

Athlete Committee Meeting

06/03/2025 / 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Call to Order

Kase calls meeting to order at 7:32pm

Roll Call - Everyone's here! Two months in a row!

Kase Reckling **present**

Christopher Hager **present**

Kaitlin Diver **present**

Scarlet Jacob **present**

Kayleigh Hood **present**

Ricardo Villanueva-Ordonez **present**

Tripp Montgomery **present**

Valeria Benitez **present**

McCullough Frobouck **present**

Milana Wood **present**

Kelan Stakes **present**

No additional guests present

May Meeting Minutes: [05/14/25 Minutes](#)

Motion to approve May minutes made by Kaitlin, second by Christopher

Old Business

1. Communication

a. GroupMe

Kase checked with the athletes that GroupMe was working so far as the primary communication method to athlete committee members. Nobody mentioned any issues and everyone would like to continue using GroupMe for the rest of the year.

b. Parents?

Kase asked if athletes would like to have parents included on the GroupMe or only have parents included on email communication unless an issue arises. Athlete committee members all agreed that for right now, they do not wish to have parents added on GroupMe communication.

2. Athlete Committee Bylaws

a. [Current Athlete Committee Bylaws](#)

b. Desired changes:

- i. Change restrictions on number of athletes from a single group member (team)
- ii. Specify selection committee
- iii. Term start/finish?

Kase summarized the changes we are looking for with the athlete committee bylaws, including changing restrictions on athletes from a single team, specifying a selection committee, and looking at when the athlete committee terms start and finish.

c. Athlete input needed:

Athlete Committee members provided input and suggestions on ways each of these three aspects could be changed to meet what we are looking for:

i. Restrictions on # from a single team:

- Remove limitation on athlete board-members and only limit to 3 athlete non-board members per group member (team)
- Specify that only a certain percentage of the applicants we want to accept be from the same group member. The 20%-30% range was suggested, with willingness to go higher if including athlete board members. 26% would be a specific number to be 4 people per group member (if we are accepting the max 15 members).
- Have a stipulation that larger teams may have an extra member if their team membership is over a certain threshold

ii. Specifying a selection committee:

Kase explained that this year the group that selected committee members from the applicants included the senior athlete rep, junior athlete rep, athlete at large, general chair, and senior chair. Everyone agreed that this is a good precedent to follow, suggesting that in future years the group selecting athlete committee members from the applicant pool shall include the:

- WYSI general chair
- WYSI senior vice chair
- All WYSI athlete board representatives

iii. Committee member terms start/finish:

Committee members did not have any issues with their terms starting on May 1st so they opted that term start/finish doesn't necessarily need to be changed.

New Business

1. Top Times and Records

a. Current Records/Top Times Policy

Kase went over the current policy on WYSI records and the lack of policy on WYSI top times to be recognized at the Top 5 Banquet each year.

b. Proposed Records/Top Times Policy

- Proposed by Age Group Committee at February BOD
- Tabled at February BOD and currently unresolved

Kase showed the committee the proposed records/top times policy brought to the BOD in February that was tabled. He summarized the different main points and went over prominent issues that need to be addressed before a new policy should be accepted.

iii. Athlete input needed:

Kase began to go through each of the major points of contention in the proposed policy asking for committee input on what they think is the best course of action for our new policy on records:

1 - Age groups for individual events

Committee members came to a consensus that they would like to see records for individual events be kept following the 2025 WYSI Champs age groups for individual events.

2 - Age groups for single gender relays

The committee agreed that for single gender relays, records be kept for all the same age groups as individual events, in addition to an open category.

3 - Age groups for mixed gender relays

Members discussed having records for mixed gender relays just following those swum at champs, being 12&U and 13&O.

4 - What events should records be kept for

Everyone agreed that all USA Swimming recognized events should be kept as records for WYSI athletes. We also agreed that additional events swum at WYSI champs (such as 8U events) should be kept as records.

5 - Backdating records

All committee members agreed that records should be backdated to have the most accurate best performance no matter what events are swum at WYSI champs.

6 - Top times

We were running low on time for the meeting so we did not get to address top times. Can bring the topic back to discuss at the next meeting.

2. Senior Scholarship Renaming

a. Is a senior award rather than a scholarship, fun name?

Committee members didn't quite understand why this needed to be renamed and why it is not a scholarship. Kase didn't know either so they agreed he would gather more information and bring back for discussion on renaming at the next meeting.

3. Athlete discussion

a. Questions, comments, concerns, recommendations

Kase introduced the addition of this section as a place at the end of all our meetings for athlete committee members to bring up anything additional they would like to talk about, ask, or recommend for WYSI.

1 - Recognition of disabled athletes

One committee member inquired about how disabled athletes are recognized in WYSI and how there can be some sort of explanation for why they may be swimming slower than other athletes. Kase was unsure about any policies on disabled athletes in WYSI and said he would try to learn some more about the topic in our LSC and other LSCs.

Next Meeting: July 15th, 2025 @ 7:30pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Valeria, second by Scarlet