

Description and Objectives of R-1 Proposed Amendments

The main intent of R-1 is to amend the WISI By-laws to establish an LSC “Athletes Executive Committee” as per the red underlined text. These amendments closely mimic that of the Lake Erie Swimming LSC By-Laws as approved by USA Swimming. The main difference is WISI’s having the automatic nomination of one member of the Athlete Executive Committee each year, chosen from the top runner up from the Annual LSC Athlete Representative elections.

ARTICLE 4

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

- 4.1 MEMBERS - The House of Delegates of WISI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Board of Director Members, the Non-Athlete At-Large House Members, and Athlete At-Large House Members appointed.
- .1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES- Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from its membership two Group Member Representatives, one of whom must be an athlete, and one or more alternates for each. The appointment shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of WISI and duly certified by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw one or more of its Group Member Representatives or one or more of its alternates and substitute new Group Member Representatives or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Secretary of WISI and signed by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member. The representatives of any Group Member are not required to be Individual Members of WISI or USA Swimming.
- .2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Board of Director Members as designated in Section 5.
- .3 NON-ATHLETE AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - Up to ten (10) non-athlete members of the House of Delegates may be appointed as At-Large House Members by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. At-Large House Members shall hold office from the date of appointment through the conclusion of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates following such appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of Delegates.
- .4 ATHLETE AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - A sufficient number of athletes to ensure that Athlete Representatives constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the House of Delegates shall be appointed by the General Chair with advice and consent of the Board of Directors and shall hold office from the date of appointment through the conclusion of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates following such appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of Delegates.
- .5 ATHLETES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Athletes Executive Committee members as designated in Article 7.4.

ARTICLE 7

DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

- 7.4 STANDING COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS
- .1 *Athletes Committee* -
- A. CHAIR – The Senior Athlete Board Representative or their designee shall be the chair of the committee.
- B. MEMBERS - The Athletes Committee shall consist of the Athlete Board Representatives and the Athlete At-Large Board representatives, all members of the Athletes Executive Committee, and each club member’s athlete representative. The Athlete Liaison, as determined by WISI LSC Policies, shall serve as the liaison to the Athletes Committee and ensure that their elections are held in accordance with the WISI Bylaws.

- C. DUTIES - The Athletes' Committee shall have general charge of the business and affairs of the Athletes of WISI, and shall undertake such 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, WISI, USA Swimming and the sport of swimming.
- D. ATHLETES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – There shall also be established an Athletes Executive Committee.
- (1) CHAIR – The Senior Athlete Representative shall be the chair of the Athletes Executive Committee.
 - (2) MEMBERS – The Athletes Executive Committee shall consist of the Athlete Representatives, the Athlete-At-Large Board members and six (6) additional athletes, who are elected as follows and may be a club member's athlete representative to the House of Delegates. Two such additional athletes shall be elected each year for two-year terms, or until their respective successors are elected. Additionally, the top one (1) runner up from the annual LSC Athletes Representative election on even years, and the top one (1) runner up from the annual LSC Athletes Representative election on odd years, each will be automatic nominees, serving a two-year term or until their respective successors are elected or nominated. At the time of election or nomination, such additional athletes must (a) be athlete members in good standing; (b) be rising freshmen, sophomores or juniors in high school, (c) be currently competing, or have competed within the immediately preceding year in the program of swimming conducted by WISI or another LSC; and (d) have their place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education). The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Senior Athlete Board Representative or the Athletes Committee, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. Such additional athletes elected shall be determined by a majority of the members of the Athletes Committee present and voting. It is recommended, but not required, that no more than two (2) of the additional athletes shall be members of the same club).
 - (3) DUTIES – The Athletes Executive Committee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Athletes Committee in between meetings of the Athletes Committee.