

ARKANSAS SWIMMING, INC.

JUNIOR/SENIOR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES JOB DESCRIPTION

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part Six: Bylaws, Rules and Regulations for the Local Swimming Committees Article 604.1.3 specifies that two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected (see Appendix for Application Packet). At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an 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 ARSI or another LSC; and (d) reside within the Arkansas LSC and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term.

The Athlete Representatives serve as liaison between the athletes and the ARSI Board of Directors (BOD) and the ARSI House of Delegates (HOD). The Athlete Representatives are members of the BOD and of the HOD and serve on the Executive Committee of the ARSI BOD. Please refer to *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part Six: Bylaws, Rules and Regulations for the Local Swimming Committees* Article 604.4 and Article 605.6 for the duties and powers of the House of Delegates and of the Board of Directors, respectively, Article 606.7.7 for the duties and powers of the Athlete Representatives, and Article 607.3.2 for the members of the Athletes Committee. Specific responsibilities of the Senior Athlete Representatives which also may be specified elsewhere in *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part Six* and the ARSI Handbook include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To schedule and direct meetings of the Athletes Committee, as such meetings may be necessary.



- 2. To publish and distribute minutes of the above meetings to the ARSI General Chair and ARSI Secretary within thirty (30) days of said meetings.
- 3. To attend and give reports at the Board of Directors and House of Delegates meetings on the status of current issues pertaining to the athletes.
- 4. To attend the USA Swimming national convention each year and actively participate in the athlete issues being presented.
- 5. Designing and dissemination of the athlete newsletter twice/year.
- 6. The Senior Athlete Representative also serves as a member of the Finance Committee, Executive Board of Directors, Zone Committee, and Board of Review and shall chair the Athletes Committee. As specified in Article 607.2.2B the Athletes Committee Chair has general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Athletes Committee, which shall be responsible for the publication of an athletes' newsletter and shall undertake such other activities (a) delegated to it by the Board of Directors or the General Chair or (b) undertaken by the Committee as being in the best interests of the Athlete Members, ARSI, USA Swimming, and the sport of swimming.

Specific responsibilities of the Junior Athlete Representatives which also may be specified elsewhere in *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Part Six* and the ARSI Handbook include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Attending the fall House of Delegates Meeting (October),
- 2. Attending the Arkansas LSC Board of Directors meetings,
- 3. Attending the National USA Swimming meeting held in September,
- 4. Assisting the Senior athlete representative with organizing meetings (conference calls and in person meetings) with each club's athlete representative to maintain communication between the Arkansas LSC and club athletes.
- 5. Assisting the Senior athlete representative with the athlete newsletter.



Application Process

- Go to the ARSI Website and Click on the Athlete Representative Tab for Information <u>Arkansas Swimming - Athlete Representative</u> (teamunify.com)
- 2. Complete the Corresponding JotForm
 - a. Junior Athlete Representative https://form.jotform.com/223395386338062
 - b. Senior Athlete Representative https://form.jotform.com/223395095392160
- 3. Acquire 3 References
 - a. Reference may complete their own Recommendations or they may fill out the Reference Form https://form.jotform.com/223406793175056