

1 **USA SWIMMING**
2 **RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

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4 **AMENDMENTS TO**
5 **2006 USA SWIMMING RULES & REGULATIONS**
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9 **R- 1 ADOPTED**

10 **Location: Pages 13-16 OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

11 **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY** (*Add the following term:*)

12 **SHOULD** – Recommended but not mandatory.
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17 **R- 2 WITHDRAWN**

18 **Location: Pages 13-16 OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

19 **OFFICIAL GLOSSARY**

20 ~~**NATIONAL TIME VERIFICATION** – certification of a national qualifying time made by a swimmer and issued by a~~
21 ~~verification official of the area in which the meet was held. National Time Verifications (NTVs) shall be~~
22 ~~issued for any time that equals or betters a national time standard or international trials time standard.~~
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27 **R- 3 ADOPTED**

28 **Location: Page 19 PART ONE TECHNICAL RULES PREAMBLE**

29 *Revise the first paragraph of the preamble as follows:*

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31 All competitive swimming events held under USA Swimming sanction shall be conducted in accordance with
32 the following rules that are designed to provide fair and equitable conditions of competition, ~~and promote~~
33 ~~uniformity in the sport so that no swimmer shall obtain unfair advantage over another~~
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37 **R- 4 ADOPTED**

38 **Location: Page 19 ARTICLE 101 INDIVIDUAL STROKES AND RELAYS**
39 **Page 33 STARTER**

40 ***NEW SECTION 101.1 WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS (changes to existing text are shown following the new sections)***
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43 **101.1 STARTS** [Moved from 102.14. STARTER]
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45 .1 **Equipment** - A loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall
46 device, and an electronic strobe signal ~~as provided in 105.3~~ visible to all manual timers and for forward
47 and backstroke starts, shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber pistol may be used.
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49 .2 **The Start**

- 50 A At the commencement of each heat - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3 ~~4~~.1).
51 B When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter's control.
52 C On the Starters command "Take your mark" - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.
53 D When a swimmer does not respond promptly - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.

54 .3 **False Starts**

- 55 A Any swimmer starting before the signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the Referee.
56 B If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.
57 C If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.
58 D A swimmer who would otherwise...
59 E A swimmer shall not be disqualified....
60 F Declared false start...

61 .4 **Warning Signal** - with the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer ~~in~~ for that lane.

62 .5 **Deliberate Delay or Misconduct**

- 63 A Any swimmer who, delays the start - - - with the concurrence of the Referee.
64 B The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.
65 C Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.

66 *Note: All subsequent parts of 101.1 (that is .1 thru .6) to be raised by one number ~ .2 thru .7*

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68 *The revised Starter section would read as follows::*
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70 **102.14 STARTER**
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72 .1 **Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
73 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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75 .2 **Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:

- 76 A Announce the event
77 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
78 C For Backstroke ~~event~~ starts, give the command, "Place your feet."

79 *Disposition of existing text is shown below:*

80 **102.14 STARTER**

- 81 ~~1~~ **Equipment** — Loudspeaker start system conforming to 103.15, with or without an underwater recall device,
 82 and an electronic strobe signal as provided in 105.3 shall be the preferred starting device. A .22 caliber
 83 starting pistol may be used. *[moved to 101.1.1]*
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- 85 ~~2~~ **1 Preparation** – The Starter shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool and upon signal from
 86 the Referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.
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- 88 ~~3~~ **2 Optional Instructions** – The Starter may:
 89 A Announce the event
 90 B Advise the heat when a swimmer will be attempting to achieve a time at an initial distance.
 91 C For Backstroke event starts, give the command, “Place your feet.”
- 92 ~~4~~ **The Start** *[moved to 101.1.2]*
 93 A ~~At the commencement of each heat - - - undue delay to the starting position (101.3.1).~~
 94 B ~~When the swimmers and officials are ready - - - are under the Starter’s control.~~
 95 C ~~On the Starter’s command “take your mark” - - - the Starter shall give the starting signal.~~
 96 D ~~When a swimmer does not respond - - - the swimmers may stand up or step off the blocks.~~
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- 98 ~~5~~ **False Starts** *[Moved to 101.1.3]*
 99 A ~~Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given - - - restart the race upon signal by the~~
 100 Referee.
 101 B ~~If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is - - - upon completion of the race.~~
 102 C ~~If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, - - - upon signal by the Referee.~~
 103 D ~~Declared false start - - - except as noted in 207.7.9D.~~
- 104 *[Note - necessitates a change in 207.7.9D as follows: “- - - A declared false start under ~~102.14.5D~~*
 105 *101.1.3D or deliberate delay of meet under ~~102.14.7A~~ 101.1.5A is not permitted.]*
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- 107 ~~6~~ **Warning Signal** — With the exception of relays, - - - by a lane judge or timer in that lane. *[Moved to*
 108 *101.1.4]*
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- 110 ~~7~~ **Deliberate Delay or Misconduct** *[Moved to 101.1.5]*
 111 A ~~Any swimmer, who delays the start - - - with concurrence of the Referee.~~
 112 B ~~The Referee shall disqualify - - - initial start of his/her heat.~~
 113 C ~~Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.~~
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121 fourth, freestyle.

122 .1 **Start** — *Unchanged*

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124 .2 **Stroke** — The stroke for each designated portion ~~one-fourth~~ of the prescribed ~~designated~~ distance shall
125 follow the prescribed rules for that stroke.

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127 .3 & .4 *Unchanged*

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R- 6 **DEFEATED**

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130 **Location: Pages 22-23 Article 102 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF ALL SWIMMING COMPETITION**

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132 **102.1 EVENTS**

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134 .2 **AGE GROUP EVENTS** – Competitions may be composed of events selected from the following ~~recognized~~
135 recommended, but not mandatory, list of events or other such events/meet types as may be sanctioned by the
136 LSC.

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138 10 Years and Younger

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140 50, 100, 200, 400/500 freestyle

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200, 400 medley relay

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144 200, 400 freestyle relay

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146 *(No further changes)*

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149 **Location: Pages 22-23 Article 102 CONDUCT AND OFFICIATING OF ALL SWIMMING COMPETITION**

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151 **102.1 EVENTS**

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153 .4 **CONSOLIDATED EVENTS** – As a local option, ~~an LSC may sanction freestyle events 400 meters/500 yards~~
154 ~~and longer, 200 yard backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and the 400 individual medley seeded~~ events
155 may be sanctioned and seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers’ ages or gender, in the order of
156 submitted entry times. Places, awards, and published results for these events may be separate for each age
157 group and gender.

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160 **Location: Page 24 102.4 RELAYS**

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162 **102.4 RELAYS**

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- 164 .6 The composition of a relay team may be changed between preliminaries and finals, ~~except that~~ All
 165 members competing on a relay team disqualified during preliminaries shall be barred from further
 166 competition in that event.
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 168 .7 First and last names of eligible relay swimmers, their ages, and order of swimming shall be submitted ~~on a~~
 169 ~~Relay Entry form~~ to the clerk of the course ~~(if used)~~ or to the head lane timer. Any changes in names of the
 170 competing swimmers or their order of swimming must be declared to the Head Lane Timer prior to the start
 171 of the heat in which such relay team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.
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 175 **Location: Pages 24-25 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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 177 **102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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- 179 .2 A swim-off is considered to be a part of the preliminaryunless a subsequent timing
 180 system malfunction requires that an adjustment be made. ~~The official time~~ For the seeding of finals, the
 181 time used for the swimmers involved shall be the time achieved set in their the original preliminary heats.
 182 Disqualification in a swim-off for a qualifying position in the ~~A (Championship)~~
 183 ~~finals, B (consolation) finals, or C (bonus) finals~~ shall not eliminate a swimmer from eligibility to compete
 184 in the accompanying ~~B (consolation), C (bonus) finals, or as an alternate, respectively.~~
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 187 **Location: Pages 24-25 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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 189 **102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**
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- 191 .3 **Finals** - In finals, the times to be considered are those times made in preliminary heats. If any qualifying
 192 swimmers have the same time their respective lanes shall be determined by draw. Lane assignments shall
 193 be made in descending order of qualifying times by placing the fastest swimmer or team in the center lane in
 194 a pool with an odd number of lanes, or in lanes 2, 3, 4, or 5 respectively in pools having 4, 6, 8, or 10 lanes.
 195 The swimmer having the next fastest time is to be placed in the lane to the left, then alternating the
 196 remaining swimmer(s) to the right and left in accordance with the submitted times. *(see chart below)*
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201 **Location: Pages 27-28 102.7 SCORING**

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203 **102.7 SCORING**

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205 **.6 Disqualifications** – When a relay team or individual swimmer is disqualified, the subsequent places will
 206 move up accordingly and points shall be awarded to conform with the new places. Consolation finalists
 207 shall not receive championship final placing. Bonus finalists shall not receive consolation final placing.
 208 Alternates shall not receive championship, consolation, or bonus final placing unless they actually compete
 209 in that heat.

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R- 12 **DEFEATED**

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213 **Location: Page 29 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

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215 **102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

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217 **.3** Any swimmer who acts in an unsportsmanlike, including a failure to make an honest effort to compete, or
 218 unsafe manner within the swimming venue may be considered for appropriate action or penalty by the
 219 referee.

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223 **Location: Page 30 102.11 PROTESTS**

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225 **102.11 PROTESTS**

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227 **.2** For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee ~~may~~ should appoint a meet jury prior
 228 to the start of competition. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5)
 229 persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.

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233 **Location: Page 31 102.12.3 Officials**

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235 **102.12 Officials**

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237 **.3** For all swimming meets or time trials except dual meets there ~~should~~ shall not be fewer than the following
 238 officiating positions filled or approved by the LSC in authority. Officials other than the Referee may act in
 239 more than one officiating capacity only when sufficient qualified officials are not available, but no one may
 240 simultaneously time and judge the order of finish.

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- 242 1 Referee
- 243 1 Starter
- 244 ~~3~~ 2 Timers per lane (one minimum if automatic equipment with touchpads is used)
- 245 2 Stroke Judges and 2 Turn Judges or 2 Stroke & Turn Judges
- 246 Marshall(s) (number determined by the LSC)

In order that meets run as efficiently as possible, the following additional staffing is recommended if available:

- 250 1 Clerk of Course
- 251 2 Place Judges (optional if automatic or semi-automatic timing equipment is used)
- 252 Additional Stroke & Turn Judges
- 253 3rd Timer per lane
- 254 Relay Take-off Judges (if applicable)
- 255 1 Recorder
- 256 1 Timing Judge
- 257 1 Announcer
- 258 Timing Equipment Operators (as needed)
- 259 ~~Marshall(s) (number determined by the LSC)~~

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Location: Page 33 102.14.5 False Starts

102.14.5 False Starts

A. If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue without recall. If the Referee independently observes and confirms the starter’s observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be ~~notified of the disqualification~~ disqualified upon completion of the race.

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Location: Pages 33-34 102.14.5 FALSE STARTS

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D (new) If the recall signal is activated in response to a false start that in the judgment of the starter negatively impacted the legal start of one or more other swimmers in the heat and the Referee independently observes and confirms the starter’s observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be disqualified. The Starter shall then restart the race upon signal by the Referee with the remaining swimmers.

Existing D, E, & F to be renumbered E, F, & G

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Location: Pages 35-37 102.16 TIMING

102.16 TIMING

.4 Requirements for Official Time

A Performance Requirements

- (1) An official time can be achieved only in USA Swimming sanctioned or USA Swimming approved competition, or in an observed swim in accordance with all applicable rules. It may be achieved in:
 - (a) *unchanged*
 - (b) A swim-off held to determine qualifiers or alternates for bonus, consolation, or championship final heats.
 - (c), (d) & (e) *unchanged*

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**Location: Page 37-38 102.16.4 Requirements for Official Time
& Page 16 Glossary**

**102.16.4
C System Requirements for Specific Purposes**

PRIMARY TIMING SYSTEM	USE OF OFFICIAL TIME
LEVEL 1	<i>(no change)</i>
LEVEL 2 Semi-Automatic with 3 buttons	-NTVs for 50m distances in a 50m pool; -National age group records; - National <u>Top 16</u> reportable times
LEVEL 3	<i>(no change)</i>
LEVEL 4	<i>(no change)</i>

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ADD TO GLOSSARY:

TOP 16 REPORTABLE TIME (T16R) – An official time that equals or betters the current standard for Top 16 times.

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Location: Page 41 102.16.6 Determining Order of Finish

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B **TIES** - official times identical to the hundredths shall be ties, with swim-offs as required to determine qualifiers or alternates for bonus, consolation, or championship final heats.

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Location: Page 41 102.17 CLERK OF COURSE

102.17 CLERK OF COURSE -

- ~~.1~~ The Clerk of Course shall be provided with an area clearly marked “Clerk of Course” where all swimmers must report as soon as their event is called.
- ~~.2~~ The clerk of course shall be provided with a list of the names of all swimmers in all events including any relay swimmers in the order in which they will swim.

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Location: Pages 53-55 ARTICLE 105 GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIATING SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY IN USA SWIMMING MEETS

105.5 Physical Disabilities

- .1 **Start** — *Unchanged*
- .2 **Stroke/Kick** — *Unchanged*
- .3 **Turns/Finishes** — *Unchanged*
- .4 **150 yard/meter Individual Medley** — This event is for certain functional classifications of swimmers with a disability. The backstroke start shall be used. The swimmer shall swim the prescribed distance in the following order: the first one-third, backstroke; the second one-third, breaststroke; and the last one-third, freestyle. Rules 101.5.2, 101.5.3, and 101.5.4 apply as appropriate.
- ~~.5~~ **Relays** — *Renumbered from .4; otherwise unchanged*

R- 22 **POSTPONED**

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Location: Page 59 202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION

202.3 CONDITIONS OF SANCTION

- .3 All meet directors, referees, starters, ~~marshals~~, and stroke and turn judges, serving in an official capacity in an official capacity in a sanctioned event, must be members of USA Swimming, and all persons acting in any coaching capacity in a sanctioned event must be coach members of USA Swimming.

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368 **Location:** **Page 59** **202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL**369 **& Page 13** **Glossary**

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371 **202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL** – Approval of competition may be issued, withheld or withdrawn by
372 an LSC in accordance with the following regulations:

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374 .1 Approvals may be issued to ~~either USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs or~~ non-member clubs or
375 organizations for meets conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules. Approvals may be
376 issued to USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs with the approval of the USA Swimming Board of
377 Directors.

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379 **Glossary** (*Add the following*)

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381 APPROVED MEET – a designated meet conducted by USA Swimming member clubs, LSCs, or non-member
382 organizations in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.

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386 **Location:** **Page 61** **202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS**

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388 **202.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS** - Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming officials
389 for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming
390 rules. Official times achieved as observed swims in collegiate, high school, YMCA, Masters, etc., meets, held
391 under other than USA Swimming rules, will be acceptable may be submitted for National Time Verification
392 (NTV) purposes. Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA
393 Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules entry into the SWIMS
394 database if all of the following conditions are met:

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396 .1 The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional,
397 State, Regional, or be specifically approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or
398 designee, through application to the National Times Coordinator. A time trial held in conjunction with the
399 season-culminating championship meet that is officiated in accordance with the same standard as the
400 championship meet may also be observed.

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R- 25 ADOPTED

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403 **Location:** **Page 65** **204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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405 **204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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407 .1 *No changes*

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409 .2 Dates of Sectional Championships shall be determined by each Section, ~~in accordance with the~~
410 ~~following:~~

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412 A ~~Spring Sectionals: Begin no earlier than February 1; end no later than two days before~~
413 ~~the entry deadline for the spring championships.~~

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415 B ~~Summer Sectionals: Begin no earlier than July 1; end no later than August 31.~~

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417 .3 to .9 *No changes*

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419 R- 26 **DEFEATED**

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421 **Location: Page 65 204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**
422 **Page 71 207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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424 **204.9 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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426 *(In 204.9.2, 204.9.4, and 204.9;5, eliminate all references to Spring Sectional meets.)*

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428 **207.4 USA SWIMMING JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEETS** – The USA Swimming Junior
429 Championship meet and the Spring Junior National Series shall be governed and conducted by Program
430 Operations.

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432 .1 *(No change)*

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434 .2 (new) The Spring Junior National Series will consist of one meet swum in each Zone, either long course or
435 short course as determined by Program Operations provided that all meets in the series in a single year
436 shall be swum in the same course and with the same time standards. The dates and places of
437 competition will be determined by the Senior Swimming Committee. The series should be scheduled to
438 be held before the USA Swimming Spring Championships and provide an opportunity for progression
439 to the USA Swimming Spring Championships.

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441 *Existing .2 and .3 to be renumbered .3 and .4 respectively*

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443 *There will likely need to be a number of other changes in references throughout the Rules and Regulations to*
444 *ensure that all terminology is consistent*

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446 R- 27 **DEFEATED**

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448 **Location: Page 67 205.5 AWARDS**

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450 **205.5 AWARDS** - Official awards for Age Group events shall be established by the LSC. ~~The cost per award to~~
451 ~~an individual shall not exceed \$25.00. However, Meet hosts and swimmers should be aware that high school or~~
452 college eligibility may be affected by prize cost or value.
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R- 28 **ADOPTED**

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455 **Location: Pages 68-69 206.1 GENERAL & 206.4 DATES**
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457 **206.1 GENERAL** – USA Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually.
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459 .1 A short course yard (25-yard) National Championships shall be conducted the week following
460 Thanksgiving.
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462 *Existing paragraphs .1 through .3 to be renumbered as .2 through .4.*
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464 **206.4 DATES**
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466 .1 Short Course Yards National Championships – To start the Thursday following Thanksgiving.
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468 *Existing paragraphs .1 through .4 to be renumbered as .2 through .5.*
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R- 29 **ADOPTED**

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472 **Location: Page 72 207.8 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME**
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474 **207.8 PROOF OF ENTERED TIME** — Procedures for obtaining proof of time shall conform to the current
475 edition of the USA Swimming ~~National Times Database Handbook~~ SWIMS Time Module Policy Manual.
476 ~~Verifications shall be issued only for Official times achieved in accordance with the requirements of 102.16.4~~
477 may be used to enter the meet.
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R- 30 **WITHDRAWN**

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481 **Location: Pages 73-74 207.10 ENTRIES**
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483 **207.10 ENTRIES**
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485 ~~.8 Any swimmer who qualifies for the 1000 or 1650 yard freestyle or the 800 or 1500 meter freestyle may~~
486 ~~enter at his/her fastest time or at the time standard, if entered in two or more events on the day of the~~
487 ~~distance freestyle.~~
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489 All Swimmers must enter individual events at their best official qualifying time or at the lowest priority
490 non-conforming qualifying time standard.
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494 **Location: Pages 73-75 207.10 ENTRIES**
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496 **207.10 ENTRIES**

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.13 **Relay Entries**

- D ~~Each coach shall pick up relay entry forms from the clerk of course on which he/she shall list the A~~ completed relay entry form listing the competing relay swimmers, their first and last names, ages, and order of swimming, shall be returned to the clerk of the course for each entered competing relay. Upon reporting to the starting blocks, immediately prior to the start of the relay heat in which such team is entered, the completed relay entry form shall be handed to the head lane timer. No change will be permitted thereafter and failure to present the head lane timer with written list of relay swimmers shall prevent such team from competing. ~~A runner shall be furnished to distribute copies of the listed relay swimmers to the announcer and media.~~

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Location: Pages 78-79 207.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Page 116 502.3 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

207.12 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- .4 Credentials for national championships will be provided at no charge for participating athletes and officials who are members of USA Swimming. Credentials for coaches, managers and chaperones, to serve as admittance passes to national championships, shall be issued to those persons listed on the submitted team roster ~~forms and~~ according to the following schedule and is based upon the total size of the team. There shall be a surcharge of \$20.00 per person for spectator passes, which money shall become the property of the meet host. For clubs that wish to bring one certified massage therapist with their teams, a \$50.00 surcharge will apply if the massage therapist exceeds the deck pass formula below. These funds shall become the property of the meet host. All massage therapists must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming ~~in the Sports Medicine category~~.

502.3 Individual Membership

- .3 Non-athlete membership consists of ~~five~~ three classes: individual, family, ~~sports medicine, sustaining,~~ and life.

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Location: Page 102 ARTICLE 302.2 Membership

302.2. MEMBERSHIP

- .3 Individual seasonal membership – At the option of the LSC, membership may be offered for one or two periods of not more than ~~150~~ 120 days per period within a registration year. Seasonal membership may also be offered for an unspecified but continuous period of not more than ~~150~~ 120 days commencing on the date of registration. Seasonal membership is not valid for competition at or above the Zone Championship level.

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Location: Page 116 ARTICLE 502.2 Group Membership

Effective Date:

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502.2 Group Membership

.1 Club Membership

A *No change*

B An LSC may provide for a seasonal club membership for the period established by the LSC pursuant to Article 302.2.3. Seasonal clubs may not compete at or above the Zone Championship level.

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Location: Page 116 Article 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

.1 *no change*

.2 *no change*

.3 All coaches of USA Swimming clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall join USA Swimming as coach members and shall satisfactorily complete safety training and background screening required by USA Swimming.

No further changes

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Location: Page 116 Article 502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

502.4 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

.8 (new) Any member of USA Swimming who participates in a USA Swimming event or any event sanctioned by USA Swimming, as a condition of and in consideration of membership in USA Swimming and participation in the event authorizes USA Swimming and USA Swimming Foundation (collectively “USA Swimming”) to use the member’s participation, including, but not limited, to the member’s name, voice and likeness, for the purposes of promoting the sport of swimming, USA Swimming or USA Swimming’s teams at any time. USA Swimming shall not use such material in the manner of an endorsement of any product, service or event (other than the noncommercial promotion of any USA Swimming event, which promotion shall not display any trademarks, logos, etc. other than those owned and registered by USA Swimming), without the consent of the individual.

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R- 37 **ADOPTED**

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584 **Location: Page 119 Article 504.3 Athlete Representation**
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586 [Note: This provision shall not become effective until the merger between the USA Swimming Ohio
587 corporation and the USA Swimming Colorado Corporation is completed.]
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589 **504.3 Athlete Representation** The Athletes Committee shall elect to the Board of Directors that number of
590 athlete Directors necessary to assure that not less than twenty percent (20%) of the voting Directors are
591 athletes. Athlete Directors need not themselves be athlete representatives, but must at the time of their
592 election be actively engaged in amateur swimming competition or have represented the United States in
593 international competition within the ten (10) years preceding their election. Two of these athlete
594 Directors shall be the Athletes Vice President and the Athletes Executive Vice Chair. The Athletes
595 Committee may also elect not more than five (5) alternate athlete Directors. In the event that a regular
596 athlete Director is unable to attend or otherwise participate in a regular activity of the Board of Directors,
597 an alternate athlete Director may serve in the place of the regular athlete Director and shall, for the
598 limited duration of that activity, enjoy all the rights, privileges and duties enjoyed by the regular athlete
599 Director.
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603 **Location: Page 128 506.1 Committees and Coordinators**
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605 **506.1 Committees and Coordinators**

- 606 .1 Standing committees of USA Swimming shall be as listed in this Article.
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608 .2 Except for those individuals who qualify for their positions under some other provision of Article 506:
609 A *No change*
610 B *No change*
611 C In the event of a ~~Any~~ vacancy on a committee caused by any reason, the person/organization
612 responsible for the appointment shall select the person to fill the vacancy ~~be filled~~ for the remainder of
613 the ~~four-year~~ term by presidential appointment. If the vacancy occurs in an elected committee position,
614 the President, in consultation with the Committee Chair, shall appoint a replacement to serve the
615 remainder of the term.
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619 **Location: Page 128 Article 506.1 Committees and Coordinators**
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621 **506.1 Committees and Coordinators**

- 622 .13 (new) Unless specifically provided elsewhere in these Bylaws, all committee meetings shall be regular
623 committee meetings, unless specifically designated as a special meeting.
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Location: Page 133 ARTICLE 506.7 Governance Committee

Effective: Immediately

506.7 Governance Committee

- .1 Membership: The Governance Committee shall ~~be comprised~~ consist of ~~four~~ eight members appointed by the President, sufficient athlete appointments to constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the committee, and the Secretary/General Counsel who shall have voice but no vote. There shall be no current voting members of the Board of Directors ~~or non-athlete members who serve on other USA Swimming committees~~ appointed to this committee.
- .2 Each non-athlete members shall serve a four-year term, staggered so that one-fourth of such members are appointed each year.
- .3 Responsibility: The Governance Committee shall be responsible for the review of governance practices by the Board of Directors, the House of Delegates and the various committees. The Governance Committee shall review compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act and the U.S. Olympic Committee Constitution and Bylaws. ~~Additionally, The~~ the Governance Committee shall ~~also~~ be available for mentoring and consulting to the Board of Directors and the committees on the responsibilities and accountabilities of membership on those groups.

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Location: LSC Bylaws Template Article 604 House of Delegates

- 604.1 MEMBERS - The House of Delegates of XXSI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representatives, the Board Members designated in Section 0, and the At-Large House Members.
 - .1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES - *no change*
 - .2 AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - Up to ten (10) at-large members of the House of Delegates may be appointed by the General Chairman with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. Additionally, a sufficient number of athlete members at-large shall be [appointed by the General Chair with advice and consent of the Board of Directors or elected] to constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the House of Delegates. The At-Large House Members shall hold office from the date of appointment through the conclusion of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates following such appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of Delegates. <The remainder of this page intentionally left blank.>
 - .3 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES -

NUMBER OF ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES - ~~At least two~~ A sufficient number of Athlete Representatives shall be selected to constitute at least 20 % of the voting membership of the Board of Directors. ~~In an LSC which has fifteen or more Board Members, it is highly recommended that the number of Athlete Representatives to the House of Delegates be increased so that the Athlete Representatives comprise approximately twenty percent (20%) of the Board of Directors, with approximately one-half of that number elected each year (in the case of uneven numbers, the LSC should determine the number to be elected in odd and even numbered years on the basis that will produce equivalency in number of Board Members to be elected in each year).~~ ~~If an LSC decides to adopt this proportionality principle, the~~ The LSC should insert in whichever of Alternative Provisions A or B for selection of Athlete Representatives (discussed immediately below) is adopted the actual number of Athlete Representatives to be elected in total and each year based on the calculations required by the proportionality principle. If that LSC subsequently changes the number of Board Members, it will have to recalculate the number of Athlete Representatives accordingly. In an LSC which has At-Large Board Members with the power in the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors to vary the number of At-Large Board Members, the LSC needs to decide whether or not it wants to have the number of Athlete Representatives vary in proportion to the number of At-Large Board Members. Since the actual effect is likely to occur, if at all, infrequently, it would be appropriate to ignore the variation. However, if the LSC does desire to have that variation taken into account, the following sentence should be added to the end of this Section 0: "The number of Athlete Representatives shall be increased or decreased as may be necessary to have them comprise approximately at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting members of the Board of Directors."

METHOD OF SELECTION OF ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES - no change

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Location: LSC Bylaws Template Article 605.12 Quorum

605.12 QUORUM - A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

Although it is not recommended, an LSC may provide for a quorum of those members "present and voting" or other definition. However, if this modification is made, the time period for notice of a meeting under Section 0 must be increased to "twenty (20) days". Similarly, consideration should be given to keeping the quorum at the suggested level with respect to special meetings.

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Location: LSC Bylaws Template Article 610 Board of Review

610.3 BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATION -

.1 ESTABLISHMENT - The Board of Review of XXSI shall be independent and impartial.

683 .2 MEMBERS - The Board of Review shall have *at least five (5) regular members including a sufficient*
684 *number of athlete members to constitute at least 20% of the Board of Review and at least three (3)*
685 *alternate members.* The House of Delegates may increase the number of *regular or alternate*
686 *members by resolution but subsequent to the adoption of these Bylaws may only decrease the*
687 *number of regular or alternate members upon the expiration of the term of office of any incumbent*
688 *members.*
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692 **Location: LSC Bylaws Template Article 615.2 Fiscal Year**
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694 615.2 FISCAL YEAR – The fiscal year of XXSI shall ~~||correspond to the calendar year| or |end on August 31st~~
695 ~~of each year|~~.

An LSC may adopt either the calendar year or ~~an August 31st~~ a fiscal year that satisfies its budgeting and reporting needs. An LSC changing its fiscal year will need to consider transitional year issues such as the need for transition year budgeting, etc.

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697 **HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS**
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700 **Location: Pages 22-23 102.1 EVENTS**
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702 **102.1.2 AGE GROUP EVENTS**

703 10 Years and Younger	11, 12 Years
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705 100, 200 individual medley	100, 200, 400 individual medley
706 <u>200 freestyle relay</u>	<u>200, 400 freestyle relay</u>
707 200 medley relay	200, 400 medley relay
708 200 freestyle relay	200, 400 freestyle relay

710 **13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 Years**

711 50, ~~100~~, ~~200~~, ~~400~~/500, 800/1000, 1500/1650 freestyle (commas replace hyphens)

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713 200, 400 individual medley

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716 ~~200, 400, 800 freestyle relay~~

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720 **Location: Pages 24-26 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**

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722 **102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS – SEEDING – COUNTERS – ORDER OF HEATS**

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726 A A swimmer in any individual freestyle event of 16 or more lengths ~~or more~~ may appoint one counter to
727 call lengths or indicate lengths by visual sign.

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732 **Location: Pages 48-50 104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**

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734 **104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**

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736 **.2 American and United States Open Records**

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738 **B Recognized Distances and Strokes (Men and Women)**

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(1) Short Course Yards – Made only over courses 25 yards long

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Freestyle 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, ~~and~~ 1650 yards

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Backstroke 100, 200 yards

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Breaststroke 100, 200 yards

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Butterfly 100, 200 yards

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Individual ~~Ind~~-Medley 150*, 200, 400 yards

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Freestyle Relay 200, 400, 800 yards

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Medley Relay 200, 400 yards

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~~Freestyle Relay 200, 400, 800 yards~~

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(2) Short Course Meters – Made only over courses 25 meters long-

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Freestyle 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, ~~and~~ 1500 meters

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Backstroke 50, 100, 200 meters

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Breaststroke 50, 100, 200 meters

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Butterfly 50, 100, 200 meters

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Individual Medley 100, 150*, 200, 400 meters

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Freestyle Relay 200, 400, 800 meters

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Medley Relay 200, 400 meters

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(3) Long Course – Made only over courses 55 yards or 50 meters long

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Freestyle 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 meters

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Backstroke 50, 100, 200 meters

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Breaststroke 50, 100, 200 meters

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Butterfly 50, 100, 200 meters

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Individual ~~Ind~~-Medley 150*, 200, 400 meters

763	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 meters
764	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters
765	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 meters

766 **Note:** Distances with an * are applicable only to certain functional classifications of
 767 swimmers with a disability.
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 772 **Location: Pages 48-50 104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**
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774 **104.2 USA SWIMMING RECORDS**
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776 **.2 American and United States Open Records**
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778 **B Recognized Distances and Strokes (Men and Women)**
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780 **(1) Short Course Yards – Made only over courses 25 yards long**

781	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, and 1650 yards
782	Backstroke	100, 200 yards
783	Breaststroke	100, 200 yards
784	Butterfly	100, 200 yards
785	Ind.-Medley	150*, 200, 400 yards
786	Medley Relay	200, 400 yards
787	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 yards

788 **(2) Short Course Meters – Made only over courses 25 meters long-**

789	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1500 meters
790	Backstroke	50, 100, 200 meters
791	Breaststroke	50, 100, 200 meters
792	Butterfly	50, 100, 200 meters
793	Individual Medley	100, 150*, 200, 400 meters
794	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 meters
795	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters

796 **(3) Long Course – Made only over courses 55 yards or 50 meters long**

797	Freestyle	50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500 meters
798	Backstroke	50, 100, 200 meters
799	Breaststroke	50, 100, 200 meters
800	Butterfly	50, 100, 200 meters
801	Ind. Medley	150*, 200, 400 meters
802	Medley Relay	200, 400 meters
803	Freestyle Relay	200, 400, 800 meters

804 **Note:** Distances with an * are applicable only to certain functional classifications of
 805 swimmers with a disability.

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809 **Location: Page 63 ARTICLE 203 REPRESENTATION**

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811 **203.5** When transferring between LSCs or clubs the swimmer shall ~~present~~ submit a completed written
812 transfer form in accordance with USA Swimming and LSC procedures. When transferring from one club to
813 another within the same LSC, the procedural requirements established by the LSC ~~Registration Committee~~ shall
814 be followed.

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817 HK-6 **ADOPTED**

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819 **Location: LSC BYLAWS TEMPLATE – PART SIX**

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821 The changes to the model Bylaws template simply update references to the current Rule Book as well as
822 terminology. They are considered to be strictly housekeeping in nature and are too voluminous to be listed here.

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827 **Location: PAGE 39 102.16.5 Determination of Official Time**

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829 .5 Determination of Official Time

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831 C Primary Timing System Malfunction – May have occurred if:

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833 (1) The difference between the time obtained by the primary system and the back-up system(s) is
834 more than .30 seconds ~~or more~~.

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836 (2) A late or missed touch is reported by an official observing the finish.

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