

## *Official Committee Agenda & Minutes*

### *11 Oct 2017*

In attendance: Jane Stump, Bill Kellam, Gerardo Hueta, Kaz Emoto, John Rajadas, Shae Nicolaisen, Tom Oliver, Mary Kramer

The following Items were discussed:

#### *National Rule Update and Changes - Tom*

- *National Uniforms- The new uniform for ALL national-level meets is as follows: (national level meets include: TYR Pro Series, Summer and Winter Juniors, Winter Nationals, Summer Nationals, U.S. Open)*
  - *Shirts: No Change*
  - *Pants: Black*
  - *Shoes: Black*
  - *Socks: Black*
- *USA Swimming Medley Swimming Rule Change*

#### *Meets- Tom*

##### *4 Corners Sectional Meet*

- *Suggested AZ names for assigned position*
- ALL applications for the 2018 TYR Pro Series are available. The sponsor for the Pro Series meets has changed from Arena to TYR.*

- *1-- Jan. 11-14, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Austin (University of Texas)*
- *2-- March 1-4, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Atlanta (Georgia Tech)*
- *3-- April 12-15, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Mesa (Skyline Aquatic Center)*
- *4-- May 17-20, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Indianapolis (Indiana University Natatorium, IUPUI)*
- *5-- June 14-17, 2017: TYR Pro Swim Series at Santa Clara (George F. Haines International Swim Center)*
- *6-- July 6-8, 2018: TYR Pro Swim Series at Columbus (Ohio State University)*

### *AZ SC Championship Meet Referees - Tom*

- *8U*
- *Age Group*
- *Senior Championship*

### *201 K Update - Jane/Tom*

- *Reimbursement for National Meets*
- *Certification/Re-certification Requirements*

### *General discussion*

- *Team Requirements for Officials -Kaz*

Date: September 20, 2017

Re: USA Swimming Rule 101.6 – 101.7 – Medley Swimming

1. During the July 21st FINA Swimming Technical Congress in Budapest, Hungary, the Congress adopted a change to medley swimming rules regarding required body position. For the freestyle distance, the change permits the swimmer to be past vertical towards the back when executing a turn - including after the feet have left the wall. The rule requires that the swimmer's body must return to the breast before any kick or stroke.

2. Effective September 21, USA Swimming will modify USA Swimming rules as follows:

101.6 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — The swimmer shall swim the prescribed distance in the following order: the first one-fourth, butterfly; the second one-fourth, backstroke; the third one-fourth, breaststroke; and the last one-fourth, freestyle.

.1 Start — The forward start shall be used.

.2 Stroke — The stroke for each one-fourth of the designated distance shall follow the prescribed rules for that stroke, except in the freestyle, the swimmer must be on the breast except when executing a turn.

.3 Turns

A Intermediate turns within each stroke shall conform to the turn rules for that stroke, except that in the freestyle turn, the swimmer must return to the breast before any kick or stroke.

B The turns when changing from one stroke to another shall conform to the finish rules for the stroke just completed, and shall be as follows:

(1) Butterfly to Backstroke — The swimmer must touch as described in 101.3.5. Once a legal touch has been made, the swimmer may turn in any manner, but the shoulders must be at or past the vertical toward the back when the swimmer leaves the wall.

(2) Backstroke to Breaststroke — The swimmer must touch the wall while on the back. Once a legal touch has been made, the swimmer may turn in any manner but the shoulders must be at or past the vertical toward the breast when the swimmer leaves the wall and the prescribed breaststroke form must be attained prior to the first arm stroke.

(3) Breaststroke to Freestyle — The swimmer must touch as described in 101.2.4. Once a legal touch has been made, the swimmer may turn in any manner and must return to the breast before any kick or stroke.

.4 Finish — The swimmer shall have finished the race when any part of his/her person touches the wall after the prescribed distance

101.7 RELAYS

.1 Freestyle Relay — Four swimmers on each team, each to swim one-fourth of the prescribed distance using any desired stroke(s). Freestyle finish rules apply.

.2 Medley Relay — Four swimmers on each team, each to swim one-fourth of the prescribed distance in the following order: first, backstroke; second, breaststroke; third, butterfly; and fourth, freestyle. Rules pertaining to each stroke used as described in 101.6 (Individual Medley) shall govern where applicable. At the end of each leg, the finish rule for each stroke applies in each case.

.3-.4 [no changes]

Jay Thomas

Chair, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee

Meet Referees were nominated for 2018 Championship Meets. It was decided that we would have an assigned Assistance to be mentored at each meet.

AZ Champ' Meets	2013	2014	2015	2016
SC Senior	Denise O'Connell	David Gomez	Tom Oliver	Kelly Logan
SC Age Group	David Brooks	Jane Stump	Bryan Lynch	John Rajadas
8 Under	Tim Krapp	John Rajadas	Paul Cline	Gerardo Huerta
LC Senior	Art Gramer	David Brace	Mary Kramer	Bill Kellam
LC Age Group	Kelly Logan	David Brooks	Dawn Mulligan	Amy Shahanian

AZ Champ' Meets	2017	2018	2019
SC Senior	Ken Apel	Lisa (Ron C asst)	
SC Age Group	Keith Ellis	Gerardo, (Tim K backup) Jay(asst)	
8 Under	Ellen McCoy	Tuc (Vitaly back up)	
LC Senior	Brian Shepherd	Ron C (Tuc asst)	
LC Age Group	Kevin Russell	Jay (Vitaly asst)	

**The following legislation (changes to 201K) was discussed and approved with changes to be forwarded to BoD:**

**CURRENT**

**4. REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION**

In addition to enforcing the rules of swimming uniformly across all meets, one of the goals of the Officials Committee is to educate the athletes in the protocols of swimming in meets at all levels. When an Arizona athlete ventures onto the national deck, they must have the knowledge as to the protocols which will be used in the administration of that meet. To educate our athletes, the officials of AzSI must also understand the way meets are conducted at that national level. To that end AzSI provides limited funds to offset the cost of attending and participating at such National Meets.

Only National Meets sponsored by USA Swimming qualify for any assistance. National Level meets that qualify are US Open, Junior Nationals and National Championships, and Olympic Trials. To qualify for reimbursement of costs for attending such National Level meets, the Official Chair shall:

- A. Encourage officials who have not participated at the National Level, especially new referees to attend such meets.
- B. Recommend to the General Chair the officials whom the Officials Chair feels would benefit from this experience, and
- C. Inform the General Chair as to the availability of budgeted funds for such trip,
- D. the General Chair's may either approve or decline to approve attendance at the National Level meet.
- E. Should the General Chair decline to approve participation in a Meet, the Officials Chair may appeal that decision the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.
- F. Limitation as to funding of travel to National Level Meet
  - a. Generally only two officials may be reimbursed for each cycle of meets, a cycle being Long Course and Short Course season, and
  - b. Officials who have not previously been reimbursed for such participation have first priority to funding, and
  - c. Reimbursement shall be limited to a maximum of \$350 per participant.
  - d. If no officials who have not previously been reimbursed apply for and are granted funding, then such funding as outlined in a. and c. above shall be available to other officials participating at a National Level Meet on a first come first serve basis.
  - e. Officials who participate in this program are expected to work all sessions of the meet. The Officials Chair may grant permission for the participating official to not work certain sessions such as, for example, Thursday night distant events, to limit the number of days a participating official would miss work.

## PROPOSED

### 4. REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTENDING NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION

In addition to enforcing the rules of swimming uniformly across all meets, one of the goals of the Officials Committee is to educate the athletes in the protocols of swimming in meets at all levels. When an Arizona athlete ventures onto the national deck, they must have the knowledge as to the protocols which will be used in the administration of that meet. To educate our athletes, the officials of AzSI must also understand the way meets are conducted at that national level. To that end AzSI will provide funds to offset the cost of attending and participating at such National Meets. Only national level or sectional meets, outside of the LSC sponsored by USA Swimming qualify for assistance. National level meets that qualify are US Open, Junior Nationals Futures, Pro Series Meets, National Championships, and Olympic Trials. To following applies to reimbursement of costs for attending such national level meets:

- A. LSC Officials shall have worked 20 sessions in 12 months preceding the request for funding.
- B. The LSC Official shall notify the Officials Chair of their intent to request reimbursement after acceptance to the meet and prior to the start of the meet.
- C. The Officials Chair shall notify the Official of their acceptance for reimbursement.
- D. Inform the General Chair as to the availability of budgeted funds for such trip,
- E. The Official & General Chairs may either approve or decline reimburse to the National Level meet.
- F. Should the General Chair decline to reimburse the Official for the Meet, the Officials' Chair or Official may appeal that decision the Board of Directors whose decision shall be final.
- G. Officials who participate in this program shall not have received reimbursement from other sources e.g. Meet Host, Zone or USA Swimming.
- H. Officials who participate in this program are expected to work all sessions of the meet. The Officials Chair may grant permission for the participating official to not work certain sessions such as, for example, Thursday night distant events, to limit the number of days a participating official would miss work.
- I. Limitation as to funding of travel to National Level Meet
  - a. Reimbursed shall be for each cycle of meets, a cycle being Long Course (May to August) and Short Course (September to April) season, and
  - b. Officials requesting and approved for reimbursement will be provided one share each. The maximum funds authorized for each cycle is \$1,500. The total number of share shall be divided into the maximum funds authorized to determine the calculated share value. The share values will be determined at the end of each cycle. No share maybe greater than \$750.

- c. Reimbursement shall be limited ~~to~~ the maximum of a participant calculated share value or the approved receipts for travel and lodging whichever is smaller. Per Diem is not authorized.

J. Limitation as to funding of travel to ~~National~~ **Sectional** Level Meet

- a. Generally only two officials may be reimbursed for each cycle of meets, a cycle being Long Course and Short Course season, and
- b. Officials who have not previously been reimbursed for such participation have first priority to funding, and
- c. Reimbursement shall be limited to a maximum of \$350 per participant.
- d. If no officials who have not previously been reimbursed apply for and are granted funding, then such funding as outlined above shall be available to other officials participating at a Sectional Level Meet on a first come first serve basis.

**AND**

**Current:**

**3. OFFICIALS CERTIFICATIONS**

A. All officials must be current members of USA / Arizona Swimming and have completed the required background screening(s) and Athlete Protection training and any other additional requirement of USA Swimming and AZSI.

B. Officials shall be certified by the AzSI Officials Committee chair upon request. The following categories of officials are recognized and certified by Arizona Swimming:

1. Referee
2. Starter
3. Chief Judge
4. Stroke and Turn Judge
5. Administrative Referee/official
6. Trainee Prospective officials must meet standards set by the Officials Committee including but not limited to, attending a clinic, taking and passing the required on line testing and receiving a satisfactory rating from the Meet Referee where training sessions were worked. All officials certified in a category except starter will not be deemed to be a certified chief judge.

**Proposed:**

**3. OFFICIALS CERTIFICATIONS/RECERTIFICATION**

**A. Certification**

- a. All officials must be current members of USA / Arizona Swimming and have completed the required background screening(s) and Athlete Protection training and any other additional requirement of USA Swimming and AZSI.
- b. Officials shall be certified by the AzSI Officials Committee chair upon request. The following categories of officials are recognized and certified by Arizona Swimming:
  - i. Referee (DR),
  - ii. Starter (SR),
  - iii. Chief Judge (CJ),
  - iv. Stroke and Turn Judge (ST),
  - v. Administrative Referee/Official (AR/AO).
- c. Trainee Prospective Officials must meet standards set by the Officials Committee including but not limited to, attending a clinic, taking and passing the required on line



testing, a deck check, and receiving a satisfactory rating from the Meet Referee where training sessions were worked.

- d. All officials shall meet the requirements for certification in each of the above categories.
- e. All officials shall be certified till 12/31 of the year following the year in which the category requirements were met.

B. Recertification

- a. All officials shall be recertified each year.
- b. All officials shall be current members of USA / Arizona Swimming and have completed the required background screening(s) and Athlete Protection training and any other additional requirement of USA Swimming and AZSI.
- c. The following categories of officials are recognized for recertified by Arizona Swimming:
  - i. Referee, Chief Judge, or Stroke and Turn Judge (Recertification at the highest certified level will meet the requirements for all lower level positions e.g.: Recertification as a CJ will meet the requirements for recertification as a S&T; but not a Referee),
  - ii. Starter,
  - iii. Administrative Referee/Official.
- d. Officials seeking recertification in more than one of the above categories must complete the requirements for that category.
- e. Recertification requirements are by year:
  - a. Even years (2018, 2020, 2022, etc.) In the given year, the Official shall successfully complete the USA Swimming Recertification Test for the position and/or category desired and pass a LSC deck check at one of 4 sessions at that level or maintain a National Certification at the requested position and/ or category and work 4 sessions as a ST.
  - b. Odd Years (2019, 2021, 2023, etc.) In the given year, the Official shall successfully complete a LSC Clinic or Swimposium for the position and/or category desired and work 4 sessions as a ST.
  - c. Officials are encouraged to take the USA Swimming Recertification Test and a clinic for the position and/or category each year.
- f. Officials shall be recertified by the AzSI Officials Committee chair to 12/31 of the year following completion of the recertification requirements (e.g. completion of the even year requirements will recertify the Official till 12/31 of the odd year).

Lastly, it was discussed how we might increase the number of officials within the LSC and at our meets. Kaz discussed the following:



Proposed Team Official Requirement.pdf