



MAINE SWIMMING

ATHLETES' COMMITTEE
ORIENTATION

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MISSION

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO
PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN MAINE SWIMMING

VISION

MAINE SWIMMING – YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE!

CORE VALUES

SPORTSMANSHIP. EXCELLENCE. LEADERSHIP. FUN.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- **KEEP ATHLETES FIRST:** ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT & WELL-BEING ARE THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF EVERY DECISION WE MAKE, PROGRAM WE DEVELOP, AND DOLLAR WE SPEND.
- **PARTICIPATE:** ACTIVELY LISTEN. ASK QUESTIONS. OFFER SOLUTIONS.
- **TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT:** REMAIN OPEN MINDED. ALLOW OTHERS TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS, IDEAS, AND CONCERNS. FOCUS ON THE POINT, NOT THE PERSON.
- **SUPPORT DECISIONS ONCE THEY ARE MADE:** AGREE TO DISAGREE. MOVE ON WHEN THE GROUP MOVES ON. SAY IT IN THE ZOOM, NOT ON THE DECK.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

- UNITED STATES OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (USOPC)
- NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY | USA SWIMMING
 - ATHLETES' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AEC)
 - LSC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MARY ELLEN TYNAN & ALI BRAGG
 - AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MCKAYLA KENDALL
 - RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE – TAYLOR ROGERS
- ZONE | EASTERN ZONE SWIMMING (EZ)
 - ZONE DIRECTORS COUNCIL (ZDC)
 - ZONE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE (ZARC)
- LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE | MAINE SWIMMING (MESI)
 - MESI HOUSE OF DELEGATES (HOD)
 - MESI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD)

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE (CONT)

- MESI COMMITTEES
 - ATHLETES' COMMITTEE
 - AGE GROUP (AG) COMMITTEE
 - BANQUET COMMITTEE
 - DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE
 - FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
 - OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
 - SAFE SPORT COMMITTEE
 - SENIOR (SR) COMMITTEE
 - TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (TPC)

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP

SENIOR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE – ETHAN SCHULZ

JUNIOR ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE – BRADY HALE

SENIOR ATHLETE AT-LARGE – ABBY HOLLIS

JUNIOR ATHLETE AT-LARGE – AUDREY COHEN

ATHLETE LEADERSHIP (CONT)

ATHLETES' COMMITTEE

MESI COMMITTEE ATHLETE MEMBERS

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES (MAAPP)

- ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
 - 5 AM EST – 9 PM EST
 - SCHEDULED SEND FEATURE IN GMAIL
 - ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MINOR ATHLETES AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS
 - MUST COPY PARENT/GUARDIAN
 - MULTIPLE MINOR ATHLETES
 - MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO ADULT PARTICIPANTS

ATHLETES' COMMITTEE DUTIES

“THE ATHLETES’ COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE GENERAL CHARGE OF THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE ATHLETES OF MESI 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 INTEREST OF THE ATHLETE MEMBERS, MESI, USA SWIMMING, AND THE SPORT OF SWIMMING”
- MESI BYLAWS, ARTICLE 7.4.1.C

ATHLETES' COMMITTEE DUTIES

- ATHLETE AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF MESI HOUSE OF DELEGATES
- SELECT ATHLETE MEMBERS OF MESI COMMITTEES
- MAINE SWIMMING SOCIAL MEDIA
- COMMUNITY SERVICE, VOLUNTEERISM, AND PHILANTHROPY EVENTS
- ATHLETE-LED INITIATIVES

2022 GOALS

- ATHLETE EVENTS TO BUILD CONNECTIONS AND RECRUIT FOR GOVERNANCE
- INCREASED COMMUNICATION AND PARTICIPATION BETWEEN ATHLETES AND GOVERNANCE
- INCREASED COMMUNICATION WITH AND PARTICIPATION BY TEAM ATHLETE REPS
- NEWSLETTER
- REACH AND ENGAGE NEW ATHLETES
- INCREASED OUTREACH AND DEI PARTICIPATION
- DEI SUMMIT
- ZONE ATHLETE LEADERSHIP RETREAT
- OPEN WATER MEMORIAL MEET
- OFFICIALS RECOGNITION