

Name: Joel Kincart Club: LSC Board of Directors Position: General Chair

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Current bylaw or policy section and language:

Rule 5 Awards

5.6 Club Recognition and Club Excellence Awards South Dakota Swimming, Inc. encourages all member clubs to complete the various levels for the Club Recognition Program and Club Excellence Program through USA Swimming, Inc. The following awards will be given for the different levels: Club Recognition: Level 1 \$400 Level 2 \$300 Level 3 \$200 Level 4 \$100 Club Excellence: Bronze \$100 Silver \$200 Gold \$300 Each member club is eligible to receive only one award per level per program. An Application should be provided to the Treasurer (Exhibit #23) with documentation from USA Swimming, Inc. showing the level of achievement. Applications are due to August 31st of each year that the level is achieved.

Proposed bylaw or policy section and language:

5.6 Club Recognition and Club Excellence Awards South Dakota Swimming, Inc. encourages all member clubs to complete the various levels for the Club Recognition Program and Club Excellence Program through USA Swimming, Inc. The following awards will be given for the different levels: Club Safe Sport Recognition: \$500 Club Recognition: Level 1 \$400 Level 2 \$300 Level 3 \$200 Level 4 \$100 Club Excellence: Bronze \$100 Silver \$200 Gold \$300 09/23/2012 Each member club is eligible to receive only one award per level per program. An Application should be provided to the Treasurer (Exhibit #23) with documentation from USA Swimming, Inc. showing the level of achievement. Applications are due to August 31st of each year that the level is achieved.

Rationale: In 2019, USA Swimming introduced the Safe Sport Recognition Club Program so clubs can demonstrate their commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and positive environment for all of their members through the development and implementation of Athlete Protection Policies, Safe Sport Best Practices, and Safe Sport education. Safe Sport Recognized Clubs earn a badge to display on their website, and these clubs will be designated as Safe Sport Recognized in USA Swimming's Find-a-Club online tool. Given the importance of Safe Sport, the LSC should offer a small incentive to recognize clubs that complete this recognition.

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Current bylaw or policy section and language: Rule 5 Awards 5.4 (2) Guidelines for Travel Reimbursement Awards – (a) The maximum reimbursement for national meets shall be as follows:

- Olympic Trials \$500.00 • US National Championships \$400.00 • USA Winter National Championships \$400.00 • USA Junior Nationals Championships \$400.00 • USA Winter Jr. Championships \$400.00 • USA Futures Championships \$300.00 • NCSA Junior Nationals \$300.00 • USA Pro Swim Series \$200.00 • Speedo Sectionals \$150.00

Proposed bylaw or policy section and language: Add: The LSC will recognize and reimburse equivalent regional, national and world events for Paralympic Athletes as defined by the US Paralympic Committee for athletes that meet the criteria as defined in section (1) of this policy.

Rationale: The LSC should recognize the success of our Paralympic athletes by providing stipends for travel to equivalent meets.

Name: Chuck Baechler Team; WASC Position: Head Coach #2.)

Proposal: Restriction of Collegiate Swimmers Participation in Winter Short Course Championships:

Current language: Individual Athlete membership is defined in action 602.2.A of the LSC bylaws.

Athlete membership is also referenced in Rule 1.3 of the LSC policies and procedures, and further referenced relating to eligibility for Championship meets under Ruler 9.6 of that same document.

All reference to athlete membership is predicated upon being a registered member of USA Swimming, and a member of a team, or as an unattached individual in good standing with the South Dakota LSC.

Proposed change: Add language to the above paragraph: Swimmers cannot compete at the winter short course season if they swam competitively for a college swim team this season. Rationale: I offer this at the direction of the Board, It seems that some people feel that it is not “fair” for a collegiate swimmer to compete at the Short Course meet. We should have a policy that they can swim if they are collegiate swimmers or they can’t swim so that this isn’t changing from one year to the next.

The rationale expressed by the board was that members didn’t feel it was fair for teams to have members who had been coached by college coaches that season.

Name: Chuck Baechler Team: WASC Position: Head Coach

#1.) Proposal: Remove missed race penalty at Short Course Championship meet.

Current language: The Short Course Championship template reads as follows (p. 76 Policies and Procedures):

Scratch Procedure: USA Swimming national scratch procedures will be in effect for the prelim/finals portion of this meet. The 10 & Under timed finals events will have no scratch penalties.

Proposed change: There will be no penalty for failure to scratch a race besides the loss of that race. .

Rationale:

Missing an event at the state meet is already a severe consequence. Often families have traveled extensively to be at this meet and many times for swimmers with a limited numbers of events. It is just that group of swimmers, those newer or less experienced who are the most likely to miss a race. One race missed is a sufficient penalty.

Name: Kyle Margheim Club: LSC Tech Planning Position: Chair Proposal template: Proposal must include both the current and new language if applicable. Current bylaw or policy section and language: 9.11 (3) Seed Committee – The three-person Seed Committee shall include the Championship Meet Director, Referee and a coach of the team whose name is randomly selected by the meet director prior to the meet. The committee shall have jurisdiction over protests concerning entry times and/or seeding. As always, when the issue pertains to a swimmer’s eligibility to swim, the swimmer is to receive the benefit of the doubt. If any member of the committee has a conflict of interest in a particular case, the other two members shall appoint an emergency replacement. Proposed bylaw or policy section and language: 3) Seed Committee – The four-person Seed Committee shall include the Championship Meet Director, Referee, a coach of the team whose name is randomly selected by the meet director prior to the meet, and an athlete whose name is selected by the meet director prior to the meet. The athlete representative shall be a participant at the meet and selected from a pool of the athlete representatives to the Board of Directors and the athlete representatives to the House of Delegates. The committee shall have jurisdiction over protests concerning entry times and/or seeding. As always, when the issue pertains to a swimmer’s eligibility to swim, the swimmer is to receive the benefit of the doubt. If any member of the committee has a conflict of interest in a particular case, the other two members shall appoint an emergency replacement. Rationale: USA

Swimming encourages athlete participating of at least 10% of committees within an LSC. Although this is not a formal committee of the LSC, the practice of athlete involvement is important. Although not always engaged, it would be useful to have an athlete represented on the seed committee for our championship meets. This would apply to only the “A” state championships.

Name: Kyle Margheim Club: LSC Tech Planning Position: Chair Proposal template: Proposal must include both the current and new language if applicable. Current bylaw or policy section and language: Rule 9 Championship Meets 9.10 Age Groups The point-scoring age groups shall be 8-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16 and 17-19. There shall also be a non-scoring 20-Over age group. Proposed bylaw or policy section and language: 9.10 Age Groups The point-scoring age groups shall be 8-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-19. There shall also be a non-scoring 20-Over age group. Rationale: This year at the State A SC Championship we swam 15-19 year old swimmers in the same championship heats but scored them separately. While we accomplished this, it was challenging for the swimmers and for the Admin Officials for final scoring. This would combine these age groups into one. This rule would potentially change team scoring by eliminating an age group from boys and girls swimming. However, it would combine our older swimmers in a way that would hopefully increase the level of the competition at the state meet. As South Dakota has among the lowest percentage of swimmers with cuts above AA when compared with other LSC's, the increased competitiveness that these finals could generate may improve the times of our top 16 swimmers in this age group. I think we saw this year that the level of competition was high and the kids want to race the fastest kids, regardless of age. This is also the option that the Admin. Official who ran this year's state meet would recommend going forward as it's the least amount of hassle for the AOs.

Name: Tech Planning

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Current bylaw or policy section and language:

Rule 9 Championship Meets

9.9 Meet Format

(1) Short Course Championship Meets – This will be a mixed time finals and prelim/finals meet. 11 & Over age groups will swim as Prelim/finals on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. 11-12-year old's will bring back as A final and 13 & Over events will bring back A & B final. The 400 IM & 500 Free will be A final only, while the 1000 & 1650 will be timed finals. 10 & Under age groups will swim a 2-day timed final meet on Saturday & Sunday. A Meet Invitation Template for the Short Course Championship meet is Attached as **Exhibit 15.** (10/1/17)

Proposed bylaw or policy section and language:

9.9 Meet Format

(1) Short Course Championship Meets – This will be a mixed time finals and prelim/finals meet. 11 & Over age groups will swim as Prelim/finals on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, with each age group bringing back an A and B final (11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-19). For prelims, 13-O will swim their events divided by gender but combined as 13-O. The 400 IM, 500 Free, 1000 and 1650 free will be timed finals. 10 & Under age groups will swim a 2-day timed final meet on Saturday & Sunday. A Meet Invitation Template for the Short Course Championship meet is Attached as **Exhibit 15.** (10/1/17) (This will need to be revised)

Rationale:

This year at the State A SC Championship we swam 15-19-year-old swimmers in the same championship heats but scored them separately. This was challenging for the swimmers and for the Admin Officials for final scoring, which was subject to human error based upon the need for hand entry of results. An A and B final for each age group would simplify administration of the meet and insure accurate scoring. This proposal adds the B finals for all age groups in order to eliminate errors with scoring. The only way to score points is to swim in the finals of that event.

Name: Kyle Margheim Club: LSC Tech Planning Position: Chair Proposal: Swim the 1650 free on Thursday night of the state meet. Current bylaw or policy section and language:

Proposed bylaw or policy section and language: _1650s will be swam on the Thursday evening of the state meet weekend. Swimming fastest to slowest, alternating girls and boys.

Rationale: ____ This is something Tech Planning discussed in our follow up meeting after the state meet. This would help some of the timeline issues through the meet and space events out more to give the athletes more rest.

Name: Cassi Pietz Club: Yankton Swim Team Position: HOD Rep, YST Treasurer Proposal template:

Proposal must include both the current and new language if applicable. Current bylaw or policy section and language: This will be a prelims/finals format for 11 and over. The 1650 and 1000 free will be swam as timed finals, fastest to slowest, with the fastest head of 1000s swam at the start of finals. Distance events may use two pools depending on entries and timeline. 10 and under will be swam as timed finals. Prelims may be seeded in 10 lanes. All finals and 10 & Under events will be seeded in 8 lanes. Finals will have A (top 8) and B (9-16) heats for 13-14 and 15 & over age groups. The 500 Free and 400 IM will just have A finals for those age groups. 15 & over age groups will be scored as 15-16, 17-19. The 11-12 age group finals will have only a A final (top 8). Proposed bylaw or policy section and language: This will be a prelims/finals format for 13 and over. The 1650 and 1000 free will be swam as timed finals, fastest to slowest, with the fastest head of 1000s swam at the start of finals. Distance events may use two pools depending on entries and timeline. 12 and under will be swam as timed finals. Prelims may be seeded in 10 lanes. All finals and 12 & Under events will be seeded in 8 lanes. Finals will have A (top 8) and B (9-16) heats for 13-14 and 15 & over age groups. The 500 Free and 400 IM will just have A finals for those age groups. 15 & over age groups will be scored as 15-16, 17-19. The 11-12 age group finals will have only a A final (top 8).

Rationale: This would help even things out as both sessions would have 3 age groups (8 & under, 9-10, and 11-12; and 13-14, 15-16, and 17-19). Younger swimmers have shorter distance events which run quicker. Some swimmers were forced to swim 3 races in the span of 45 minutes or less. This does not allow them much rest and recovery time. With just 2 age groups present for the session, our youngest swimmers are forced to swim races back to back when they should have the opportunity to swim some of their best races of the season. With the lack of time between races, the kids essentially swim, get out of the pool, and get back behind the blocks to make sure they don't miss their race. This was a big complaint from parents on our team with the new meet format.