

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
December 6, 2023
Conference Call**

PURPOSE – MISSION

The objectives and primary purpose of Kentucky Swimming shall be the education, instruction, and training of individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming.

VISION

To provide a safe and healthy environment, encompassing all backgrounds and abilities that create a tradition of excellence in the sport of swimming.

Attending: Joseph Phillips, JJ Rodgers, Terri Tonges, David Barnes, Kevin Ryan, Kris Humphries, Jason Brown, Mike Essig, Marcelo Acosta, Amy Albiero, Helen Glish and Megan Zerhusen
Athlete Reps: Hannah Andrews, Ethan Hatfield

Joseph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM EST.

Terri Tonges motioned/JJ Rodgers seconded/approved the agenda as presented.

Jason Brown motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved the November 1, 2023, meeting minutes as read.

Finance Report: JJ Rodgers reported that 47% of planned registrations have been collected which is a reflection of registrations through October. November registrations will be accounted for in the December bank reconciliation. Splash and Surcharge collection is also within range. JJ reported KY Swimming is on target for budgeted income.

Championship Meet Rules: Terri Tonges, Technical Planning Committee Chair, discussed the Championship Rule Handbook with changes recommended by the committee. For review, board members received the revised rules before the meeting. A summary of changes was updated reflecting USA Swimming rules changes, the addition of open water championships and swimmers with a disability sections.

Terri noted two changes to the rules not in the submitted document.

1. Championship Meet Bid Process: Championship meet bids will be due September 1, one year prior to the start of the season of the new two-year cycle.
2. USAS Rulebook citing will refer to the USAS Rulebook section omitting any numbers.

David Barnes motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved KYLSC Championship Meet Rules as submitted by the Technical Planning Committee with changes stated above in #1 and #2.

Southern Zone Open Water Championship: Kevin Ryan reported that he and Becky Gilpatrick will work on the meet announcement next week. Kevin will contact some parks and recs departments to hire local lifeguards as the state does not have their own.

2024 Southern Zone Athlete Summit Olympic Trials Watch Party: The event will be held at UofL on June 21-23, 2024. Each LSC may send six athletes with the LSC responsible for their athletes' accommodations and meals. Room rates are \$120 per person. The summit will focus on leadership with a special session on bullying, and there will be in-water training. LSCs senior and junior athlete representatives, two outreach members and two at-large members will be invited. Joseph will try to get permission for KY to fill any spots not used by other LSC's.

Helen was mentioned as the point of contact for Kentucky Swimming.

Appendix D – Officials Certification: Jason Brown, Officials Chair, reported that USAS cancelled the meetings scheduled to discuss the officials certification process. The meetings will be rescheduled for the beginning of next year.

Joseph wanted an update on the change to the KYLSC Handbook Appendix D presented at HOD, specifically the required 12 sessions for meet referee certification. He asked Jason if certification for referees would be reviewed on case-by-case basis. Kris Humphries asked if the 12-session requirement was a national rule. Jason has not seen that on the national spectrum. Kris asked Jason to be lenient with approval for meet referee for smaller clubs and types of meets. Jason assured the board that certifications would be considered on a need/case-by-case basis. Once the national requirements are set, Jason will form a committee, the committee will meet and present to the board the certification requirements/process. The certification may move towards a written recommendation versus a required number of sessions apprenticed. The goal is to set the meet referee up for success. To help meet hosts identify qualified meet referees, Jason is compiling a list to distribute to clubs.

Club Athlete Representatives: Megan Zerhusen sent out an email to clubs asking for their representatives but still only has the original five. Another email will be go out to clubs listing the clubs who have and have not submitted their representatives.

Officials Chair: Jason Brown, Officials Chair, reported that 180 officials have attended a re-certification clinic, and most are ready to recertify for 2024. There are 38 people who still need to go through the process. Jason conducted an online session Tuesday, December 6. He sent the recording out to those unable to attend. 11 new officials have certified as stroke and turn. There are 32 apprentices working towards certification.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Helen Glish, DEI Chair, reported Lakeside will purchase a strobe light for a hearing-impaired athlete on their team. In addition, a recall rope must be used. Helen wanted to acknowledge the good works of Cardinal Aquatics who hosted a prelim/final meet where a swimmer with disability competed. For finals, an extra lane was created and used to accommodate that swimmer who was thrilled she was given the opportunity to have the second swim.

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges reported that the Technical Planning Committee met in November to review formatting for the short course championship meets.

I. U12 KYLSC Championship, March 8-10, 2024, Genesis Health Club at Blairwood

(See attached Sessions Report)

- A. Add 11-12 200 Back as Timed Final to Friday
 - 1. Use USA National Motivational BB Time Standard
 - 2. Allow coaches to enter swimmers with 100 cut, but manually seed those after athletes with BB 200 cut (like non-conforming times) for this year, to be revisited next year.
 - 3. This event may be chosen as Bonus event.
- B. Add 11-12 200 Breast as Timed Final to Saturday prelim session.
 - 1. See A1, above.
 - 2. See A2, above.
 - 3. Fastest heat swims at finals.
 - 4. This event may be chosen as Bonus event.
- C. Add 11-12 200 Fly as Timed Final to Sunday prelim session.
 - 1. See A1, above.
 - 2. See A2, above.
 - 3. See B3, above.
 - 4. See B4, above.
- D. Keep 200 Mixed Medley Relay
- E. Increase event limit to 3 per day, total 9 (changed from 8)
- F. Allow 1 relay per session (changed from 1 per day)
- G. Update LSC Championship Qualifying Time Standards using USA National Motivational BB SCY and LCM time standards for 11-12 200 events (SCM will be converted from the respective SCY or LCM in accordance with the rest of the LSC SCM standards). See attached.
- H. Update LSC Records to include 11-12 200 Y Back, Breast, and Fly.

Amy Albiero motioned/Kevin Ryan seconded/approved to accept 12&Under championship meet formatting as presented.

II. O13 KYLSC Championship, March 22-24, University of Louisville

(See attached Sessions Report)

- A. Individual events \leq 500 will be identified as 13-14, and O15 in meet file. Swim-ups will be allowed at the coach's request if the athlete meets the respective time standard.
- B. Relays and distance events will be Open, scored as 13-14 (U14 for relays) and Open. Any U12 athlete swimming in an individual Open event will be scored with Open athletes.
- C. Allow athletes with other events that day in the fastest heat of 1650 Free the option to swim during Prelims. Coaches can indicate their preference ~~with their meet entries~~ at check-in deadline by end of warmups on the day of the mile. Instructions will be in the meet announcement.
- D. Move Mixed Medley Relay to Friday prelims (from Saturday prelims).
- E. Move 200 Free Relay to Saturday prelims (from Sunday prelims) to eliminate back-to-back relays.

Jason Brown motioned/Kris Humphries seconded/approved to accept the 13&Over championship changes as presented with the change to declaration of 1650 prelims or finals.

Amy Albiero explained that Cardinal Aquatics is required to pay for extra security personnel at the 13&Over championship meet. Amy informed the board that a security fee of \$5 per athlete will be added.

Next meeting: January 17, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: Amy Albiero motioned/Kris Humphries seconded meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.