



To Develop, Improve, and Support Competitive Swimming in the Inland Empire

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RE: General Chair Report to Spring 2023 HOD

Inland Empire Swimming HOD:

IES is truly leading the way. We are being creative in supporting our membership with a small LSC with a large geography that covers portions of three states. This creativity brought us

- A shared Swimposium.
- A shared athlete experience at the USA-S Zone workshop.
- Co-hosting of a few large swim meets both at LSC and club level.

This shows that through creative programs and ideas, IES will continue to develop, improve and support competitive Swimming in the Inland.

Highlights:

- We reformed our two Short-Course Meets to better meet the needs of athletes of Inland Empire Swimming.
- We changed the funding and financial support for the three IES Championship Meets to better support hosting clubs.
- We have a full Board of Directors with the addition of Carolyn Peterson as Administrative Vice Chair and Ben Galligan as Operational Risk Chair.
- The LSC supported and sent April Walkey and Jeff Sutton to the 2022 Mighty 2500 Workshop hosted by USA-Swimming.
- We successfully partnered with Snake River Swimming to host 2nd Swimposium, with this occurring in Spokane.
- Our LSC sent athletes, coaches, and officials to many meets above the LSC Championship level and have had great success.
- Provide additional support for SC SR Zones meet for officials as this meet is still in trial and not supported by Western Zones Official's funds.
- Developed and formed an athlete committee by the leadership of our Jr and Sr Reps.

News from USA Swimming

- New marketing material toolkit: <https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches-leaders/team-leaders/marketing-toolkit>
- With changes to the World Aquatics Committee structure, rule changes can be made more frequently as occurred during the last month with the changes to backstroke, breaststroke, and starting commands.

News from the Western Zone

- Check the Website for updates on meets as some locations have changed for 2024.

News from the LSC

- We are tentatively early in the planning for a 2024 Swimposium.
 - We welcome some new faces and ideas
 - USA-S will support this only with Staff in 2024 and not with additional financial support.
- We are looking for some additional members to fill out our Board of Directors and working committees. Please contact our Office Administrator if you have any questions or interest in any of these opportunities at iesoffice@ieswim.org
 - **Athletes for IES Standing committees:**
 - a. Technical Planning
 - b. Governance
 - c. Safe Sport/Operational Risk
 - d. Officials
 - e. Finance
 - f. Equipment
 - g. DEI
- The IES Policy and Procedure Manual is being updated to reflect current practices. This has been a large effort of the BOD and others for their support. Thank you to the full BOD, Jody Broyles, Ron Van Pool, and Todd for their time and support of this update.

As you can see we have a very strong and Mighty LSC and while we may not be big in overall numbers we make up for this with the hard work and dedication of our members and leaders.

I am truly proud and honored to be the General Chair of this LSC.

Jeff Sutton