

NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING

House of Delegates PROPOSED LEGISLATION Fall 2026

House of Delegates Meeting: October 4, 2026

BLOCK 1 — Rules & Regulations *(vote required: 50%)*

No.	Description	Location
R-01	Individual scratch rule — declare DFS before the heat	Rules 208.3.2
R-02	Add reduced 4% entry-fee assessment tier for championship meets	Rules 205.3.3
R-03	Update required meet reports to current practice	Rules 205
R-04	Align event-per-day limits to USA Swimming	Rules 210.1F
R-05	Meet announcement information reference cleanup	Rules 206.1
R-06	Simplify championship entry fees & facility surcharge	Rules 203.2
R-07	Clarify when the \$3 travel surcharge applies	Rules 211.1
R-08	Membership/sanction/approval fees; add Appendix A	Rules 207 / Appendix A
R-09	Define "Open Competition"	Rules Glossary

BLOCK 2 — Bylaws *(vote required: 67%)*

No.	Description	Location
B-01	Sanction/approval fees are invoiced	Bylaws 3.2.3

Note: a bylaw amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote and does not take effect until approved by the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee (Bylaw 9.3).

BLOCK 3 — Late Submissions *(vote required: 90%)*

No.	Description	Location
L-01	Correct Rule 202.10 (Operations Committee → Scheduling Coordinator)	Rules 202.10
L-02	Add Jon Jolley Distance Swimmer of the Year award	Rules 213.5

BLOCK 4 — USA Swimming Housekeeping (HK) *(to be added after the USA Swimming House of Delegates)*

Any USA-Swimming-mandated (housekeeping) changes will be inserted here as HK items after the USA Swimming convention.

R-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Effective Date: Immediately

208.3. INDIVIDUAL SCRATCH RULE - Swimmers shall inform themselves of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call. The meet announcement shall specify all mandatory check-in and scratch deadlines and procedures.

.1 Pre-Seeded Meets - Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.

.2 Events Seeded on the Deck - Any swimmer entered in an individual event that is seeded on the deck, in whole or in part, who has checked in for that event, must swim in the event unless the swimmer notifies the clerk of course before the seeding for that event has begun that the swimmer wishes to scratch, **declares their intent not to compete (DFS) prior to the start of their heat** or as noted in 208.3.4

A or D. Failure to **scratch prior to seeding** **to obtain relief** and not swimming the event will result in the swimmer being barred from the next individual event in which the swimmer entered in the meet. Unless the meet announcement states otherwise, events seeded on the deck shall be closed for seeding no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the event except that individual events of 400 meters or longer may be closed for seeding up to twenty-four (24) hours before the expected start of the event if the check-in/scratch deadline occurs after the beginning of the meet and is announced in the meet announcement.

R-02

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Rationale: This just cuts the entry fee in half for the championship meets which makes hosting the meet more manageable for the host team.

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 205: REQUIRED MEET REPORTS

205.3 PAYMENT OF FEES

.3 The Entry Fee Assessment of total entry fees (to include but not limited to regular, late, and time trials) for sanctioned and approved meets, is to be identified as 'Assessment Fee of Entry Fees' and must be paid according to the following schedule:

A. National Championships: 0%

B. Sectional and Zone Championships: 0%

C. NCS Age Group & Senior Championship Meets: 4%

~~C.~~ D. Senior, Age Group and Senior/Age Group meets, year-round: 8%

~~D.~~ E. Open Water Meets: 0%

R-03

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: To update 205 to what is in practice

Rationale: To update 205 to what is in practice

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 205: REQUIRED MEET REPORTS

205.1 FINANCIAL REPORTS Within thirty (30) days of the completion of the meet, file a complete financial report detailing income and expense with the Treasurer. Failure to mail the appropriate financial reports and payment to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days shall result in an automatic fine of \$100.00

205.2 RECEIPTS AND VOUCHERS Receipts and vouchers may also be required and must be submitted within fifteen (15) days after being requested by the Treasurer. Failure to mail the requested receipts and vouchers to the Treasurer may result in a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

205.3.1 PAYMENT OF FEES

.1 All fees and receipts, and surcharges due must be paid to the Treasurer within thirty (30) days after completion of the meet. Failure to mail pay the appropriate fees and/or receipts due may result in a fine of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) and will result in withholding or withdrawing any further sanctioning of meets for the club.

~~.2 Travel Fund receipts are to be identified as 'Travel Fund.'~~

~~.3~~ **.2** The Entry Fee Assessment of total entry fees (to include but not limited to regular, late, and time trials) for sanctioned and approved meets, is to be identified as 'Assessment Fee of Entry Fees' and must be paid according to the following schedule:

A. National Championships: 0%

B. Sectional and Zone Championships: 0%

C. Senior, Age Group and Senior/Age Group meets, year-round: 8%

D. Open Water Meets: 0%

~~.4~~ **.3** Assessment of all per swimmer facility fees required for entry into sanctioned and approved meets in excess of \$205: 8%

~~.5~~ **.4** For any sanctioned meet where an entry fee is charged, the host is responsible for payment of the assessment fee of entry fees for each entry in the meet regardless of whether or not competitors from the meet host paid entry fees.

205.4.2 RESULTS

~~.1~~ **Required Items**

A. Name of meet, date, site, and course (pool length)

B. Sanction number

C. List of participating clubs and their corresponding club codes (abbreviations.) Meets must use the NCS Official Codes. Each unattached competitor must be identified with his LSC, place of residence, or club to which transferring.

D. All event results segregated by age groups and sex. Within each age group and sex, the results for each stroke shall be in the following order: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, and individual medley followed by the relays.

E. Official preliminary, finals, swim off, and re-swim times of all competitors in order from fastest to slowest and with all lead-off split times from fully automatic timing that can be used for National

Qualifying, National Age Group Recognition, etc. The results of meets with slower than 'A' qualifying time standards must indicate all times that are 'A' or faster.

F. Ages of all swimmers in all individual and relay events in which the entrants may be more than two years apart in age, e.g. 13-18, 15-18, Senior, Open.

G. For meets with faster 'A' or faster qualifying time standards, the first and last names of all relay participants.

.21 Recipients — Electronic competition results must be provided within fifteen (15) days to all clubs that participated in the meet. Additionally, a Meet Manager back-up file shall be sent to the NCS **Executive Director** **Registrar** within three (3) days of the end of the competition. Meet results shall be posted on the NCS website in PDF, **HTML** and TM Results. The **Executive Director** **Registrar** shall acknowledge receipt of results, with corrections indicated if applicable, to the meet **director and meet referee, host and Times Coordinator**.

.32 Fine - Failure to provide appropriate meet results within fifteen (15) days will result in an automatic fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

R-04

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Clarifying Rule 210.1F and bring it up to USA Swimming Rules

Rationale: Clarifying Rule 210.1F and bring it up to USA Swimming Rules

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 210: AGE GROUP PROGRAM

210.1. OBJECTIVES

.1 Purpose - The purpose of the NCS age group swimming program is to achieve the objectives set forth for Age Group Swimming in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part 2. In order to achieve these objectives NCS shall:

A through E no changes

F. ~~Protect swimmers from swimming too many events in too short a time period by limiting the number of events per day or per session in which a swimmer is allowed to compete to 3 events per session for preliminary/final sessions or 5 events for timed finals sessions.~~ According to USA Swimming Rules Article 102.2, no more than three (3) individual events per day for a preliminaries and final meet; no more than six (6) individual events per day for a timed final meet.

R-05

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Bring Article 206 up to what is being practiced

Rationale: Bring Article 206 up to what is being practiced

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 206: MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

206.1. MEET EVENT INFORMATION A list of the information required in the meet event announcement information is included in the Meet Director's Handbook Announcement Template. 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.

R-06

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Article 203 - Change and simplify meet entry fees and facility surcharge

Rationale: Article 203 - Change and simplify meet entry fees and facility surcharge

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 203: MEET ENTRY FEES

203.1. Non-Championship Meet ENTRY FEES

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

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

Age Group - ~~\$8~~~~10 (short course)/\$10 (long course)~~ Individual, \$12 relay

Senior - \$12.00 Individual, \$20 relay

Facility surcharge may not exceed ~~the following:~~ **\$25 for all ages and course types**

~~Age Group—\$15.00 for short course or \$1520.00 for long course~~

~~Senior—\$20 for short course or \$30 for long course~~

If above is passed, the following will change:

*205.3.4 Assessment of all per swimmer facility fees required for entry into sanctioned and approved meets in excess of ~~\$20~~**5**: 8%*

R-07

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Clarify when the travel surcharge is to be applied & update procedure to what is practiced.

Rationale: Clarify when the travel surcharge is to be applied & update procedure to what is practiced.

Effective Date: Immediately

211.1 SURCHARGE

.1 There shall be an NCS Travel surcharge of \$3.00 per swimmer per meet. This surcharge applies to all sanctioned NCS meets ~~that charge or collect fees. and USA Swimming registered athletes~~ **At YMCA approved meets that charge or collect entry fees, the host club shall collect the NCS Travel Fund surcharge of \$3 per swimmer for USA Swimming registered athletes.** The following meets are excluded from the travel fund surcharge: USA Swimming National Level meets, YMCA Nationals, non-YMCA approved meets, and observed swims.

.2 *No changes*

.3 The Travel Fund monies collected must be ~~paid sent, properly identified, to the Treasurer~~ within thirty (30) days of the last day of the meet.

R-08

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Change Article 207 to simplify and add Appendix A

Rationale: Change Article 207 to simplify and add Appendix A

Effective Date: Immediately

ARTICLE 207: MEMBERSHIP, SANCTION, AND APPROVAL FEES

207.1. NCS ~~AFFILIATED GROUP~~ CLUB, ATHLETE, AND NON-ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP will be in accordance to the current registration period membership fee table in Appendix A.

~~\$25.00 is the current annual NCS group membership fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees.~~

~~.1 Leagues shall submit the names of their member clubs to the registrar when renewing registration.~~

~~The registrar shall be notified of any changes in league membership during the year in writing. The list maintained by the registrar shall be the official membership list for the league.~~

207.2 NCS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

~~.1 NEW CLUB MEMBERS - FEE: \$25 plus the current USA Swimming required fees~~

~~.2 RENEWAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP:~~

~~A. Head Coaches must renew their USA Swimming memberships concurrently with renewing their NCS Club Memberships.~~

~~B. CLUB MEMBERS must name athlete representative on registration form to renew club membership.~~

~~C. FEE - From 9/1 to 12/20 - \$25.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees.~~

~~D. FEE - After 12/20 - \$130.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees.~~

~~207.3 NCS YEAR ROUND ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming athlete membership (registration) fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~207.4 NCS FLEX MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming flex membership (registration) fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~207.5 NCS SINGLE SEASON ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 is the current seasonal NCS Swimming athlete membership (registration) fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~207.6 NCS SINGLE MEET OPEN WATER ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 is the current NCS Swimming athlete membership (registration) fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~207.7 NCS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming non-athlete membership (registration) fee plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~.1 JUNIOR OFFICIAL MEMBER~~

~~A. FEE: \$10.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges unless a current year round athlete member~~

~~207.8 NCS ADMINISTRATOR MEMBERSHIP The current annual NCS Swimming Administrative membership (registration) fee is \$0.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

207.9 NCS COACH/JUNIOR COACH MEMBERSHIP

~~.1 NEW COACH/JUNIOR COACH MEMBER~~

~~A. FEE: \$10.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.~~

~~.2 RENEWAL COACH/JUNIOR COACH MEMBER~~

~~A. All certifications must be up to date before renewal application will be considered complete.~~

B. NCS COACH/JUNIOR COACH RENEWAL

1. FEE: From 9/1 to 12/20 – \$10.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.

2. FEE: After 12/20 – \$50.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.

C. COACH/JUNIOR COACH RENEWAL (Non NCS)

1. FEE: \$10.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.

207.10 OUTREACH MEMBERSHIP FEE – The current annual NCS Swimming Outreach membership (registration) fee is \$0.00 plus the current USA Swimming required fees and transaction charges.

207.11 2 Registration fees are non-transferrable. Change to a different level of membership (role) may require a new registration fee.

APPENDIX A

2026-2027 Membership Fees

Membership Type	Description	*USA-S Fees	NCS Fees	Total
Administrator	18 years of age or older; non-coach employee, webmaster, treasurer, club registrar, club board member or owner of club or NCS board member; BGC & APT required. Not for anyone that is a coach, official, chaperone, meet director, or has frequent/direct contact with athletes	\$30	\$0	\$30
Apprentice Official	Must be 18 years of age or older; valid for 60 days then must register as an official	\$0	\$0	\$0
Coach	18 years of age or older and satisfies all requirements as outlined by USA Swimming; must be in good standing for practices, competitions, and club activities	\$70	\$11	\$81
Flex Athlete	12 & Under only; must upgrade to premium after two meets and wants to swim more or to enter the AG Champ meet; may remain flex if individual was not upgraded to premium at any time.	\$20	\$10	\$30
Individual Season Athlete	150 days; may only register for individual season once per registration year; must upgrade to premium to enter in zone or above level meets	\$40	\$11	\$51
Junior Coach	16-17 years old; for a club, do not offer unless or until you have one; must satisfy all requirement as outlined by USA Swimming; must always be supervised by a coach member in good standing; must be in good standing for all practices, competitions, and club activities; upgrades to coach after turning 18	\$70	\$11	\$81
Junior Official	16-17 years old; for a club, do not offer unless or until you have one	\$70	\$11	\$81
Official	18 years of age or older	\$70	\$11	\$81
Other	Must be 18 years of age or older; chaperone, meet director, dry land coach, personal assistant or anyone that has frequent/direct contact with athletes	\$70	\$11	\$81
Outreach Athlete	Please reach out to your club to discuss eligibility for this membership type. Premium athlete at a reduced rate.	\$5	\$0	\$5
Premium Athlete	Year Round Athlete	\$70	\$11	\$81
Provisional Coach	18 years of age or older; new coaches or a coach whose membership has lapsed at least one year; must be affiliated with a club and always supervised by a coach member in good standing; limited to three years; must satisfy all requirements as outlined by USA Swimming; must be in good standing for all practices, competitions, and club activities	\$70	\$11	\$81
Single Meet Athlete	Open Water Only; valid for three days after registration; may use more than once per year; APT not required	\$10	\$11	\$21
Clubs				
New Club		\$750	\$26	\$776
Existing Club		\$225	\$26	\$251
Organization	leagues, facilities	\$70	\$26	\$96
Registration fees are non-transferrable.				
A change to a different level of membership (role) may require a new registration fee				
* Fees for USA Swimming are fees published by USA Swimming each year.				

R-09

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Distinguish an open competition to an invitational

Rationale: Clarify the difference between open competition and invitational

Effective Date: Immediately

167 **RULES - GLOSSARY**

168 OPEN COMPETITION - A competition that allows for any athlete, club, or organization to participate.

B-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Bring Bylaw 3.2.3 up to what is being practiced

Rationale: Bring Bylaw 3.2.3 up to what is being practiced

Effective Date: Immediately

Vote required: *Two-thirds (2/3) — bylaw amendment. Effective only after USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee approval (Bylaw 9.3).*

BYLAWS

3.2 SANCTION, APPROVAL AND OTHER FEES

.1 & .2 *No changes*

.3 PAYMENT - Each applicant for a sanction, approval, or observation shall submit with its application will be invoiced the fees and any service charges specified by NCS. If any of the sanction or approval fees or service charges are due at a time following the submission for sanction or approval. The applicant shall promptly pay those fees or service charges to NCS when due in accordance with NCS's fee schedule.

L-01

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Correct Rule 202.10C

Rationale: Correct Rule 202.10C

Effective Date: Immediately

Vote required: *Nine-tenths (9/10, 90%) — late submission.*

202.1 through .9 no changes

.10 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 Scheduling Coordinator 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 Scheduling Coordinator 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 ~~Operations Committee~~ Scheduling Coordinator 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.

.11 If a scheduled meet, considered essential to the schedule, is not going to be held by a club, the Scheduling Coordinator is authorized to solicit bids from other clubs and make a recommendation for an alternate host to the Operations Committee for final determination of alternate host.

L-02

ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Summary: Formalize the Jon Jolley Distance Swimmer of the Year award as Rule 213.5

Rationale: Award criteria approved by the NCS Board (Oct 5, 2024) and administered annually; never adopted by the House of Delegates.

Effective Date: Immediately

Vote required: *Nine-tenths (9/10, 90%) — housekeeping item carried over from a prior year, but submitted late and never adopted by the House.*

213.5 JON JOLLEY DISTANCE SWIMMER OF THE YEAR

The Jon Jolley Distance Swimmer of the Year will be awarded at the NCS All Star Awards Banquet at the Annual NCS House of Delegates weekend to the NCS registered female and male athlete who attain the most National Age Group Top 10 Rankings across the 1000 SCY Freestyle, 1650 SCY Freestyle, 800 LCM Freestyle, and 1500 LCM Freestyle during the most recently completed USA Swimming membership year (September 1-August 31.)

National Age Group Top 10 Rankings will be determined from the USA Swimming SWIMS database at the conclusion of the membership year. Award winners must have been registered with NCS at the time of the swim. NCAA athletes are not eligible for the award unless they were registered with NCS prior to beginning their NCAA eligibility and represented an NCS club at the time of the swim.

Award criteria are as follows:

- 1) Athlete with the most NAG rankings across the four distance events will win.
- 2) In case of a tie, the athlete with the single highest NAG ranking from the ranked events will win.
- 3) In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest cumulative NAG rankings across the ranked events will win.
- 4) In case of a tie, the athlete with the highest cumulative power points across the ranked events will win.
- 5) In case of a tie, two awards will be given.