

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS
For AUGUST 19, 2021**

Policy 1102.1

- I. *Current language 1102.1:* 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.
- a. *Proposal 1:* For YMCA dual meet (non-approved) times to be considered for MESI champs, the host team must complete a Key Officials Form documenting the meet was appropriately officiated as per YMCA rules within 3 business days of the meet..
 - b. *Proposal 2:* If a swimmer has never been previously registered with USA/Maine Swimming and they achieve an MESI championship qualifying time during a YMCA, high school or other meet as noted in policy 1102.1, they may register with USA/Maine Swimming at any time prior to the championship entry deadline.
 - c. *Proposal 3:* If a swimmer has been previously registered with USA/Maine Swimming and they achieve an MESI championship qualifying time during a YMCA, high school or other meet as noted in policy 1102.1, 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.
 - d. *Proposal 4:* Only freestyle times from high school (MPA) meets will be allowed for MESI championship qualification unless the swim has been “observed” per USA swimming rules.

If a-d pass:

Proposed language 1102.1: Eligible times may be achieved at a USA Sanctioned or approved meet (USA-S SWIMS Database), an appropriately documented Maine YMCA meet, an NCAA meet in the National Times Database, **USMS National Times Database**, and at an MPA meet (freestyle only unless observed).

- II. *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.
- a. *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.

- III. *Current language 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 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
- a. *Proposal:* 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

- IV. *Current language – 1001.1 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

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petition the MESI Board of Directors for a higher surcharge per swimmer to cover more expensive facility rental fees.

- a. *Proposal: 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.

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- V. *Delete Language 1001.5 Approved Meets:* Host club will only be charged for USA Registered Swimmers and Relays with four USA Registered Swimmers.

- VI. *Meet Fee Language 1001.7 -*

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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 Open and Invitational Meets				
Timed Finals	\$5.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$5.00	\$1.20
Timed Finals - Relay			\$15.00	\$3.60
Trials/Finals	\$5.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI	\$7.00	\$1.20
Trials/Finals - Relay			\$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			\$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			\$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			\$10.00	\$10.00
MESI Athletes - Relay			\$21.00	\$21.00
Non-MESI Athletes - Relay			\$30.00	\$30.00
Club Run Sanctioned/Approved Non-Calendar Meets Virtual, Dual and Tri Meets				
Per Swimmer	\$20.00 - all to host club(s)	\$1.00 - all to MESI		\$1.00 per swimmer

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- VII. *Delete Language 1004.4 - Administrative Reports and Fees* For approved meets, the fees only apply to USA S registered swimmers and relays that have four USA S registered swimmers.

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VIII. *New language additional 1004.6* - A loss of deposit (\$100) will be charged to the host club if the following conditions are not met:

- a. All conditions of the sanction were upheld in accordance with USA-S regulations.

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IX. *New policy for appeals of fines or other disciplinary action – All fines or disciplinary action may be appealed to the Executive Committee within 30 days of notification of the fine or action.*

X. *Personnel Committee:*

Add back 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.

XI. *Current Language 1502 - Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships*

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.
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.

a. *Proposal: Current Language 1502 - Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships*

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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

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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 *two t-shirts and two caps or apparel as designated by the Zone Committee.*

6. *MESI will provide transportation, housing, apparel, a food allowance and a stipend of \$600 for a coach to attend the Eastern Zone Long Course Age Group Championships. 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.

XII. Add glossary to P & P and define invitational as closed meet with four teams or more.