## Job Description of NJS Athlete Representative

Embody the mission of New Jersey Swimming "Advancing competitive swimming in New Jersey through fair and inclusive opportunities."

The Athlete Representatives shall serve as the liaison between the athletes who are current members of NJ Swimming and the Board of Directors and House of Delegates. The NJ Swimming Athlete Representatives represent the NJS LCS's athlete views & desires, and coordinate athlete legislation with the NJ Swimming LSC. Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected by the NJS Athletes; one each year, for a two-year term or until their respective successors are elected. The elected athlete serving in the second year of the two-year term is designated as Senior Athlete Representative and will chair the Athletes' Committee under the guidance of the Senior Vice-Chair by having general charge of the business, affairs, and property of the Committee. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must

- be an athlete member in good standing,
- be at least a sophomore in high school or at least 16 years of age,
- be currently competing, or have competed within the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by NJ Swimming or another LSC; and
- have his or her 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).

Specific duties of the Athlete Representatives are as follows but not limited to:

- The Senior Athlete Representative is a voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- The Senior Athlete Representative will Chair the Athlete Committee.
- The Junior Athlete Representative shall Chair the Athlete Committee in the absence of the Senior Athlete Representative, and also is a voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- Shall attend the USA Swimming Annual Meeting each year and actively participate in the athlete program issues being presented.
- Serve as a USA Swimming House of Delegate representing NJ Swimming
- Oversee the engagement of the Athlete Representatives serving on the Athlete Committee.
- Communicate with the athletes within the New Jersey Swimming LSC on a regular basis to disseminate information from the Board of Directors and House of Delegates.
- Undertake discussions and activities in the best interest of the New Jersey Swimming athletes and the sport of swimming.
- Promote LSC initiatives and create social programs for NJS Athlete Members.
- Support and mentor other athletes who may be interested in becoming the new Junior Athlete Representative.
- Member of the Technical Planning Committee

ATHLETES DIVISION – Athletes Committee & Records Top/Ten

Athletes Committee: will be members consisting of the Athlete Representatives from each club/team within NJ Swimming and the Athlete At-Large Board Members