



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Governance Committee Agenda

Date: August 16th, 2021 8PM

Location: Zoom

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- I. Roll Call
- II Reading of Mission and Vision Statements
- III Adoption of April Minutes
- IV Policy Proposals (see below)
- V Other New business
- VI Adjournment



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YMCA/USA Task Force Proposals/Topics

1. Officiating:

- a. For YMCA dual meet (non-approved) times to be considered for MESI champs, the host team must complete a Key Officials Form attesting the meet was officiated as per YMCA rules.

2. MESI Qualifying Times: P & P 1101.2 and 1102.1

Current language 1101.2: Qualifying times for the MESI championships will be determined and will be posted on the MESI Website by the second Sunday in October in the year preceding that in which the meet is to be held. The qualifying times for the winter championships are to be recommended by the Coaches' Committee and voted on and approved by the Technical Planning Committee.

Current language 1102.1: Proof of Qualification for short course winter championships shall be submitted with each team's e- mailed or submitted entries. The Proof of Time Report must be a pdf copy of the Meet Entry Report from team management software sorted by name; under other options for the report include proof of time. Eligible times may come from the USA-S SWIMS Database, Maine YMCA Database, NCAA National Times Database, USMS National Times Database, and MPA High School Database. Failure to verify may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Meet Jury.

Proposals to be included:

- a. If a YMCA swimmers has never been registered with USA/Maine Swimming and they achieve an MESI championship qualifying time during a YMCA meet, they may register with USA/Maine Swimming at any time prior to the championship deadline.
- b. If a YMCA swimmer has been previously registered with YSA/Maine Swimming and they achieve an MESI championship qualifying time during a YMCA meet and they wish to use this time for MESI championships, they must register with USA/Maine Swimming within 30 days of achieving this qualifying time.
- c. Since high school technical rules are different from USA Swimming rules for all strokes besides freestyle, only freestyle times from high school meets will be allowed for MESI championship qualification unless the swim has been "observed" per USA swimming rules.

Qualifying Times: P & P 1101.2

Current language 1101.2:The qualifying times for the winter championships are to be recommended by the Coaches' Committee and voted on and approved by the Technical Planning Committee.

Proposal:The qualifying times for winter championships for the 13 & over and open events are to be determined by the Senior Committee while the qualifying times for the 12 & under events will be determined by the Age Group Committee. Time standards will be presented to the Coaches' Committee for feedback prior to being finalized and posted.



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Policy Updates (clarification of current policy):

805 - Meet Observations - Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming or YMCA officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Maine High School State Meets will be observed. Requests for observation of other high school end-of-season meets may be submitted using Form B, and requests for observations for non-season culminating meets may be submitted using Form A. Requests and payments for observations must be submitted to the Maine Swimming Office by the posted deadline. All meet observations must comply with USA Swimming Rulebook Section 202.8

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Meet Fees –

CATEGORY	MAX SWIMMER PARTICIPATION FEE	ATHLETE TRAVEL SURCHARGE	MAX. SPLASH FEE	MESI SPLASH FEE SURCHARGE
Club Run Sanctioned/Approved Calendar Meets				
Timed Finals	\$5.00 - all to host	\$1.00 - all to club(s)	\$5.00	\$1.20
Timed Finals - Relay		MESI	\$15.00	\$3.60
Trials/Finals	\$5.00 - all to host	\$1.00 - all to club(s)	\$7.00	\$1.20
Trials/Finals - Relay		MESI	\$21.00	\$3.60
MESI Non-Championship Meets				
Timed Finals	\$5.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$5.00	\$5.00
Timed Finals Relay		MESI	\$15.00	\$15.00
Trials/Finals	\$10.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$7.00
Bowdoin Open				
MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$5.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$8.00	\$0.00
MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals	\$15.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals		MESI	\$10.00	\$0.00
MESI Athletes - Relay			\$21.00	\$0.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Relay			\$30.00	\$0.00
MESI Championship Meets				
MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$5.00	\$5.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Timed Finals			\$8.00	\$8.00
MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals	\$15.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$7.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Trials/Finals		MESI	\$10.00	\$10.00
MESI Athletes - Relay			\$21.00	\$21.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Relay			\$30.00	\$30.00



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Club Run Sanctioned Non- Calendar Meets

Per Swimmer	\$20.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$1.00 per swimmer
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- Sanctioned and Approved Meet Swimmer Participation Fee:** Host teams may impose a maximum per swimmer participation fee of \$5.00 to defray the cost of the pool facility for sanctioned calendar meets. Host teams may petition the MESI Board of Directors for a higher surcharge per swimmer to cover more expensive facility rental fees.
- Athlete Travel Surcharge:** This per swimmer surcharge will be forwarded directly to MESI and deposited in the Athlete Travel Fund to be used to Athlete Travel Reimbursement including Outreach Athlete Subsidies.
- Maximum Splash Fee:** Host clubs may charge up to the maximum splash fee listed.
- MESI Splash Fee Surcharge:** MESI will charge host clubs this set splash fee surcharge regardless of the splash fee charged by the host club.
- Approved Meets:** Host club will only be charged for USA Registered Swimmers and Relays with four USA Registered Swimmers.
- Time Trials:** Host teams may charge up to 3 times the maximum entry fee for any Time Trial events.
- Sanctioned Non-Calendar Meet Fees [virtual meets, dual meets (2 teams), tri meets (3 teams), and invitationals]:** Host teams may impose a maximum per swimmer participation fee of \$20. Host teams may not charge per-splash entry fees for non-calendar sanctioned meets. MESI will collect per athlete the \$1 Athlete Travel Fund Fee and \$1 entry fee.
- MESI Non-Championships Meets:** Clubs will bid on the D1, D2 and WC Trials (or other MESI-hosted non-championship meets by submitting a fee that deem acceptable to run the meet. MESI will no longer be "reimbursing pool rental". The pool rental and all other fees should be incorporated in this fee to run the meet. MESI will keep the swimmer participation fee and meet entry fees, but the bidding team should include a profit margin in their bid and they will continue to keep concessions, admissions and programs.

806 Official Meet Entry

- The official meet entry for clubs using team management software will be the Hy tek, sd3 or other electronic file which will be submitted via email. A hard copy of the electronic file must accompany the e-mailed team entry by either mailing a hard copy to the meet host or by e-mailing in an HTML, PDF or doc format.
- Paper entries may be submitted for a surcharge and the meet entry form must include each swimmer's full name (first, middle, last) and birthdate, USA-S number, numbers of the events the swimmer would like to swim and their seed times for those events.
- The mailed or emailed meet entry form hard copy submitted by the clubs and/or coaches shall be available with the Meet Director at all times during the meet.
- The official meet entry form is the official document used in resolving any discrepancies.

Policy Update Meet Administrative Reports and Fees - P & P 1004-

- For approved meets, the fees only apply to USA-S registered swimmers and relays that have four USA-S registered swimmers.
- A loss of deposit (\$100) will be charged to the host club if the following conditions are not met:
All conditions of the sanction were upheld in accordance with USA-S regulations.



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The Financial Statement Form and fees are submitted in accordance with Articles 1004.1 and 1004.2.

Meet Results are emailed in accordance with Article 900.

Policy for appeals of fines or other disciplinary action -

Personnel Committee:

Add to P & P 412 - The members of the Personnel Committee shall be the General Chair, who shall serve as chair, the Administrative Vice Chair, the Finance Vice Chair, and a sufficient number of athletes so as to constitute at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee. The Personnel Committee is authorized and obligated to negotiate and set wages, compensation and other terms of employment of MESI's staff (whether employees or independent contractors) within established, budgetary guidelines and policies and to review and approve the scope of duties delegated to the staff.

Meet Fee Reimbursement: - P & P 1301

Funding will be broken down into the following tiers. Reimbursement for athletes is not to exceed two events per season; one Tier 1 or Tier 2 event and one Tier 3 event. Athletes who choose to attend two Tier 3 events and not Tier 2 event may be reimbursed up to the Tier 2 reimbursement rate for the second Tier 3 event. Tier 4 events will not count toward the two event per season limit.

Tier 1: Eastern Zone Short Course Age Group Championships - up to \$200,

Tier 2: Sectionals Meets (must have Eastern Zone Sectional qualifying time), Senior Zone Championships (with Eastern Zone Sectional Qualifying Times), Futures Championship, Open Water Junior National Championships - up to \$400

Tier 3: Zone Select Camps, Junior National Championships, TYR Pro Series Meets (with Junior National qualifying times), US Open Championships, National Championships, Disability Swimming Championships, Open Water National Championships - up to \$1000

Tier 4: National Select Camps, Olympic Trials - up to \$1000

Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships – P & p 1502

1. The long course zone team is an application process. All applications must be submitted online by Monday after the International Invitational or other Maine Swimming end of season event.
2. Any swimmer is eligible to attend if they have achieved an Eastern Zone Meet Qualifying Time (except for the exceptions listed in the meet information for junior national qualifiers and above).
3. Any swimmer is eligible to apply if they have achieved an AA time in yards or meters performed during qualifying period. The top two swimmers that apply per event will be placed in each event. Long course times will supersede short course times in the selection process. Swimmers may only compete in events in which they have achieved an AA time in their current age group.



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4. The National Times Chair will provide a tentative lineup for the head coach (if MESI sends one). The National Times Chair shall complete and submit the entries along with appropriate entry fees in a timely manner.

5. The Eastern Zone Long Course swimmer uniform will consist of a tee shirt and a cap which will be determined by the Zone Chair.

6. MESI may provide a stipend for a coach to attend the Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships of up to \$200 when 1-4 swimmers are entered and competing and up to \$400 when five or more swimmers are entered and competing. MESI may provide more funds at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Coach applications are due by midnight July 15. Selection of the coach of the Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships is responsibility of the Age Group Committee.