



USA Swimming Southern Zone Meeting

September 18, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Zone Directors:

Dave Smith - Non-Coach
Jim Kelly - Coach

Zone Secretary/Treasurer - Herb Schwab
Zone Age Group Chair - Jonathan Watson
Zone Senior Chair - Matt Webber

Zone Open Water Chair - Nick Graves

Zone Officials Coordinator - Traci Johnson/Allan Goldring

Zone Senior Athlete Director - Ryan Gibbons

Zone Junior Athlete Representative - Megan Braman

Call to order by Dave Smith, Zone Director, on Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Roll Call - Herb Schwab

15 LSCs in attendance with 107 Participants. All LSCs were present.

Moment of Silence for all Zone Members who have passed away during this past year.

Agenda distributed and approved

The Agenda, Minutes, and all of the Handouts were posted on the Southern Zone website, and notifications were emailed to all of the LSCs. Each LSC was also asked to forward the electronic files to their delegates. The agenda was approved.

Approval of 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2021 Convention meeting. Motion carried.

Acknowledgements

This is Dave's last meeting as the Zone Director - Non-Coach, since he is term-limited. Dave thanked Jim and Ryan for all of their hard work and assistance for the past 4 years. Dave thanked Herb Schwab as the Zone Secretary/Treasurer. Dave also thanked Barbara Aguirre, Kenneth Chung, Wade Kojima for stepping up at the last minute to host the Zone Age Group Championships this past summer. Dave also thanked Tim Byerly for stepping in as the Meet Referee for the Zone Senior Championships.

Dave acknowledged the USA Swimming Zone Advisors, Terry Jones and Dana Skelton, for their help and support this past year.

Dave thanked Dan Henshaw for a great job as the Southern Zone Webmaster.

Reports of Officers, Committees and Others

The reports of all of the Zone Officers, Chairs, and Coordinators have been filed on the Southern Zone website.

2022 Southern Zone Scholastic All-America Team

The Scholastic All-America Team will be announced soon.

Explanation of Voting Procedures

Ryan explained how the voting will be conducted this year, using Google Docs.

Old Business

There was no Old Business to consider.

New Business

Block 1 Proposals to be voted on as a block (SZ 01, SZ 02, SZ 03, SZ 04, SZ 05):

SZ 01 - Requiring Notification of athletes selected to Meet Committee to the SZ Athlete Director.

SZ 02 - Adjustment of language for the composition of the SZSR Meet Technical Committee.

SZ 03 - Adds requirement for the Sectional Technical Committee to have at least 20% athletes.

SZ 04 - Removes cap on fiscal goal.

SZ 05 - Cleans up the language of how voting will be conducted during a virtual meeting, allowing more flexibility.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve Block 1 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Block 2 Proposals to be voted on as separately (SZ 06, SZ 07, SZ 08, SZ 09, SZ 10, SZ 11, SZ 12):

SZ 06 - Modification of language under expenses to bring it in line to what USA Swimming is using.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 06 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

SZ 07 - SZSR Meet reduction from 4½ days to 4 days, allowing travel on Tuesday. *NOTE - A vote on the actual template will be conducted once the template is distributed and each LSC will have a chance to review it - anticipate an October email vote.*

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 07 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

SZ 08 - Southern Zone Age Group Meet reduction from 4 ½ days to 3 ½ days; elimination of the 15-18 age group and increase of athletes in the 11-14 age groups to maintain 48 swimmers per LSC. No change to the swimmers with disabilities. *NOTE - A vote on the actual template will be conducted once the template is distributed and each LSC will have a chance to review it - anticipate an October email vote.*

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 08 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

SZ 09 - Adjustment of Southern Zone Age Group Meet fees: \$10 per event, \$15 per relay plus allowing the prospective host to charge a facility charge, if included in the bid package.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 09 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

SZ 10 - Adjustment of LSC dues to the Southern Zone, setting it at \$.10 (ten cents) per registered non-athlete member and premium athlete as of August 31st each year, effective immediately.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 10. Motion carried by electronic vote.

SZ 11 - Addition of Southern Zone surcharge of \$5.00 per swimmer attending the Southern Zone Senior, Southern Zone Age Group and Southern Zone Open Water Championship meets, effective immediately.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 11. Motion carried by electronic vote.

SZ 12 - (Contingent upon SZ 10 & SZ 11 passing) Addition of a statement saying all Zone Director expenses will be covered by SZ funds rather than individual LSC funds, effective immediately.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve SZ 12 by unanimous consent. Motion carried.

Elections

Zone Senior Athlete Rep: Megan Braman (MS) was elected at the Zone Athletes Meeting earlier today.

Zone Junior Athlete Rep: Nicole Caruso (SE) was elected at the Zone Athletes Meeting earlier today.

Zone Secretary/Treasurer: Herb Schwab (GU)
No other candidates were nominated.

Zone Age Group Chair: Jonathan Watson (NC)
No other candidates were nominated.

A Motion was made and seconded to elect both of these positions by acclamation. Motion carried.

Zone Director - Non-Coach: Melissa Hellervik-Bing (FL)
Dave Olack (NC)
No other candidates were nominated.

Melissa Hellervik-Bing was elected as the Zone Director - Non-Coach.

Appointments

Southern Zone Disability Coordinator: Rayleen Soderstrom

Announcements

USA Swimming Workshop - Colorado Springs, CO - April 20-23, 2023

2024 Southern Zone Senior Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

The proposed dates for 2024 will be decided after the dates of the 2024 Futures Meets are determined.

Two bids for the 2024 Southern Zone Senior Championships were received from:

Club Mountaineers Aquatics	Morgantown, WV (WV)
Shockwave Aquatics Team	Tupelo, MS (MS)

The bidders' presentations are attached.

Voting for the 2024 Southern Zone Senior Championships was held electronically. Club Mountaineers Aquatics was selected as the host for the 2024 Southern Zone Senior Championships.

2024 Southern Zone Age Group Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

The proposed dates for 2024 will be decided after the dates of the 2024 Futures Meets are determined.

Three bids for the 2024 Southern Zone Age Group Championships were received from:

City of Midland	Midland, TX (WT)
Club Mountaineers Aquatics	Morgantown, WV (WV)
	(Withdrawn after the Zone Senior Championships was awarded.)
Shockwave Aquatics Team	Tupelo, MS (MS)

The bidders' presentations are attached.

Voting for the 2024 Southern Zone Age Group Championships was held electronically. City of Midland, Midland, TX, was selected as the host for the 2024 Southern Zone Age Group Championships.

2023 Southern Zone Open Water Championships Dates and Site Nominations/Presentations

One bid for the 2023 Southern Zone Open Water Championships was received from Sandhill Sand Sharks at Seven Lakes, NC. Motion was made and accepted to award the Zone Open Water Championships to Sandhill Sand Sharks. The Championships will be held on June 2-4, 2023.

Speedo Championship Series

Eastern Sectionals	
March 9-12, 2023	TAC Titans - Cary, NC (NC)
Long Course	
Southern Sectionals	
February 9-12, 2023	FL LSC - TBD
June 29 – July 2	FG LSC - TBD
Western Sectionals	
Mar 2-5, 2023	AGS - College Station, TX (GU)
Long Course	

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded at 7:22 p.m. Eastern Time. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Herb Schwab
Secretary/Treasurer
Southern Zone

Southern Zone
Financial Report
September 2022

Previous Balance as of 9/2021		\$11,512.45
Interest for Year 2021	\$24.35	
Annual Membership Dues - Year 2021	<u>\$750.00</u>	
Total Income		\$774.35
10/13/21 Athlete Workshop	\$481.59	
3/14/22 Postage	\$11.85	
3/14/22 Zone Workshop (Athlete Travel)	\$322.58	
4/28/22 Zone Workshop (Zone Director Travel)	<u>\$413.23</u>	
Total Expenses		\$1,229.25
General Fund Balance as of 9/2021		\$11,057.55
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Funds		\$5,204.57
Total Balance of Southern Zone Funds		\$16,262.12



REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ZONE AGE GROUP CHAIR

Jonathan Watson, 01silversurfer@bellsouth.net

September 18, 2022

I. SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP MEET SUMMARY -- Attendance

2021 SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP ATTENDEES BY LSC

LSC	# ATHLETES	GIRLS	BOYS
Border	39	20	19
Florida Gold Coast	23	16	7
Florida	48	24	24
Georgia	51	25	26
Gulf	0	0	0
Kentucky	41	20	21
Mississippi	28	15	13
North Carolina	49	24	25
North Texas	26	14	12
South Carolina	47	25	22
South Texas	48	24	24
Southeastern	33	16	17
West Texas	37	17	20
West Virginia	40	21	19
* 2022 TOTALS	510	261	249
2021 ATTENDANCE	429	221	208

* = Meet Mobile

Not Present: Gulf .

II. SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP -- Awards

A. Charlene Craddock Sportsmanship Award: South Texas

B. 2021 SZAG Championship Top-5 Scoring Teams:

- 1st – North Carolina Swimming – 1206.5 points
- 2nd – Georgia – 820
- 3rd – Florida – 640.5
- 4th – South Carolina – 551
- 5th – Southeastern – 412

C. High Point Awards

- 11-12 Girls – Peyton Williams [SES-48pts]
- 11-12 Boys – Wilson York [KY-48pts]
- 13-14 Girls – Blakely Hammel [FL-48pts]
- 13-14 Boys – Santiago Alzate [NC-52pts] (tie)
- 13-14 Boys – Collin Holgerson [GA-52pts] (tie)

- 15-18 Girls – Charlotte LePage [NC-43pts]
- 15-18 Boys – Charlie Green [SC-42pts]

III. SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP – MEET EVALUATION SUMMARY

Feedback from SZAG Championship Meet Evaluation Forms

12 Meet Evaluation Forms were returned. Eight (8) were marked “coaches”; One (1) was marked Other; and 3 were undesignated. Items were rated 1 (low) to 4 (high).

1. PRE-PLANNING

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments/Concerns
• Pre-Meet Information	1	0	3	9	•
• Packets	0	0	4	8	
• Hotels & Restaurants	0	0	4	8	
• Maps	0	0	5	8	
• Transportation/Cost/Convenience	0	1	4	8	
• Transportation/Airlines	1	0	4	5	
• Transportation/Car Rental	1	0	3	4	
• Planning for Climatic Changes	0	0	3	8	

2. FACILITIES/GENERAL

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments/Concerns
• Parking	0	0	0	13	• PA system was too loud • Need more lanes for warm-ups
• Registration	0	0	1	10	
• Restrooms/Dressing Rooms	0	0	3	9	
• Swimmer Rest Areas	0	0	4	8	
• Public Address Systems	1	1	2	8	
• Spectator Seating	0	1	3	8	
• Warm-Up/Warm-Down Facilities	0	3	2	7	

3. FACILITIES/COMPETITION POOL

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments/Concerns
• Pace Clocks	0	0	3	10	• Starting system was not loud enough
• Scoreboard/Timing Sys/Computer	0	2	1	9	
• Lighting	0	1	2	9	
• Ventilation/Air Quality	2	2	6	2	
• Water Conditions	0	0	2	10	
• Starting System	0	2	2	8	
• Pool Set-up (deck space; media)	0	0	5	7	

4. OFFICIALS

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments/Concerns
• Meet Referee	0	0	1	11	• Great announcer • Exceptional team of officials
• Admin Referee	0	0	2	10	
• Deck Referee(s)	0	0	2	9	
• Starter(s)	0	1	1	9	
• Announcer	0	1	1	9	
• Chief Judge(s)	0	0	2	9	
• Stroke & Turn Judges	0	0	3	8	
• Relay Take-off Judges	0	0	2	9	
• Clerk of Course	0	0	1	10	
• Meet Director	0	0	0	11	

5. GENERAL APPRAISAL

Topics	1	2	3	4	Comments/Concerns
• Meet Administration	0	0	3	10	• Awards ceremonies were too long • Reduce finals warm-ups and use time for awards
• Hospitality	0	0	3	9	
• Awards Ceremonies	1	1	4	6	
• Safety Procedures	0	0	1	11	
• Overall Success of the Meet	0	0	2	10	

IV. SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP – RECORDS

Records not yet ready at press time. Will forward once available.

A. New Records Set

TBA.

V. SZAG CHAMPIONSHIP MEET – SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Suggestions have been incorporated into legislation proposals.

The 2022 SZAG Championship Meet was hosted by Barbara Aguirre, Meet Director, and her staff at the Tupelo Aquatic Club and Shockwave Aquatics. The Southern Zone thanks Barbara and all of Mississippi Swimming for their efforts in the running of a successful meet for all of us.

SOUTHERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET RECORDS

Long Course Meters (Last Updated 9/19/21)

FEMALES				11-12	MALES			
YEAR	NAME	LSC	TIME	EVENT	TIME	LSC	NAME	YEAR
2014	Andrea Santander	FGC	27.00	50 FR	25.53	KY	Will Tarvestad	2013
2009	Simone Manuel	GU	58.42	100 FR	55.45	WV	Preston Padden	2010
2003	Chelsea Franklin	FL	2:06.31	200 FR	2:00.00	FL	Owen Ekk	2021
2009	Summer Finke	FL	4:23.56	400 FR	4:15.90	FL	Owen Ekk	2021
2014	Gabriela Donahue	FL	30.63	50 BK	28.49	GA	Seth Beer	2009
2018	Gaby M Van Brunt	GA	1:05.28	100 BK	1:01.35	GA	Seth Beer	2009
2005	Kaylin Burchell	KY	33.90	50 BRST	32.39	FGC	Aiden L Kohanyi	2017
2011	Annie Kyriakidis	SE	1:13.62	100 BRST	1:10.01	FGC	Aiden L Kohanyi	2017
2015	Ella N Marlow	FL	28.07	50 FLY	27.49	GA	Seth Beer	2009
2015	Amanda Ray	NC	1:03.51	100 FLY	1:01.03	NC	Tyler Silver	2010
2019	Nicole Zettel	NC	2:22.98	200 IM	2:16.58	WV	Danny Ott	1987
2018	A Sauickie, G Weyant, G Tong, A Reese	FL	1:50.78	200 FR-R	1:46.48	GA	A DeMott, N Bohn, C Duval, B Hausdorf	2015
2015	MK Kelley, G Khunduang, A Gibbons, E Marlow	FL	2:03.41	200 M-R	1:58.75	NC	R. Sharron, G. Hardy, O. Lin, T. Greathouse	2021
2018	A Sauickie, G Tong, L Gualtieri, A Reese	FL	4:01.84	400 FR-R	3:54.80	FL	O. Ekk, J. Campagnola, A. Zendegui, C. Jacobs	2021
2015	MK Kelley, G Khunduang, A Gibbons, E Marlow	FL	4:32.06	400 M-R	4:21.90	FGC	H Bishop, A Kohanyi, K Winkler, A Rodriguez	2017
2018	A Sauickie, A Reese, N Cecchi, L Simon	FL	1:48.58	200 MX-FR	1:48.58	FL	A Sauickie, A Reese, N Cecchi, L Simon	2018
2021	S. Elgart, G. Hardy, O. Lin, S. Whelehan	NC	1:58.96	200 MX-MR	1:58.96	NC	S. Elgart, G. Hardy, O. Lin, S. Whelehan	2021
FEMALES				13-14	MALES			
YEAR	NAME	LSC	TIME	EVENT	TIME	LSC	NAME	YEAR
2015	Katie E Cronin	FL	26.68	50 FR	24.14	GA	Tan Dunn III	2014
2014	Riley Gaines	SE	57.60	100 FR	52.57	STX	Oliver Rowe	2021
2014	Abigail Burke	FL	2:04.76	200 FR	1:54.46	STX	Oliver Rowe	2021
2009	Danielle Velley	FL	4:22.65	400 FR	4:02.25	FL	Alex Katz	2010
2008	Cha-Cha Bugatti	FL	8:57.01	800 FR				
				1500 FR	16:07.52	NC	Ross Dant	2015
2014	Lainie Bell	GA	1:03.96	100 BK	58.21	GA	Tan Dunn III	2014
2008	Julian Vitarius	GU	2:18.60	200 BK	2:06.38	GA	Tan Dunn III	2014
2005	Laura Johnson	SE	1:12.28	100 BRST	1:05.31	GA	Gunnar Bentz	2010
2013	Brooke Forde	KY	2:35.30	200 BRST	2:23.03	GA	Gunnar Bentz	2010
2009	Nicole Stafford	GA	1:02.45	100 FLY	56.41	STX	Oliver Rowe	2021
2009	Nicole Stafford	GA	2:18.24	200 FLY	2:07.07	SE	Joey J Carbone	2011
2015	Andrea Santander	FGC	2:21.57	200 IM	2:07.03	GA	Gunnar Bentz	2010
2009	Kara Kopsco	LA	4:57.92	400 IM	4:34.78	GA	Gunnar Bentz	2010
2014	R Weakley, H Burt, R Gaines, K Melton	SE	1:47.77	200 FR-R	1:38.32	FGC	D Spas, J Ballestras, D Holland, Q Cassidy	2009
2014	L Mabie, E Nelson, K Norris, K Melton	SE	1:59.45	200 M-R	1:49.20	GA	T Dunn III, B Pastorek, A Mayfield, C Riley	2013
2014	A Burke, A Kraus, E Richardson, I Ivey	FL	3:53.12	400 FR-R	3:37.13	GA	A Ballard, J Dolan, B Fields, T Dunn III	2014
2014	E Bell, S Schreiber, T Smith, E Alexander	GA	4:21.81	400 M-R	4:00.37	GA	T Dunn III, D Hall, A Ballard, J Dolan	2014
2018	A Seymour, R Valdez, K Zhao, A Wayner	GA	1:43.42	200 MX-FR	1:43.42	GA	A Seymour, R Valdez, K Zhao, A Wayner	2018
2017	N Stoffle, H Bethel, H Galbraith, L Burke	GA	1:53.51	200 MX-MR	1:53.51	GA	N Stoffle, H Bethel, H Galbraith, L Burke	2017
FEMALES				15-18	MALES			
YEAR	NAME	LSC	TIME	EVENT	TIME	LSC	NAME	YEAR
2015	Tatum N Smith	GA	26.41	50 FR	23.72	SE	Troy Tillman	2009
2014	Emma Cole	GA	57.63	100 FR	51.95	SE	Troy Tillman	2009
2014	Emma Cole	GA	2:03.80	200 FR	1:52.65	FL	Ty W Rocca	2011
2014	Emma Cole	GA	4:19.87	400 FR	4:02.03	FL	Patrick Ceddia	2007
2003	Elizabeth Stowe	FL	8:58.93	800 FR				
				1500 FR	15:55.75	FL	John Orban	2008
2009	Chrissy Oberg	SC	1:03.97	100 BK	57.96	GA	Aidan Stoffle	2017
2009	Chrissy Oberg	SC	2:16.60	200 BK	2:05.41	GA	Jay Y Litherland	2011
2009	Jessie Kopsco	LA	1:11.73	100 BRST	1:05.47	GA	Dillion Connelly	2004
2009	Jessie Kopsco	LA	2:34.29	200 BRST	2:21.70	GA	Dillion Connelly	2004
2014	Sarah Chambliss	SE	1:01.84	100 FLY	55.88	SE	Hayden Baker	2008
2008	Raquel Raybon	KY	2:15.71	200 FLY	2:03.79	FL	Mark Cox	2008
2005	Lauren Cartwright	GA	2:20.45	200 IM	2:07.45	GA	Brennan Pastorek	2014
2008	Raquel Raybon	FL	4:57.03	400 IM	4:32.65	SE	Christian Carbone	2010
2014	D Blaum, D Wayner, A Glunn, E Cole	GA	1:47.09	200 FR-R	1:36.02	GA	D Murphy, B Pastorek, J Mataxas, J Rubin	2014
2011	B Caraballo, M Harris, V Grams, S Bessire	FL	1:59.89	200 M-R	1:45.65	SE	B Bolton, S Kerns, P Davis, T Tillman	2009
2014	D Wayner, D Blaum, L Wallace, E Cole	GA	3:54.53	400 FR-R	3:31.17	GA	D Murphy, R Wynn, J Mataxas, B Pastorek	2014
2014	L Wallace, D Wayner, D Blaum, E Cole	GA	4:22.70	400 M-R	3:56.47	GA	T Locke, D Hall, T Graff, C Powell	2012
2018	R Chafin, T Schroer, A Summers, S Bertschi	GA	1:42.15	200 MX-FR	1:42.15	GA	R Chafin, T Schroer, A Summers, S Bertschi	2018
2017	A Stoffle, C Gilson, T Rucker, L Grater	GA	1:53.37	200 MX-MR	1:53.37	GA	A Stoffle, C Gilson, T Rucker, L Grater	2017



Meet Referee Report

Name of Meet: Southern Zone Age Group LC Championships _____

Date of Meet: July 26-30 _____

Location: Tupelo, MS _____

Meet Referee: Kenneth Chung, Wade Kojima _____

Facility: Equipment well maintained and functioned as needed. _____

Hospitality Top notch catering. A lot of thoughts were given into the choice of menu and there were abundance of food and drinks for all coaches, officials and volunteers. Hospitality was one of the best among all the meets I worked.

Meet Director and Personnel All the staff under the leadership of the Meet Director Barbara Aguirre were very professional and helpful. They were very efficient and supportive of our officials. They get the job done well.

Locker Rooms, Athlete areas, Meeting Rooms, Traffic flow on deck I did not go into the locker room, so I do not have the details, but I was told by athletes the locker rooms are clean. The athletes' areas, meeting rooms are very spacious and clean. We were provided printer and copier to use. The traffic flow on deck was well maintained.

Other The air quality for the entire meet was acceptable. The airflow was good.

Officials: Assigned Team – What went well? The TLCJ Mike Trexler, Head starter Rebecca Thomas and Admin ref Oded Ravid all did a fantastic job. They were focused on tasks and adaptable when needed. We have constant flow of Stroke and Turn judges as we did not have many officials committed to the entire meet. Mike and the CJs did a great job in showing coherence of the team despite new people every day. Rebecca did a great job in adjusting the rotation after two deck referees felt sick and left early. Oded was very supportive of his admin team as two of them were being evaluated for N3i and N3f respectively.

What were weaknesses/concerns Nothing of importance

Future recommendations I would recommend Mike Trexler as a TLCJ for a higher-level meet like Futures.

Deck Officials – Standouts (provide names and reason) Nicki Rogers – only signed up for two sessions but ended up working all sessions as we needed help and she enjoyed working with the team. Anne Bennett – Anne is a N2 Deck Ref but our assigned team were set when she signed up. Anne did a great job in working stroke and turn for all sessions with a smile and was very helpful to newer officials.

Challenges (provide names and reason) None

Admin
Timeliness Good
Heat Sheets well prepared ahead of time
Swim Offs Well managed
Disqualifications (not DFSs) Well communicated by CJs and well vetted by DRs and well accurately recorded by Admin. The background noises made communicating over radios difficult at times but the team managed to get the job done effectively.



Meet Referee Report

Competition Session Lengths: right on timeline, less than 4 hours for prelims
Finals: right on timeline
Time Trials: Not Applicable (We did not have time trials at this meet)
Coach concerns/protests: Coaches concerns were first dealt with by Deck referee regarding infractions. Only one call came to me for appeal.
We called a coach meeting to discuss adjustment due to delay of warmup as a result of a short power outage on the last day before finals. Coaches' voices were heard, and we collectively came up with a plan to get back on our timeline. Coaches were happy with the process and outcome.
Announcer: James was excellent. He worked really well with age group swimmers. James was also a DJ and played music to help create a fun environment. I recommend using him again in the future.
Safety issues: There were two reports of incidents of athletes not feeling well after the completion of the final session on Friday. EMT was called and both athletes were discharged by EMT after being attended to. The Meet Director has filed the incident reports. The facility staff and lifeguards were very professional and handled the situation very well. Barbara Aguirre and her staff were very attentive and helpful for the coaches and athletes.

General Comments: The meet was originally scheduled to be hosted in Arlington, TX but needed to be moved due to change of personnel in Arlington ISD. Thanks to Dave Smith who solicited support from Barbara Aguirre of Tupelo, MS. We are very grateful for Barbara's willingness to host with a short notice and did a wonderful job for everyone attended. Mississippi Swimming under the leadership of Wade and City of Tupelo were great hosts.

Meet Referee Report

Tim Byerly, ST

Southern Zone Senior Championships Jul 26-30, 2022

Morgantown, WV

Meet Preplanning

The leadership team held three zoom calls in preparation of the meet. The meet director Vic Riggs was very accommodating with our requests.

Facility

Air quality was remarkably excellent for a 5-day meet. There was no hint of chloramines and many coaches commented that have never been to a facility with such excellent air quality.

Two large rooms of the deck provided more than adequate space for both officials' meetings and hospitality. Restroom facility were available for officials and coaches off deck, just outside the pool and on the second floor.

Mountaineer Pride was evident throughout the event by the facility staff. Ed Denny Coordinator of Competitive Aquatics was available for all backstroke events to ensure the backstroke ledges were for properly installed before each race. He was also observed cleaning the deck plates for each lane during the meet to ensure positive connections. Deck plates are the in- deck areas where all the touchpads, plungers and lane speakers are connected. Miranda Buitter the Certified Pool Operator went the extra mile to ensure the pool water was perfectly balanced each day. Result was excellent air and water quality throughout the meet

Hospitality was excellent throughout the meet. Club Mountaineer parents provided breakfast and lunch. Dinner was catered nightly from restaurants who were meet sponsors. One night we were provided steak for dinner!

Meet Execution

Prelim sessions were 2.5-3 hours and each final session was completed in about 2-2.5 hours. The awards for the previous day were given out to the Top 3 at 845 AM prior to the start of Prelims. Saturday awards were given after Finals on Saturday and this proved to shorten the daily timeline.

A relay split timing pad fell off during a heat at the turn end. Vic Riggs, Meet Director and Ed Denny quickly resolved the issue with no effect on the swim.

A 100-meter free swim off was conducted for a 200 Free Event. Several coaches were not aware of USA Rule 102.5.2, which allows a dissimilar event or distance for the swim off as long as all parties agree.

Officials

There were 18 officials that worked the meet; however, six sessions were minimally staffed with either the meet referee or evaluator manning the deck. With the five Futures meet scheduled during same week, this impacted our recruiting efforts. Special thanks to all in the Central and Eastern Zones who helped recruit officials. This meet did not have the minimum officials available for each session until the Friday before the meet.

A total of nine N2 evaluations and three N3 evaluations were conducted during the meet. National Evaluator Teri White, SNS conducted a starter clinic on Thursday. Teri also provided a multitude of mentorship opportunities throughout the meet.

The theme for official's education during the meet was "What did I learn this session?" and "Be A Sponge". More than half the officials who signed up were neither N2 officials or had attended a sectional level meet. Marnie Kern, OKS and Co Team Lead Chief Judge jumped into action and provided over 30 hours of education via phone on the protocols and the evaluation process for those individuals. Over the course of the meet, she also conducted a Chief Judge clinic for five individuals covering nine different areas. This clinic was placed into OTS as a learning activity for these individuals. Her efforts sparked excitement and introduced these officials to different techniques in officiating. Her activities took the meet from good to great as far as an officiating perspective.

Administration- by Didi Byerly, Administrative Referee

1. Depending on the location of the meet, consider opening the meet to athletes outside of the Southern Zone in order to make the meet more robust.
2. Bonus Events – Keep an eye on the athlete count. As the deadline nears, consider increasing the number of bonus events/athlete if the meet looks like it will be small with short sessions. A few days before the meet entry deadline, we changed the bonus events to two bonus events per one qualifying event.
3. Entry Limit – Consider increasing the entry limit to 7. It currently is six, for a 5-day meet. This was a common request.
4. Change the positive check in for Tuesday night relays to 4 PM instead of 5 PM. There are many relays on Tuesday evening, and it was labor intensive to get the names of the relay swimmers input into Meet Manager.
5. Positive Check-in for 1500 – Change to 5:30 PM on Friday night, which is the same time as the scratch deadline for the events on Saturday.

6. For the 1500, clarify the meet information that the 1500 free will be contested immediately after that Saturday time trials (after prelims)
7. Relays – For all the relays except the 800 free relay and 200 mixed relays, change the wording on the seeding that the relays will swim fast to slow with the fastest two heats of women going first then the men.
8. For time trials, run the 800 M Fr time trial on Tuesday and the 1500 FR time trial on Saturday. Because of the limited number of time trials in the meet, remove the language of following the national protocol and change to scheduling the time trial events in the most expedient way. We only had a couple of heats of time trials each day.
9. Make sure the records are updated in the Meet Manager file before providing the back-up to Southern Zones.
10. For awards, the coaches decided to do the awards 15 minutes before the morning session on the following day, which kept the finals sessions at a reasonable length. On Saturday evening, the awards for Saturday's events and team awards were presented at the end of the session.
11. Please see revised meet information to see changes made prior to the meet (purple and red) and recommendations (green) made for future meets.

The 2022 Southern Zone Open Water Championships was held May 13-15 on Lake Winona in DeLeon Springs, FL. Thank you to Hydro4 and all of their volunteers for hosting a great event with 263 total athletes. The 11-12 2 K consisted of 56 athletes (30 F / 26 M). The 5 K had 207 athletes and was run as Open with two waves 1 Male consisting of 103 athletes and 1 Female consisting of 104 athletes. The results were split by age group for scoring and the age group breakdown is as follows 13-14 - 73 Athletes (36 F / 37 M), 15 -16 - 72 Athletes (35 F / 37 M), Open - 62 Athletes (33 F / 29 M). The 5 K was run combined to meet USA Swimming Standards to allow qualification for OW Junior Nationals. This was a change from the original format and a concession made to keep qualification possible after USA had originally suspended the path from zones to Juniors a week prior to the meet. There was some discussion that the waves were too big and that the combined format was a detriment to the 13-14 Races. This was also the return of the team pursuit to the event for the first time since 2018. The relays the past few events have been popular but by request of the coaches the team pursuits were returned to the meet format.

Last year we expanded the available roster by 2 in each age group to 48 total. This was great for 13-14 and 15-16 age groups. Numbers are still low in 11-12 and open.

The main struggle with participation for many LSC's since 2019 has been the FINA age up date. 1 LSC did not participate at all because of it. It also makes it very hard to fill the 11-12 age group. We should look at getting rid of the FINA age up date moving forward. If needed for the juniors selection we should use the Open 5 k with FINA age up date like the central zone does.



**APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN ZONE
AGE GROUP SWIMMING / SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(select one)

The MS Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the 202024
Southern Zone Age Group Swimming / Senior Championships (select one).

Wade Kojima by Barbara Aguirre
Chairman, Local Swimming Committee USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: City of Tupelo, Convention Tourism Bureau, Shockwave Aquatics, MS Swimming
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3608

CITY: Tupelo STATE: MS ZIP: 38803

PHONE: (662) 401-7550 (BARBARA Aguirre)

The organization President is:

NAME: Ashley Martin (Shockwave)
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3608

CITY: Tupelo STATE: MS ZIP: 38803

PHONE: (662) 401-7550 (BARBARA Aguirre)

FACILITY INFORMATION

Please read and comply with the **Southern Zone Meet Handbook** and Article 103 - Facility Standards, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please be certain you understand the requirements for hosting the meets.

If the organization is awarded these Championships, we propose to conduct the meet at the following facilities.

1. Name of Facility: Tupelo Aquatic Center

2. Name of Pool (if different): _____

3. Organization Administering Facility: Tupelo Aquatic Center / CVB, SWAT, MS Swimming

4. Facility Administrator: Amy Kennedy

5. Address: 692 N. Veterans Blvd. Tupelo, MS 38804

6. City: State: Zip: TUPELO MS 38803

1. Phone: (662) 840-3768

2. Pool Street Address: 692 North Veterans Memorial Blvd.

3. City: State: Zip: TUPELO, MS 38804

8. The pool is 8 years old. It opened for the first time on 11/2013 (date).

9. The pool is: X indoor _____ outdoor _____ indoor / outdoor

8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end: 7'5" Center: 7' Turn end: 4'6"

Are all lanes the same depth? no. If not, explain: _____

12'4" deep @ NE side of pool. (Dive envelope extended across 4 lanes of pool width)

Please sketch a profile of the pool bottom with the depths marked:

9. There are 8 lanes for racing. Each lane is 9' wide.

10. Does the pool have a water heater? yes A water cooling system? no

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? yes with no current yes.

12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? 12.77 ft Candlepower at finishing and turning end? 56 ft

13. Brand name of lane dividers Competitor 6"

14. What type of gutter system is installed? Myrtha Classic Fitter

15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes)

Length 25 yds Width 30 ft Depth at Shallow end: 3'6" to 4'6"

Number of lanes 5 Width of lanes 6'

Starting Platforms no Backstroke Ledges only in comp pool

Indoor/Outdoor pool indoor

Distance from competitive pool 19'

Will lane dividers be provided? yes What type? Competitor 6"

16. Starting platform information:

A. Size of platform surface Length 32" Width 24"

B. If slanted, the degree of slant 10°

C. Height above water surface 29.5"

D. Are all surfaces non-skid yes

17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system: _____

Colorado Timing System Gen 7

A. Is it installed or rented? installed

B. Name of touch pads Colorado Time Systems 78" Aquagrips

C. Name of back up system Colorado Timing System

D. Where is it located? Meet Management office

E. Is a readout scoreboard installed? yes If not will you rent one? _____

How many lines? 21

18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each lane? yes

19. Computerization: What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet? Hy-tek

20. Scoreboard: Will you have a team scoreboard for 1 - 15 places? prclins - yes
What type? Colorado

21. What are the deck measurements? Left side 19' 4" Right side 12'
Turning end 16' 6" Behind start 14' 4"

22. Total seating capacity in pool area 971 + 500 (min of 1200 seating)
(min deck space 550-700)

Right side of pool 500 Left side of pool upper level (971)

Starting end _____ Turning end _____

Comments: _____

23. Resting Area 20 x 40 AIR CONDITIONED Outdoor Swimmers' Tent

Is it convenient? Y Is it shaded? Y How large? _____

Indoor/Outdoor? Outdoor How far from the rest area to the pool? 15 yds

24. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmers + equipment min)

Women: # lockers 240 # showers 6 # toilets 5

Men: # lockers 108 # showers 6 # toilets 5

25. P.A. System:

In pool area No In warm-up pool area Yes In locker rooms Yes In rest area Yes

Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? City of Tupelo / Tupelo Aquatic Center is currently researching different avenues (panels) to improve the reverberation drastically

Are speakers adequate if outdoors? YES

26. Will the facilities be available to only swimmers on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet? yes

27. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? yes

28. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? No

29. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.

30. Will meet marshals/Invigilators be available throughout the meet? yes

1. Hotel Headquarters: Tupelo.net

Name: Address: City: State: Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Manager's Name: _____

Number of rooms: _____ Distance from hotel to pool: _____

Room rates: Single _____

Double: _____

Quad: _____

Describe facilities, including the restaurants and hours of operation: _____

2. Other Hotels:

Please attach a list of other hotels with the following information: *Can provide*

Name: Number of rooms: *600 + Rooms*

Room rates: Single _____

Double: _____

Quad: _____

Driving time to pool: *all less than 5 miles to pool*

Contact Name: Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category:

Fast food: 1-5 miles *50* 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Inexpensive: 1-5 miles *60* 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Moderate: 1-5 miles *20* 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

130 plus total Restaurants

4. Transportation To And From The City: *yes*

Airlines serving the city: *Contour (Tupelo - Nashville)*

Memphis International Airport - 90 miles from Tupelo

Distance from airport to the pool: *5 miles* Will there be free transportation from the

hotels to the pool? *No* Schedule? *N/A*

How many rental vans are available at the airport? _____

Car rental companies serving the city: *Budget, Hertz, Enterprise, Avis, Kia, Moby*

Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? *No*

If so, explain: _____

Livestream by Livebarn Available

Swimmers' Party and Coaches' social on SAME EVENING AT A CLIMATE-CONTROLLED LOCATION. PARADE WILL BE AT SAME VENUE ALSO.



APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN ZONE

AGE GROUP / SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(select one)

The West Texas Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the 20 23
Southern Zone Age Group / Senior Championships (select one).

Chairman, Local Swimming Committee USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: COM Aquatics

ADDRESS: 3003 N. A Street

CITY: STATE: ZIP: Midland, Tx 79705

PHONE: (432) 770-6048

The organization President is:

NAME: Brad Swendig

ADDRESS: 3003 N. A Street

CITY: STATE: ZIP: Midland, Tx 79705

PHONE: (432) 684-7755

FACILITY INFORMATION

Please read and comply with the **Southern Zone Policy & Procedures Manual** and Article 103 - Facility Standards, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please be certain you understand the requirements for hosting the meets.

If the organization is awarded these Championships, we propose to conduct the meet at the following facilities.

1. Name of Facility: FMH Foundation Natatorium

2. Name of Pool (if different):

3. Organization Administering Facility: COM Aquatics

4. Facility Administrator: Brad Swendig

5. Address: 3003 N. A Street

6. City: State: Zip: Midland, TX 79705

1. Phone: (432) ~~(807)~~ 684-7755

2. Pool Street Address: 3003 N. A Street

3. City: State: Zip: Midland, TX 79705

8. The pool is 6 years old. It opened for the first time on 4/1/2010 (date).

9. The pool is: indoor _____ outdoor _____ indoor / outdoor

8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end: 6 Center: 6 Turn end: 6

Are all lanes the same depth? yes. If not, explain:

Please sketch a profile of the pool bottom with the depths marked:

9. There are 10 lanes for racing. Each lane is 7.5 ft. wide.

10. Does the pool have a water heater? yes A water cooling system? _____

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? yes with no current yes.

12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? 100 cf Candlepower at finishing and turning end? 100 cf

13. Brand name of lane dividers Antiwave Forerunner

14. What type of gutter system is installed?

flow over

15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes)

Length 25 yd. Width 25 yd Depth at Shallow end: min. 7 ft.

Number of lanes 7 Width of lanes 7.5 ft

Starting Platforms n/a Backstroke Ledges n/a

Indoor/Outdoor pool indoor

Distance from competitive pool 100 feet

Will lane dividers be provided? yes What type? antiwave

16. Starting platform information:

A. Size of platform surface Length 32 Width 24

B. If slanted, the degree of slant 10°

C. Height above water surface 30 in

D. Are all surfaces non-skid yes

17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system:

Colorado Timing

Is

it installed or rented? installed

A. Name of touch pads Colorado

B. Name of back up system Colorado

C. Where is it located? at COM

D. Is a readout scoreboard installed? yes If not will you rent one? _____

How many lines? video board

18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each

lane? yes

19. Computerization: What computer system and meet management program will be

used for the meet? Meet Manager 8

20. Scoreboard: Will you have a team scoreboard for 1 - 15 places? not separated
from regular board

What type?

21. What are the deck measurements? Left side 10 X 180 ft Right side 13 X 180 ft
Turning end 10 ft Behind start 13 ft

22. Total seating capacity in pool area 600-650 (min of 1200 seating)
(min deck space 550-700)

Right side of pool 100-150 Left side of pool 300 spectator 800
Starting end 120 Turning end 120

Comments:

Resting Area:

Is it convenient? ✓ yes Is it shaded? yes How large?

Indoor/Outdoor? outdoor How far from the rest area to the pool? 5 feet

23. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmers + equipment min) - 2 locker rooms for swimmers
Women: # lockers 60 # showers 12 # toilets 8
Men: # lockers 85 # showers 14 # toilets 8

24. P.A. System:

In pool area yes In warm-up pool area no In locker rooms no In rest area no

Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? yes

Are speakers adequate if outdoors? n/a

Will the facilities be available to only swimmers on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet? yes

25. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? yes

26. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? no

27. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.

28. Will meet marshals/Invigilators be available throughout the meet?

yes

1. Hotel Headquarters: Insignia Hospitality Group

Name: Address: City: State: Zip: 401 Tradewinds Blvd Midland, Tx 79706

Phone: (432) 296-9909

Manager's Name:

Jennifer Quintela

Number of rooms: 380 Distance from hotel to pool: _____

Room rates: Single \$100

Double: \$100

Quad: N/A

Describe facilities, including the restaurants and hours of operation:

4 different hotels with standard amenities

Holiday Inn Express, 2 locations

Courtyard

~~TownePlace Suites~~ Springhill Suites

2. Other Hotels:

Please attach a list of other hotels with the following information:

Name: Number of rooms: _____

Room rates: Single _____

Double: _____

Quad: _____

Driving time to pool: _____

Contact Name: Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category:

Fast food: 1-5 miles 30 50 6-10 miles 50 11-20 miles N/A

Inexpensive: 1-5 miles ~~70~~ 50 6-10 miles 50 11-20 miles N/A
Moderate: 1-5 miles ~~70~~ 50 6-10 miles 50 11-20 miles N/A

4. Transportation To And From The City: _____

Airlines serving the city:

Southwest, United, American, Delta

Distance from airport to the pool: 12 mi Will there be free transportation from the hotels to the pool? no Schedule?

How many rental vans are available at the airport?

Car rental companies serving the city:
Enterprise, Budget, Avis, Thrifty, Hertz

Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? no

If so, explain:



Discounted Hotel Rates (based on availability, most weekends)



Springhill Suites Midland Odessa
5716 Deauville Boulevard Midland, Texas 79706
Phone: 432-695-6870
[Click here to book online](#)



Holiday Inn Express Loop 250
5309 West Loop 250 North Midland, TX 79707
Phone: 432-520-3600
[Click here to book online](#)



Holiday Inn Express I-20
900 Crump Street Midland, Texas 79701
Phone: 432-695-9020
[Click here to book online](#)



Sleep Inn and Suites
5612 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX, 79706
Phone: (432) 694-4200
[Click here to book online](#)



Home2 Suites by Hilton Midland East
4104 N. Big Spring St. Midland, Texas 79705
Phone: (432) 682-6000
[Click here to book online](#)



APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN ZONE

AGE GROUP SWIMMING / SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
(select one)

The __West Virginia__ Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the 2024_ Southern Zone Age Group Swimming / (select one).

____Sarah Nisewarner
Chairman, Local Swimming Committee USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: Club Mountaineer Aquatics

ADDRESS: 218 Poplar Dr_____

CITY: _STATE: ZIP: Morgantown, WV 26505_____

PHONE: (304) 841-4391_____

The organization President is:

NAME: Vic & Renee Riggs_____

ADDRESS: Same as above____

CITY: STATE: ZIP: _____

PHONE: (304) 841-4391(R) 304-276-3477(V)_____

FACILITY INFORMATION

Please read and comply with the Southern Zone Meet Handbook and Article 103 - Facility Standards, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please be certain you understand the requirements for hosting the meets.

If the organization is awarded these Championships, we propose to conduct the meet at the following facilities.

1. Name of Facility: The Aquatic Center @ Mylan Park_____

2. Name of Pool (if different): _____

3. Organization Administering Facility: Mylan Park Foundation__

4. Facility Administrator: Ed Denny_____

5. Address: 1847 Fitness Way_____

6. City: State: Zip: _Morgantown WV, 26501_

1. Phone: (304) 973-9733

2. Pool Street Address: Same

3. City: State: Zip: _____

8. The pool is 1 years old. It opened for the first time on Nov. 1st, 2019 (date).

9. The pool is: indoor _____ outdoor _____ indoor / outdoor

8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end:7'6" Center:7'3" Turn end:7'

Are all lanes the same depth? Yes. If not, explain: _____

Please sketch a profile of the pool bottom with the depths marked: Attached

9. There are 8 lanes for racing. Each lane is 9' wide.

10. Does the pool have a water heater? Yes A water cooling system? No not needed

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? Yes with no current Yes.

12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? 116 Candlepower at finishing and turning end? 116

13. Brand name of lane dividers Kiefer Advantage II

14. What type of gutter system is installed? Paddock Evacuator

15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes) Separate Diving Well

Length 25yds Width 20 yds Depth at Shallow end: 15'6"

Number of lanes 6 Width of lanes 7

Starting Platforms No Backstroke Ledges No

Indoor/Outdoor pool Indoor

Distance from competitive pool 14'

Will lane dividers be provided? Yes What type? Kiefer Advantage II

16. Starting platform information:

A. Size of platform surface Length 29" Width 20"

B. If slanted, the degree of slant Meets USA Swimming Guidelines

C. Height above water surface 2'5"

D. Are all surfaces non-skid Yes

17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system: _____

_Colorado Timing System Gen 6_____

A. Is it installed or rented? Installed___

B. Name of touch pads _Colorado_

C. Name of back up system Colorado T.S._____

D. Where is it located? On site_____

E. Is a readout scoreboard installed? Yes If not will you rent one? _____

How many lines? Up to 16 lanes

18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each lane? Yes

19. Computerization: What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet? Microsoft and HyTek Meet Manager

20. Scoreboard: Will you have a team scoreboard for 1 - 15 places? Yes

What type? Colorado_____

21. What are the deck measurements? Left side 16'8" Right side 16' to 19'

Turning end 12'7" Behind start 14'

22. Total seating capacity in pool area 1400 (min of 1200 seating)

(min deck space 550-700)

Right side of pool 250-300 Left side of pool 250-300

Starting end _N/A Turning end _TBD

Comments: _We have 10 sets of bleachers and will provide more if needed__

23. Resting Area:

Is it convenient? Yes Is it shaded? Yes How large? _____30'x29'6'

Indoor/Outdoor? Indoor How far from the rest area to the pool? Deck Access

24. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmers + equipment min)

Women: # lockers 110 # showers 11 # toilets 10

Men: # lockers 102 # showers 10 # toilets 5 toilets/6 urinals

25. P.A. System:

In pool area **Yes** In warm-up pool area **Yes** In locker rooms **Yes** In rest area **Yes**

Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? **Yes**_____

Are speakers adequate if outdoors? **N/A**_____

26. Will the facilities be available to only swimmers on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet? **Yes**_____

27. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? **Yes and see attached**_____

28. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? **No**_____

29. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations **NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.**

30. Will meet marshals/Invigilators be available throughout the meet? **yes**_____

1. Hotel Headquarters: **Courtyard by Marriott**

Name: Address: City: State: Zip: **460 Courtyard Way, Morgantown, WV, 26501**

Phone: **(304) 284-2186**_

Manager's Name: **Kimberly Thompson**_____

Number of rooms:_____ Distance from hotel to pool: **1.5 miles**

Room rates: Single **99.00**_

Double: **109.00**_

Quad: **124.00**_

Describe facilities, including the restaurants and hours of operation: **The Courtyard has a restaurant that is available for breakfast as well as a starbucks. They also offer catered meals and have meeting/eating rooms available. _**

2. Other Hotels: Please see attached. We have arranged Hotel rates with several Hotels

Please attach a list of other hotels with the following information:

Name: Number of rooms: _____

Room rates: ~~Double~~ Single: _____

Quad: _____

Driving time to pool: _____

Contact Name: Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category: Plenty of options

Fast food: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Inexpensive: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Moderate: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

4. Transportation To And From The City: Air- Pittsburgh International Airport

Airlines serving the city: Air Canada, Alaska Air, Allegant, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Southern Airways Express, Spirit, United

Distance from airport to the pool: 70 Miles

Will there be free transportation from the hotels to the pool? No Schedule?

How many rental vans are available at the airport? Unknown

Car rental companies serving the city: All major companies

Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? No

If so, explain: _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category:

Fast food: 1 - 5 miles ___12___ 6 - 10 miles ___15-20___ 11- 20 miles These would be in Fairmont WV

Inexpensive: 1 - 5 miles ___9___ 6 - 10 miles ___16___ 11- 20 miles These would be in Fairmont WV

Moderate: 1 - 5 miles ___4___ 6 - 10 miles ___5-10___ 11- 20 miles These would be in Fairmont WV

I listed all the Pizza places in the 6-10-mile range as Fast Food but some are sit-down places as well.



Restaurants at University Towne Center

All restaurants within 2 miles of Mylan Aquatic Center.

www.visitmountaineercountry.com

1. Olive Garden
2. Red Lobster
3. Long Horn
4. Cheddars
5. Cracker Barrel
6. Chili's (Mountaineer Deal)
7. Pizza Al
8. Firehouse Sub
9. CeCe's Pizza
10. Wendy's
11. BW 3
12. Fusion
13. Los Mariachis
14. Panda
15. Chick- Fila
16. Blaze Pizza
17. Iron Horse (Mountaineer Deal)
18. Jersey Mikes
19. Sheets
20. Mc Donald's
21. Chipotle
22. Starbucks
23. Green Turtle
24. Tim Hortons
25. Burger King

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Visit Mountaineer Country Convention & Visitors Bureau

August 7, 2020

Re: USA Swimming Southern Zone Championship 2022

Dear Selection Committee,

The Greater Morgantown area is extremely interested in hosting USA Swimming's 2022 Southern Zone Championship. We feel that our destination is well suited to meet your event needs of transportation, hotels, and amenities located in "Almost Heaven" West Virginia.

Morgantown is located in North Central West Virginia and strategically located at the intersection of Interstate 79 and 68. Although we may be at the northern most edge of your Southern Zone territory, we are serviced by three airports and within an easy day's drive of almost 20% of the United State's population. Pittsburgh International Airport is 80 miles north of Morgantown. It is serviced by 14 airlines and has a \$1.1 billion renovation planned to be completed by 2023. North Central West Virginia Airport is 30 miles south of Morgantown and is serviced by United Airlines and Allegiant Airlines. The third airport servicing Morgantown is the Morgantown Municipal Airport which is serviced by Southern Airways who flies multiple flights daily to Pittsburgh International Airport and Baltimore/ Washington International Airport. Transportation to and from the airports servicing the Greater Morgantown area is available as needed.

Numerous lodging options are also available. Many of the major hotel chains are in our marketplace and have a wide range of options from full-service Marriott, multiple midrange Marriott, Hilton, and Choice International properties, to economy brands. The vibrant local economy frequently attracts new properties to add to Morgantown's more than 30 lodging properties that provide more than 2,500 room nights daily. Lodging options are located throughout the Morgantown area, providing various venues from downtown properties close to WVU's Main Campus to properties located at our multiple shopping developments as well as interstate properties. We also have multiple restaurants and retail establishments such as Dick's Sporting Goods, Sam's Club, Walmart, and Target in very close proximity to our athletic facilities. This nucleus of retail and hospitality options makes our location very favorable for the tournaments and large-scale events.

Being the home of the West Virginia University Mountaineers, creates a robust sports environment. Mountaineer Country has multiple organizations that work collaboratively to advance more than \$61M of sports development projects since 2015. The two major projects were the Monongalia County Ballpark, and the Aquatic Center and Track and Field Complex at



Mylan Park. Organizations involved in bringing these projects to completion included, but are not limited to, the City of Morgantown, the Monongalia County Commission, the City of Westover, the Town of Granville, Star City, West Virginia University, West Virginia University Hospitals, The Partnership of Greater Morgantown (Chamber, Economic Development Authority, and an urban development organization), local private foundations, Visit Mountaineer Country Convention and Visitors Bureau, the West Virginia Department of Commerce, the West Virginia Governor's Office, and numerous local businesses. The Monongalia County Ballpark involved Tax Increment Financing and opened in 2015. The Aquatic Center and Track and Field Complex at Mylan Park, involved extensive collaborative public and private financing and opened in 2019.

The most recent facilities developed were the Monongalia County Ball Park, home of the West Virginia Blackbears, and the Aquatic Center and Track and Field Complex at Mylan Park. These cutting-edge facilities were designed, developed, and financed by extensive cooperative efforts of local community partners, private, and public resources. Mylan Park also has additional facilities that are a prime destination for competitive sports. These include baseball, softball, soccer, multipurpose fields, cross country track, a miracle field, and more than one indoor facility. All of the facilities and activities are part of the reason that Morgantown has been recognized as the one of the "30 Best Small Sports Cities" in the U.S. according to Wallet Hub.

Another area of interest to you may be our healthcare facilities and programs. Healthcare is one of the larger segments of our local economy. West Virginia University Medical School, WVU Medicine's J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, and Mon Health Systems all reside locally and provide cutting edge care throughout the region. Ruby Memorial Hospital is the level 1 trauma center in North Central West Virginia. In addition, sports medicine has been integrated throughout the community for decades and continues to advance through their community outreach programs. You will find that our healthcare network would be a great partner in providing any care that might be needed during your 2022 Southern Zone Championship.

Amenities of our "Almost Heaven" home are numerous. It is no wonder that West Virginia has been referred to as the Grand Canyon of the East Coast. Our scenic beauty and outdoor activities are impressive. Hiking, biking, whitewater, kayaking, fishing, rock climbing, boating abounds throughout the region. Visitors come to Morgantown, acknowledged as the "Tastiest Town" in West Virginia by the Charleston Gazette, to have a great time and that is what they get. Whether you are seeking the arts in a museum, on a public street, or by watching a live performance; sports in the form of an organized run, a game at the Monongalia County Ballpark, or an adventure in the great outdoors; or attending a conference at one of our many meeting locations, we have all of the bases covered and more. Our VisitMountaineerCountry.com regional events calendar is full of special events and activities to entice guests to stay one more day and share in the local experiences.

At VMCCVB, we advance our tourism economy by marketing and selling the destination to our guests by "wowing" them with our secret ingredient, Mountaineer Country hospitality. In order

to do so, we are actively engaged in small to large-scale events. Whether it is booking rooms, assisting with group requirements, building itineraries that inspire families to enjoy an escape in our region's outdoors and culture, or coordinating tours to showcase top attractions, we are happy to assist. If we secure your 2022 Championship, Visit Mountaineer Country CVB would provide you a customized event portal to function as a one stop shop for all of your attendees to find event, local, and travel information needed to make their experience one that would make them say "Wow!".

We hope to have the opportunity to further explore our destination as your future home of the USA Swimming Southern Zone Championships 2022. Below are links to several Mountaineer Country resources that you may find helpful. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 304-292-5081 or Susan@VisitMountaineerCountry.com with any questions and we look forward to the opportunity.

<https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/thumbs-up-in-greater-morgantown/>

<https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/sports-planners/>

<https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/102-things-to-do-in-greater-morgantown/>

<https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/stay/morgantown/>

<https://www.morgantownpartnership.com/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Riddle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Riddle, President & CEO

Attachment: Mylan Park Fact Sheet

2022 USA Swimming Southern Zone 12% Sales and Occupancy Tax Nightly

Property	Rating	Phone	Single, Double, Suites	Added Amenities Near By	Shuttle	Complimentary Breakfast	Complimentary Wifi	Complimentary Parking	Mylan Park and Aquatic Center
Courtyard	3 Star	304-599-1080	HEAD QUARTER HOTEL \$99.00/\$109.00/\$124.00 1 COMP ROOM AND ADDITIONAL 1 COMP PER NIGHT PER 25 ACTUALIZED	Shopping and Restaurant	Yes	Restaurant	Yes	Yes	1.5 Mile
Best Western	2 Star	304-599-5399	\$59.00 Single or Double	Shopping and Restaurant		Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	3 Miles
Candlewood	3 Star	304-241-2411	NO BID	Shopping and Restaurant	No		Yes	Yes	1.2Miles
Econo Lodge	2 Star	304-296-8774	\$69.99/\$89.00 Single & Double	Shopping and Restaurant		Rate includes Hot Breakfast			4.9 Miles
Euro-Suites	3 Star	304-598-1000	\$90.00/\$90.00/\$100.00	Shopping and Restaurant	Yes	YES	Yes	Yes	4.2 Miles
Fairfield Inn & Suites	2 Star	304-532-5006	\$85.00/\$99.00/ \$99.00 COMP ROOM AND ADDITIONAL 1 COMP PER NIGHT PER 25 ACTUALIZED	Shopping and Restaurant	Yes	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	2 Miles
Hampton Inn and Suites	3 Star	304-598-0600	\$99.00 Double or Single	Shopping and Restaurant	No	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	2.7Miles
Holiday Inn University	3 Star	304-241-6649	\$109.00/\$119.00/\$129.00	Shopping and Restaurant	Yes	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	5.2Miles
Hilton Garden Inn	3 Star	304-225-9500	\$84.00/\$102.00	Shopping and Restaurant	No	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	6.4Miles

La Quinta Inn	2. Star	304- 241-4501	\$99.00 Single or Double	Shopping and Restaurant	No	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	1.2Miles
Motel 6	2 Star	304-599-8181	\$89.00 Single or Double	Shopping and Restaurant		Rate includes Hot Breakfast			3.2Miles
Scholar Hotel	3 Star	304-777-4100	NO BID	Shopping and Restaurant	No		Yes	Yes	5.3 Miles
SpringHill Suites	3 Star	304-225-5200	NO BID	Shopping and Restaurant	No		Yes	Yes	5.2Miles
Super 8	2 Star	304-296-4000	\$69.00/89.00	Shopping and Restaurant	No	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	6 Miles
Suburban	2 Star	304-291-2535	No BID	Shopping and Restaurant	No		Yes	Yes	5.2Miles
SureStay Plus/Westover	2 Star	304-292-0055	\$79.00 Single or Double	Shopping and Restaurant	No	Rate includes Hot Breakfast	Yes	Yes	5.3Miles
Waterfront Place	4 Star	304-296-1700	Single/Doubles \$159 nightly plus taxes Suites would be \$209 nightly plus taxes; hotel can only offer 2 suites	Shopping and Restaurant	Yes	Restaurant	Yes	NO	5.2Miles



APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN ZONE

AGE GROUP SWIMMING / SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(select one)

The MS Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the 2024 Southern Zone Age Group Swimming / Senior Championships (select one).

Made known by Barbara Aguirre
Chairman, Local Swimming Committee USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: City of Tupelo, Convention Tourism Bureau, Shockwave Aquatics, Ms Swimming
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3608

CITY: STATE: ZIP: Tupelo, Ms. 38803

PHONE: (662) 401-7550 (BARBARA Aguirre)

The organization President is:

NAME: Ashley Martin (Shockwave)

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3608

CITY: STATE: ZIP: Tupelo, Ms. 38803

PHONE: (662) 401-7550 (BARBARA Aguirre)

FACILITY INFORMATION

Please read and comply with the Southern Zone Meet Handbook and Article 103 - Facility Standards, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please be certain you understand the requirements for hosting the meets.

If the organization is awarded these Championships, we propose to conduct the meet at the following facilities.

1. Name of Facility: Tupelo Aquatic Center

2. Name of Pool (if different):

3. Organization Administering Facility: Tupelo Aquatic Center / CVB, SWAT, Ms Swimming

4. Facility Administrator: Amy Kennedy

5. Address: 692 N. Veterans Blvd. Tupelo, Ms. 38804

6. City: State: Zip: TUPELO MS 38803

1. Phone: (662) 840-3768

2. Pool Street Address: 692 North Veterans Memorial Blvd

3. City: State: Zip: TUPELO, MS 38804

8. The pool is 8 years old. It opened for the first time on 11/2013 (date)

9. The pool is: X indoor _____ outdoor _____ indoor / outdoor

8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end: 7'5" Center: 7' Turn end: 4'6"

Are all lanes the same depth? no. If not, explain: _____

12'4" deep @ NE side of pool. (Dive envelope extended across 4 lanes of pool width)

Please sketch a profile of the pool bottom with the depths marked:

9. There are 8 lanes for racing. Each lane is 9' wide.

10. Does the pool have a water heater? yes A water cooling system? No

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? yes with no current yes.

12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? 72.77 ft Candlepower at finishing and turning end? 56 ft

13. Brand name of lane dividers Competitor 6"

14. What type of gutter system is installed? Myrthen Classic Fitter

15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes)

Length 25 yds Width 30 ft Depth at Shallow end: 3'6" to 4'6"

Number of lanes 5 Width of lanes 6'

Starting Platforms No Backstroke Ledges only in comp pool

Indoor/Outdoor pool Indoor

Distance from competitive pool 19'

Will lane dividers be provided? yes What type? Competitor 6"

16. Starting platform information:

A. Size of platform surface Length 32" Width 24"

B. If slanted, the degree of slant 10"

C. Height above water surface 29.5"

D. Are all surfaces non-skid yes

17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system: _____

Colorado Timing System Gen 7

A. Is it installed or rented? installed

B. Name of touch pads Colorado Time Systems 78" Aquagrips

C. Name of back up system Colorado Timing System

D. Where is it located? Meet Management office

E. Is a readout scoreboard installed? yes If not will you rent one? _____

How many lines? 21

18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each lane? yes

19. Computerization: What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet? Hy-tek

20. Scoreboard: Will you have a team scoreboard for 1 - 15 places? prelims - yes
What type? Colorado

21. What are the deck measurements? Left side 19' 4" Right side 12'
Turning end 16' 6" Behind start 14' 4"

22. Total seating capacity in pool area 971 + 500 (min of 1200 seating)
(min deck space 550-700)

Right side of pool 500 Left side of pool upper level (971)

Starting end _____ Turning end _____

Comments: _____

23. Resting Area 20 x 40 AIR CONDITIONED Outdoor Swimmers' Tent

Is it convenient? Y Is it shaded? Y How large? _____

Indoor/Outdoor? Outdoor How far from the rest area to the pool? 15 yds

24. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmers + equipment min)

Women: # lockers 240 # showers 6 # toilets 5

Men: # lockers 108 # showers 6 # toilets 5

25. P.A. System:

In pool area No In warm-up pool area Yes In locker rooms Yes In rest area Yes
Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? City of Tupelo / Tupelo Aquatic Center is currently researching different avenues (panels) to improve the reverberation of noise inside the natatorium,
Are speakers adequate if outdoors? YES

26. Will the facilities be available to only swimmers on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet? yes

27. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? yes

28. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? No

29. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.

30. Will meet marshals/Invigilators be available throughout the meet? yes

1. Hotel Headquarters: Tupelo.net
Name: Address: City: State: Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Manager's Name: _____

Number of rooms: _____ Distance from hotel to pool: _____

Room rates: Single _____

Double: _____

Quad: _____

Describe facilities, including the restaurants and hours of operation: _____

2. Other Hotels:

Please attach a list of other hotels with the following information: Can provide

Name: Number of rooms: 600 + Rooms

Room rates: Single _____

Double: _____

Quad: _____

Driving time to pool: all less than 5 miles to pool

Contact Name: Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category:

Fast food: 1-5 miles 50 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Inexpensive: 1-5 miles 60 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Moderate: 1-5 miles 20 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

} 130 plus total Restaurants

4. Transportation To And From The City: yes

Airlines serving the city: Contour (Tupelo - Nashville)

Memphis International Airport - 90 miles from Tupelo

Distance from airport to the pool: 5 miles Will there be free transportation from the hotels to the pool? No Schedule? N/A

How many rental vans are available at the airport? _____

Car rental companies serving the city: Budget, Hertz, Enterprise, Avis, Kia, Moby

Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? No

If so, explain: _____

Livestream by Livebarn Available



APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN ZONE

AGE GROUP SWIMMING / SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
(select one)

The __West Virginia__ Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the 2024_ Southern Zone Age Group Swimming / **Senior Championships** (select one).

____Sarah Nisewarner
Chairman, Local Swimming Committee USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: Club Mountaineer Aquatics

ADDRESS: 218 Poplar Dr_____

CITY: _STATE: ZIP: Morgantown, WV 26505_____

PHONE: (304) 841-4391_____

The organization President is:

NAME: Vic & Renee Riggs_____

ADDRESS: Same as above____

CITY: STATE: ZIP: _____

PHONE: (304) 841-4391(R) 304-276-3477(V)_____

FACILITY INFORMATION

Please read and comply with the Southern Zone Meet Handbook and Article 103 - Facility Standards, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Please be certain you understand the requirements for hosting the meets.

If the organization is awarded these Championships, we propose to conduct the meet at the following facilities.

1. Name of Facility: The Aquatic Center @ Mylan Park_____

2. Name of Pool (if different): _____

3. Organization Administering Facility: Mylan Park Foundation__

4. Facility Administrator: Ed Denny_____

5. Address: 1847 Fitness Way_____

6. City: State: Zip: _Morgantown WV, 26501_

1. Phone: (304) 973-9733

2. Pool Street Address: Same

3. City: State: Zip: _____

8. The pool is 1 years old. It opened for the first time on Nov. 1st, 2019 (date).

9. The pool is: indoor _____ outdoor _____ indoor / outdoor

8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end:7'6" Center:7'3" Turn end:7'

Are all lanes the same depth? Yes. If not, explain: _____

Please sketch a profile of the pool bottom with the depths marked: Attached

9. There are 8 lanes for racing. Each lane is 9' wide.

10. Does the pool have a water heater? Yes A water cooling system? No not needed

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? Yes with no current Yes.

12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? 116 Candlepower at finishing and turning end? 116

13. Brand name of lane dividers Kiefer Advantage II

14. What type of gutter system is installed? Paddock Evacuator

15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes) Separate Diving Well

Length 25yds Width 20 yds Depth at Shallow end: 15'6"

Number of lanes 6 Width of lanes 7

Starting Platforms No Backstroke Ledges No

Indoor/Outdoor pool Indoor

Distance from competitive pool 14'

Will lane dividers be provided? Yes What type? Kiefer Advantage II

16. Starting platform information:

A. Size of platform surface Length 29" Width 20"

B. If slanted, the degree of slant Meets USA Swimming Guidelines

C. Height above water surface 2'5"

D. Are all surfaces non-skid Yes

17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system: _____

_Colorado Timing System Gen 6_____

A. Is it installed or rented? Installed___

B. Name of touch pads _Colorado_

C. Name of back up system Colorado T.S._____

D. Where is it located? On site_____

E. Is a readout scoreboard installed? Yes If not will you rent one? _____

How many lines? Up to 16 lanes

18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each lane? Yes

19. Computerization: What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet? Microsoft and HyTek Meet Manager

20. Scoreboard: Will you have a team scoreboard for 1 - 15 places? Yes

What type? Colorado_____

21. What are the deck measurements? Left side 16'8" Right side 16' to 19'

Turning end 12'7" Behind start 14'

22. Total seating capacity in pool area 1400 (min of 1200 seating)

(min deck space 550-700)

Right side of pool 250-300 Left side of pool 250-300

Starting end _N/A Turning end _TBD

Comments: _We have 10 sets of bleachers and will provide more if needed__

23. Resting Area:

Is it convenient? Yes Is it shaded? Yes How large? _____30'x29'6'

Indoor/Outdoor? Indoor How far from the rest area to the pool? Deck Access

24. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmers + equipment min)

Women: # lockers 110 # showers 11 # toilets 10

Men: # lockers 102 # showers 10 # toilets 5 toilets/6 urinals

25. P.A. System:

In pool area **Yes** In warm-up pool area **Yes** In locker rooms **Yes** In rest area **Yes**

Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? **Yes**_____

Are speakers adequate if outdoors? **N/A**_____

26. Will the facilities be available to only swimmers on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet? **Yes**_____

27. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? **Yes and see attached**_____

28. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? **No**_____

29. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations **NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.**

30. Will meet marshals/Invigilators be available throughout the meet? **yes**_____

1. Hotel Headquarters: **Courtyard by Marriott**

Name: Address: City: State: Zip: **460 Courtyard Way, Morgantown, WV, 26501**

Phone: **(304) 284-2186**_

Manager's Name: **Kimberly Thompson**_____

Number of rooms:_____ Distance from hotel to pool: **1.5 miles**

Room rates: Single **99.00**_

Double: **109.00**_

Quad: **124.00**_

Describe facilities, including the restaurants and hours of operation: **The Courtyard has a restaurant that is available for breakfast as well as a starbucks. They also offer catered meals and have meeting/eating rooms available. _**

2. Other Hotels: Please see attached. We have arranged Hotel rates with several Hotels

Please attach a list of other hotels with the following information:

Name: Number of rooms: _____

Room rates: ~~Double~~ Single: _____

Quad: _____

Driving time to pool: _____

Contact Name: Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category: Plenty of options

Fast food: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Inexpensive: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

Moderate: 1-5 miles _____ 6-10 miles _____ 11-20 miles _____

4. Transportation To And From The City: Air- Pittsburgh International Airport

Airlines serving the city: Air Canada, Alaska Air, Allegant, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, Jet Blue, Southwest, Southern Airways Express, Spirit, United

Distance from airport to the pool: 70 Miles

Will there be free transportation from the hotels to the pool? No Schedule?

How many rental vans are available at the airport? Unknown

Car rental companies serving the city: All major companies

Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? No

If so, explain: _____

2022 Annual report SZ DEI Coordinator
Ruth-Ann Bode

As we have come out of COVID shutdowns, the LSC DEI chairs have worked to restart DEI efforts, hosting Diversity meets and mini-camps as athletes and teams resumed workouts/competitions. NC and SC swimming hosted this summer a 2 day camp for athletes; North Texas is organizing a camp for the fall; South Texas held a symposium this summer attended by Leland Brown and Noah Wilson, (DEI staff); GA held its first diversity meet supported by the LSC; FL held camps in two different locations to reach more athletes

Several chairs were able to attend the USAS Zone workshop held in Denver in April attending the DEI track.

The LSC DEI chairs continue to hold monthly zoom meetings over the past year with anywhere from 3 to 5 LSC chairs attending. In June, Leland Brown (USAS DEI Director) presented a DEI 101 and DEI 201 to our LSC chairs, focusing on how the chairs can better communicate, plan, and implement various DEI programs.

Tommy Jackson, GA Swimming DEI, was asked to join the National DEI committee this year.

Coaches from the SZ, Tommy Jackson (GA), Stanley McIntosh (SC) and Abbie Fish (KY), will be interviewed for National DEI Committee's fall webinar on Diversity in coaching. Should be presented mid-October.

New DEI chairs:

MS: Matthew Mixon

LA: OJ Messina

NT: Dean Mijares – assistant for Rodrigo Peirera

FG still needs a DEI chair

As the SZ DEI Coordinator, I attended the Zone Workshop held in April. This spring I was appointed to the National DEI Committee and serve on the subcommittee for educational initiatives.

Our LSC Chairs will continue to hold monthly zoom meetings through the upcoming year on Wednesdays, alternating between 12 noon and 1pm every other month. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth-Ann Bode

SZ DEI Coordinator

2022 Disability Swimming Report

Southern Zone

The National Championships for US Paralympic Swimming were held December 17-19, 2021, in Greensboro, North Carolina. This was the last meet held under full covid protocols and the first time it was held in North Carolina. The southern zone was well represented by both athletes and officials participating.

On January 1, 2022, the National Disability Committee and The National Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee were reformed as a single committee with disability swimming as a subgroup. This action reduced the size of both committees and resulted in less focus on disability swimming through committees. Prior to this consolidation, the committee submitted R-14 as a clarification to Article 105 of the USA Swimming Rulebook. I strongly recommend this proposal.

An incident with a hearing-impaired swimmer at the TYR Pro meet in San Antonio, Texas the end of March, led to the submission of multiple legislative proposals to the Rules and Regulations Committee for consideration. R-5, R-7 through R-13 all address changes to the starting protocol for hearing impaired swimmers. R-7 and R-9 are being withdrawn and replaced with R-8 and R-10. I recommend R-8, R-10 only. These were discussed extensively at the April meeting and the education, evaluation and professional documents have been updated to better address this issue.

The Southern Zone Age Group Championships were held July 26 – 30, 2022 in Tupelo, Mississippi. 11 athletes with a disability and 1 hearing impaired athlete were entered from 5 of the 14 LSCs who participated. The 4 female and 7 male athletes with a disability earned a total of 128 points and had 125 splashes. 4 of the athletes requested accommodations and an auxiliary strobe light was provided at the block for the hearing-impaired swimmer. It is important to note that the swimmer requested that hand signals NOT be given by the starter when offered.

The Fred Lamback Para Swimming Open will be returning to the southern zone October 14 – 16, 2022. Previously held in Augusta, GA, the meet has been moved to Lawrenceville, GA, a suburb on the east side of Atlanta. This is the only event where classification is offered in the southern zone. Information about the meet can be found on the US Paralympic website under events and competitions or the Georgia LSC website.

For more information or questions, contact SoderstromRayleen@gmail.com or 931-581-4918.

Rayleen Soderstrom

Southern Zone Disability Coordinator