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Marty Keating-PACK  
Scott Vanderzell-TTSC  
Tim Bennett-TTSC  
Rick Aronberg- VELO  
Zac Meker-JETS  
Marci Callan-FAST  
Becky Sapio-TWST  
Kim Corby- PACK  
Mark V. -STAR  
Rob Wahl- WEBS  
Mark Miles-HHTA

We also want to include outgoing and incoming reps in order to streamline the process throughout the years:

Chris Musshafen  
Phil Baretela  
Seth Williams

The timeline for a formal proposal to USA Swimming is December 1 with an award of December 18.

For accounting USA Swimming is proposing a payment of December 18, 2018 and will give preference to LSCs requesting this option. USA Swimming will provide 50% funding at the beginning of 2018 if requested by the LSC.

Reimbursement to the mentored coach will include actual expenses incurred such as mileage (LSC to determine rate) or transportation, hotel, food or per diem. Mentored coach is to submit the original receipts for reimbursement to the LSC. A meal(s) for the mentor coach could also be submitted if the mentor coach and mentored coach dined together.

Senior Coach Rep will be responsible for submitting all documentation to USA Swimming.

Coaches in the USA,

Please review the content below regarding legislation to go before the HOD at the USAS Convention. I hope you will all consider supporting this language and encouraging the delegates from your respective LSCs to do so. If anyone has specific questions, please message me.

#### PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY USA SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Proposed by the EZ Coach Directors, Tristan Formon and Mary Turner.

Effective Date: 1/1/18

#### EXISTING WORDING

##### 204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

.6 (2) The Summer Sectional Meet shall be no more than four (4) days long, and shall conclude between 8 and 22 days prior to the U.S. Open or Junior Nationals, whichever comes first.

#### NEW WORDING:

.6 (2) The Summer Sectional Meet shall be no more than four (4) days long, and shall conclude at least 8 days prior to the U.S. Open or Junior Nationals, whichever comes first.

Explanation – The proposed language above evolved following discussions with the USA Swimming Senior Development Committee and USA Swimming National Team Director. The USA Swimming National Team Director and USA Swimming Senior Development Committee indicated their support in principal the policy proposal.

The proposed policy wording would maintain a stepping stone meet for athletes to qualify for Futures, Junior Nationals, US Open, Nationals etc. By removing the front end of the window, additional latitude would be afforded to each Zone to secure a viable meet weekend for the athletes within its boundaries.

While the existing policy appears to have served the Southern, Central and Western Zones adequately, there were some unforeseen and unintended consequences in the Eastern Zone. In the EZ, the Summer Super Sectional Meet has evolved from a very healthy meet in 2014 to a 2 day prelim final meet in 2015 (consolidated after less than 100 athletes were entered) to no meet being bid upon OR hosted in 2016 or 2017. To date, the EZ is without a bidder for 2018.

#### Historical Data / Statistics:

##### Eastern Zone Summer Super Sectional Historical Data:

2012 (August 2-5) 918 Athletes 3073 Individual Entries

2013 (August 1-4) 690 Athletes 2302 Individual Entries

2014 (July 24-27) 525 Athletes 1951 Individual Entries (Meet Overlapped many EZ LSC Champs)

2015 (July 16-17) 101 Athletes 445 Individual Entries (Meet originally scheduled for full four day Prelim Final Format. All participating athletes were permitted bonus swims: Make 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Swim 7 events MAX, given these adjustments the meet was still condensed to two days)

2016 NO BIDDER

2017 NO BIDDER

2018 NO BIDDER

The EZ continues to face a number of challenges including but not limited to:

Limited Summer LC Practice Season – schools get out in late June. This impacts pool availability for athletes to practice.

Limited Summer LC Meet Schedules for LSCs – each LSC needs to provide season ending LC competitions for its athletes. Prior to the 2013 USAS HOD vote, the EZ Directors, coordinated with each of the EZ LSCs for their feedback / input re: potential impacts upon their respective LSCs re: the 8-22 day window. At that time, it was determined that it would be very challenging for any LSC in the EZ to host the meet on the proposed dates.

NI Swimming did run the 2015 Summer Super Sectional. In order to do so, the entire calendar was moved earlier within the LSC with all AG Championships concluding in early July.

Limited LC pool availability – most LSC's meet schedules are filled with in season and end of season Championship meets for each of the 12 Eastern Zone LSCs.

The proposed wording would open up the possibility for each to Zone to identify the most optimal weekend in each of their respective calendars to best meet the competitive needs of their respective clubs / athletes.

Thanks

[Tristan Formon](#)

New Jersey Swimming - Eastern Zone Coach Director

1 **Proposed Amendment to the Niagara Swimming, Inc. Bylaws – Number 1**

2 **Location:** Article 604 – House of Delegates, page 5

3 **Proposed by:** Eric Stimson

4 **Purpose:** To increase the pool of eligible athletes that can serve as a club’s Group Member  
5 Athlete Representative at Niagara House of Delegates meetings.

6 **Effective Date:** Upon approval from USA Swimming

7 **ARTICLE 604**

8 **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

9 604.1.1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES - Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from its  
10 membership one Athlete and one Non-Athlete Group Member Representative and one or more  
11 alternates to the House of Delegates. The Group Member’s Athlete Representative must (a) be  
12 an Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least ~~sixteen~~thirteen (16~~3~~) years of age ~~or at least~~  
13 ~~a sophomore in high school~~; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3)  
14 immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by NI or another LSC; and  
15 (d) reside in the Territory. Such appointment shall be evidenced by presentation of appropriate  
16 documentation at the House of Delegates. The appointments shall be in writing, addressed to  
17 the Secretary of NI and duly certified by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing  
18 Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw its Group Member  
19 Representative or one or more of its alternates and substitute a new Group Member  
20 Representative or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Secretary of NI and signed  
21 by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member.

1 **Proposed Amendment to the Niagara Swimming, Inc. Bylaws – Number 2**

2 **Location:** Article 604 – House of Delegates, page 5

3 **Proposed by:** Eric Stimson

4 **Purpose:** To provide the more traditional method for Athlete Representative election as  
5 recommended by USA Swimming.

6 **Effective Date:** Upon approval from USA Swimming

7 **ARTICLE 604**

8 **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

9 **604.1.2 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES -**

10 B. ~~The election of Athlete Representatives shall be conducted annually in the following manner:  
11 The Executive Committee shall fix and announce via NI’s website or other generally available  
12 alternate manner the respective dates by which nominations for the office of the Athlete  
13 Representative whose term is expiring shall be submitted (the “Nomination Date”) and  
14 ballots shall be cast (the “Election Date”). To be eligible for election, Athlete Members who  
15 are otherwise eligible in accordance with Section 604.1.1.2A shall submit their names and a  
16 statement concerning their qualifications and objectives to the Senior Vice Chair not later  
17 than the Nomination Date. If the Nomination Date falls on or before the spring meeting of  
18 the House of Delegates, nominees shall have the opportunity to address the House of  
19 Delegates at such meeting concerning their interest in the position. Promptly after the  
20 Nomination Date, copies of the written statements of the eligible candidates and a ballot  
21 shall be posted by the Senior Vice Chair on NI’s website or otherwise generally made  
22 available in an alternate manner designated by the Executive Committee. Each Club Member  
23 shall be entitled to one vote, to be cast as determined in accordance with the policies and  
24 practices of such Club Member. Ballots are to be returned by the Club Member to the Senior  
25 Vice Chair and received by the Election Date. Ballots shall be tabulated by the Senior Vice  
26 Chair and the candidate receiving the most votes of all votes cast shall be elected (even if not  
27 a majority). The results of such election shall be announced, and the new Athlete  
28 Representative shall take office, forthwith.~~

29 The election of the Athlete Representatives shall be conducted during NI’s spring meeting, at  
30 a meeting timely called by the Senior Athlete Representative or the Board of Directors, and  
31 determined by a majority of the Athlete Members in good standing present and voting who  
32 are thirteen (13) years of age or older or, failing that, at a time and place and in a manner  
33 designated by the Board of Directors.

1 **Proposed Amendment to the Niagara Swimming, Inc. Bylaws – Number 3**

2 **Location:** Article 607 – DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS, page 22

3 **Proposed by:** Eric Stimson

4 **Purpose:** To increase the pool of eligible athletes that can serve on Niagara LSC committees.

5 **Effective Date:** Upon approval from USA Swimming

6 **ARTICLE 607**

7 **DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS**

8 607.3 MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - Except as otherwise  
9 provided in these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors, members of each standing committee  
10 shall be appointed by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the respective division  
11 Vice Chair and the Chair of the committee. Athlete members of each committee shall be  
12 appointed by the General Chair with the advice of the senior athlete representative. Athlete  
13 membership is required on all committees. Athlete membership shall amount to at least twenty  
14 percent (20%) of the voting membership of the committee. The athlete committee members  
15 shall meet the same requirements as those of Group Member Athlete Representative set forth  
16 in Section 604.1.21. The division Vice Chair shall be an ex officio member (with voice and vote)  
17 of each standing committee within the respective division. The ex-officio members and other  
18 designated members of certain standing committees shall be as follows:

Date – 8/21/17

Subject - August Safety Report / 2017.1

From - Leo Gibbons, Jr. / Safety & Safe Sport Chairperson

To – Niagara BOD & Chairs

1. Thank you to all Board Members for the appointment to Safety & Safe Sport Chairperson.
2. 7/22/17 Incident at STAR LC Meet:
  - a. Several discussions with Brooks Howard regarding his involvement
  - b. Summary report written & sent to BOD & Safe Sport Director
  - c. Lockport PD conducting an Internal Investigation
  - d. Numerous phone interviews with Clarence Board Members
  - e. Clarence Swim Team plans to remove Mr. Morgan from their Board – under legal guidance from Club Attorney
  - f. De Sales Catholic School aware of his actions – possible removal as the Coach of their Swim Team pending other investigations.
3. Reports of Occurrence: (4 received, reviewed, filed) (1 reviewed pending electronic copy)
  - a. 5/19/17 – Ian Partlow (10) / Slip, Trip, Fall / Scraped foot / Jennifer Foley
  - b. 7/12/17 – Enes Damkaci (8) / Struck Against / Bumped head / Jennifer Foley
  - c. 7/12/17 – Enes Damkaci (8) / Struck Against / Back of head / Jennifer Foley
  - d. 8/6/17 - Hanna Gould (16) / Struck Against / Left side of face / Elizabeth Honan (ECC Staff)
  - e. 8/9/17 – Aaron Treleaven (12) / Struck Head / Small bruise forehead / Sara (Age Group VC)
4. Safety Committee Structure:
  - a. By Laws 607.3.7 states that it should include (1 athlete, 1 Coach, 1 Official)
  - b. I am currently asking for members willing to participate:
  - c. Athlete – Paige Pasquarella / TWST / Accepted
  - d. Official – June Mundt / NI Official / Accepted
  - e. Coach – TBD ?
5. Safe Sport Monday Aug 7, 2017 – Info sent out to all Coaches & Contacts in Google Groups
6. Conflict Resolution Webinar Wednesday 8/23/17 – Info sent to BOD on 8/21/17