% of the stated levels.~~

.6 PAYMENT PROCESS

- A. Reimbursement funds will be calculated by North Carolina Swimming after each eligible event based on published meet results or camp rosters and, with the exception of Age Group Zone Meet, will be paid within 30 days by check to the NCS club that the athlete represented.
- B. Head coaches of clubs who wish to decline funding or know of any reason why their athletes are not eligible must notify the North Carolina Executive Administrator prior to the event in which their athlete will participate.
- C. The Travel Fund Committee Chair shall publish a complete annual report of Travel Fund disbursement on the NCS website at the end of each fiscal year.

.7 APPEALS PROCESS

- A. Head coaches of registered NCS clubs may appeal any funding decisions for their registered athletes via email to the North Carolina Swimming Executive Administrator within 30 days of the event.
- B. Exceptions must be approved by the North Carolina Swimming Board of Directors.

212.5. COACH FUNDING

.1 FUNDING LEVEL

- A. When a club's athlete meets funding requirement, funding for one registered club coach will also be provided. The coach's funding shall be equivalent to the athlete's funding. When multiple athletes qualify for funding from a club, the club coach's funding shall be equivalent to the highest funding level provided to one of the club's athletes.

.2 REQUIREMENTS

- A. The coach must be registered with the athlete's club, must travel to the competition, and participate as the club's coach of record at the competition while the club's athlete is competing.

.3 LIMITATIONS/EXEMPTIONS:

- A. Coaches who receive USA Swimming funds to attend funded meets are not eligible for additional NCS funding.
- B. Unattached coaches are not eligible for funding.

.4 PRORATION

- A. When meets are held in North Carolina, all funding levels will be 50% of the stated reimbursement levels

.5 PAYMENT PROCESS

- A. Reimbursement funds will be calculated by North Carolina Swimming after each eligible event based on published meet results and will be paid within 30 days by check to the NCS club that the swimmer(s) represented.
- B. Head coaches of clubs who wish to decline funding must notify the North Carolina Executive Administrator prior to the event for which they expect to receive funding for their registered coaches.
- C. The Travel Fund Committee Chair shall include coach reimbursements in the complete report of Travel Fund disbursement posted on the NCS website at the end of each fiscal year.

.6 APPEALS PROCESS

- A. Head coaches of registered NCS clubs may appeal any funding decisions for their registered coaches via email to the North Carolina Swimming Executive Administrator within 30 days of the event.
- B. Exceptions must be approved by the North Carolina Swimming Board of Directors.

212.6 REIMBURSEMENT LEVELS

.1 Winter Championship Season

- A. Winter Junior Nationals \$400
- B. Winter Senior Nationals \$550

.2 Summer Championship Season

- A. Southern Age Group Zone Meet Funds are determined by the North Carolina Swimming Board of Directors
- B. Southern Zone Open Water Championship Funds are determined by the North Carolina Swimming Board of Directors
- C. Summer Junior Nationals \$550
- D. Summer Senior Nationals \$650
- E. Summer Senior Nationals/World Championship Trials \$650
- F. US Open \$650
- G. Open Water Nationals \$250
- H. Olympic Team Trials
 - 1. An amount to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the most economical coach air fare ([minimum of \\$650](#)) readily available as determined by the Travel Fund Committee plus a per diem of eighty (\$80) per day.
 - 2. Swimmers qualified and participating in one (1) event shall receive three (3) days per diem.
 - 3. Swimmers qualified and participating in two (2) events shall receive five (5) days per diem.
 - 4. Swimmers qualified and participating in three (3) or more events shall receive eight (8) days per diem.

To be Considered by the
House of Delegates
Spring 2017

R-04

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Change appeal process for significant changes to meet bid information

Rationale: Current process is ambiguous

Submitted by: Legislative Committee

Recommendation: *(Office Use Only)*

Effective Date: Immediate

ARTICLE 205: AWARD OF DATES

205.1. SCHEDULING

- .7 After a meet has been approved as part of the schedule, material changes to information originally submitted in the bid submission form, including a change in venue or changes in fees that are mandatory and apply to all or virtually all participants, shall be submitted ~~to the General Chairman~~ as soon as the changes are known to ~~allow for a review of the proposed changes by the~~ Technical Planning Committee for approval, ~~Board of Directors, and/or House of Delegates, as appropriate. Possible actions by North Carolina Swimming shall include a fine or revocation of scheduling approval.~~

Technical Planning can either approve, reject or pass the request to the Board of Directors for approval.

If the requested change is rejected by the Technical Planning Committee, The host can appeal the change to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors can either accept or reject the requested changes.

If the requested change is rejected by the Board of Directors, the host can appeal the decision through the Zone Appeals Process (ZAP).

The team may also cancel the meet under the existing cancellation process.