

Technical Planning Committee Report

The Tech Planning Committee met once by conference call and continued communication by e-mail. After receiving input from USA Swimming, the committee has been left with the task of moving SD Swimming more in-line with USA Swimming Mission and Vision. As you see their Mission and Vision statement, the term competitive appears often. The term that has been used by USA Swimming people concerning South Dakota is recreational swimming. As a committee, we believe SD Swimming has worked towards meeting the first two core objectives but we are lacking with the third, achieving competitive success. Now let us remember this is the committee's opinion and it might not be shared by all. What we have heard repeatedly by USA Swimming Representatives is that we need to prepare our swimmers for all levels of competition including upper level. What we have done as a committee: Developed a list of changes we feel can make our LSC more competitive at the next level(s) and have several proposals to present to do so.

MISSION & VISION

As the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming in the United States, USA Swimming is a 400,000-member service organization that promotes the culture of swimming by creating opportunities for swimmers and coaches of all backgrounds to participate and advance in the sport through clubs, events and education.

Our membership is comprised of swimmers from the age group level to the Olympic Team, as well as coaches and volunteers. USA Swimming is responsible for selecting and training teams for international competition including the Olympic Games, and strives to serve the sport through its core objectives: Build the base, Promote the sport, Achieve competitive success.

MISSION STATEMENT

USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

VISION STATEMENT

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in the sport of swimming and in life.

CORE OBJECTIVES

USA Swimming has adopted three core objectives. These core objectives establish the foundation of the strategic business plan for our sport. USA Swimming encourages all members to participate in the local, regional and national efforts to ensure that these objectives are accomplished.

BUILD THE BASE

We seek to expand our membership in order to share our sport with as many other people as possible. We are especially committed to sharing the values of our sport with young people who may discover that swimming is an activity they can enjoy for their entire life.

PROMOTE THE SPORT

We want swimming to receive as much publicity as possible because we believe that the more people learn about our sport the more inclined they will be to join the ranks of our membership. We are proud of our sport and we seek to celebrate it whenever possible.

ACHIEVE COMPETITIVE SUCCESS

USA Swimming has been ranked as the number one swimming nation in the world for more than 40 years. We seek to continue this tradition of competitive excellence. When our elite athletes are successful in fulfilling their Olympic dreams our society benefits from the inspiration these athletes give us.

Safety Chair Report
Paula Gordon, SD LSC Safety Chair
October 6, 2013

1. USA Swimming Safety Chair Meeting, Chicago
 - a. Changes in Safety Training for Swim Coaches
 - i. All certifications are 2-year
 - ii. First Aid rolled into safety training - Content is online, skill session in water, must take all quizzes and watch all videos, exam is on Red Cross sight. You will no longer see "First Aid" on your credentials. Certificates are digital, registrar must still submit
2. Air Quality=Water Quality
 - a. Championship meets: In the meet sanction there should be a checklist to be completed before the meet-USA Swimming can help with this. Things like checking air filters, pool filters, lighting, etc
 - b. Showers: Bed, Bath & Beyond kills the air! Cleaner bodies, free of bath and hair products, means cleaner air. To keep air clean, require showers before warm-ups and practices.
 - c. Pee- 1 person peeing = 10,000 gallons for 12 days. Peeing in the pool isn't funny. Teach the athletes NOT to pee in the pool-ever!
 - d. Stop "shocking" pools before meets and during sessions. Check equipment before meets with enough time to fix problems. USA Swimming has resources-contact them!
 - i. Chloramines, HVAC, water tests, water temps (too warm, too cold), keep diapers and toddlers out of competition pool, walk-throughs for meets
3. Risk Management –George Ward, USA Swimming
 - a. Clubs must follow Safe Sport Policies (on www.usaswimming.org)
 - b. Following Race Start Certification (on www.usaswimming.org)
 - i. Athletes without a coach at a meet need to provide proof of diving certification (putting the date on TU isn't enough-have it on file so the person certifying is listed)
 - c. Insurance is a benefit of Membership
 - i. 2-week Trial-complete and collect paperwork before ever getting wet! If they have been a member on another team, they do not need a free trial.
 - ii. ONLY MEMBERS should be on deck! If injured, USA Swimming covers MEMBERS-keep non-members off the deck! (do you really want to pay their medical bills?)
 - iii. Complete incident reports for everything. Put it on paper first, then transfer to online. Do not have the injured person (or their parent) complete the form. Report and document any accidents, even if it wasn't part of practice (example of broken arm this summer). Download the new form and print for easy reference.
 - d. Meet Marshals: Guidelines are available on www.usaswimming.org
 - i. More than one meet marshal on duty-one male, one female for locker room issues. Print occurrence forms, go over guidelines.

- ii. Warm-ups: take into account novice athletes. Some LSC's have a separate warm-up for novice athletes to allow them a safer warm-up.
- 4. Open Water- We can offer Open Water meets-good resource is Curt Thiel, from PV. He would like to help with a clinic or event to train members of the LSC to run an Open Water Meet.

The meeting is held every two years and I found it was extremely valuable. The first thing I heard on the shuttle to the hotel was, "Oh-South Dakota. It's been a while since we've seen a SD Chair here..." I heard that several times... USA Swimming paid for all expenses but airfare. I highly recommend sending the Safety Chair to each meeting.



Officials Report 2013 10 5

LSC Certifications are set up within USA Swimming Officials Tracking System (OTS)

- Set-up was based on current Policies and Procedures & Activities based on OTS reporting
- Initial Certifications are set to expire on 2014 8 31
 - 2 sessions to meet renewal requirements

Administrative Official (AO)

- Need to be registered as a USA Swimming Certified Official
 - Some AO's do not show up as an Official. They may have been registered as Meet Director or another position that is not considered an Official.

Officials Polo Shirts

- Will be using USA Swimming's Supplier.
 - Cannot apply the SD Swimming Logo
 - Will be ordering one large order to get a volume discount. Individuals may order additional shirts as needed.
 - Link will be posted on the Officials tab on our website
 - <http://www.usaswimofficials.com/>

Name Badges

- Will be using Hasty Awards
 - Link will be posted on the Officials tab on our website
 - <http://www.hastyawards.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=nametag>

White Shoes

- Recommend using Shoes for Crews
 - Shoes for Crews
 - Link will be posted on the Officials tab on our website
 - Mens -
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