

**Eastern Zone Meeting  
October 1, 2015  
Kansas City, MO**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Zone was called to order at 7:10 pm by Zone Director Paris Jacobs. Members in attendance included:

AD: JoAnn Fawcett, Jerry Adams, Sean Carol, Jenn Dixon, Steve Hall, Julia Samson, Joseph Homan

AM: Michael Kristufek, Eben Kirgger, Scott Wilshire, Emma Hestad, Cindy Woods, Laura Hartman, Lynne Shine

CT: Nancy Wargo, Rick Lewis, Ty Seymour, Henk Jensen, Ellen Johnston

MA: Kate Scheuer, Mike Siep, Jon Larson, Jamie Platt, Cherita Gentilucci, Cecil Gordon, Paul Stockett, Paul Coleman, Patric Mills, George Breen, Matt Sprang, Jim Ryan

MD: John McDonough, Peter LaGow, Bruce Claus, James Cahn, Wade Adkins, Nikata Brown, Casey Prentice, Victor O'Toole, Lauryn Boucree, Nolan Plant, Bill Kirkner

ME: Fritz Homans, Marie Weferling

MR: Brian Hansbury, Edgar Perez, John McIlhargy, Mary Fleckenstein, Monique Grayson, Michael Zuppone, Emily Sullivan, Andy Copley, Denise Bryne, Jeff Chu, Bea Hartigan, John Yearwood

NE: Ali Lie, Carol Healey, Nadine Johnson-Jesionek, Paul Maker, Katherine O'Shea, Kayla Metivier, Mollie Westrich, Matt Craven, Priscilla Davis, Paul Memont, Tim Mulvihill, Jamie Bloom, Laura Matuszak, Ray Grant, Nicole Carter

NI: Adam Zackowski, Christine Rogelsberger, Eric Lind, Jim Bowen, Marci Callan, Jarred Kiettinger, Nicholas Burdo, Rick Aronberg, Jim Stromski, Eric Stimson

NJ: Bud Rimbault, Jim Sheehan, Ed Miller, Jim Wood, Greg Wreide, Greg Eggert, Jim O'Neill, Marlene Curtis, Joe Scerbo, Nick Smugula, Brenden Koziol, Tristan Formon, Christine Jung

PV: Bill Marlin, Bob Vincent, Steve Menard, Kirt Thiel, Terri Marlin, Mark Faherty, Merrari Chollette, John Ertter, Greg York, Linda Klopfenstein, Tom Ugast, Heather Purk, Murphy Freal, Paris Jacobs, Riley Eaton, Tim Husson

VA: Kara McHaney, Mary Turner, Peter Maloney, Steve Hennessy, Scott Baldwin, Bob Rustin, Emily Erard, Kevin McHaney, Jessica Simons, Terry Randolph, Drew Hirth, Ted Sallade

USA Swimming: Peter Clark

**Minutes:** The minutes of the EZ Spring Meeting on May 9, 2015, were approved as written.

**Finance Report:** The finance report was presented showing that the Zone has a balance of \$38,910.72. Rick Lewis, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that balance is now sufficient to cover any potential legal expenses if there is a Board of Review case.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

**Report of Directors:** Paris then presented the report which can be found at the end of the minutes.

**Technical Report:** Tristan presented his report from the meeting held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, a copy of which can be found at the end of the minutes. He then requested that each General Chair provide any necessary updates of LSC representatives to the Technical Committee.

**Zone Championship Report:** Bud Rimbault reported that the 2016 LC Age Group Champs meet will be run in 10 lanes. He then presented the following bids and information about upcoming championship meets.

- 2016
  - LC Senior Zone Meet: single bid submitted by STAR Swimming (NI) for Erie Community College, 8/4 – 8/7/16; Approved
  - Open Water Zone Meet: will be hosted by Metro in conjunction with LC Age Group Champs
  - LC Speedo Super Sectional: current dates are July 7 – 10 or 14 – 17 but no bids have been received; Bud will solicit bids for the meet
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- 2017
  - SC Zone Age Group Champs: single bid submitted by Fairport Swimming (NI) for Webster Aquatic Center, 3/30 – 4/2/17; Approved
  - SC Speedo Sectional Championships, 4/6 – 4/9/2017
    - South Region: single bid submitted by Virginia Swimming for Christiansburg Aquatic Center; Approved
    - North Region: single bid submitted Syracuse Chargers (NI) for Ithaca College; Approved
  - LC Speedo Super Sectional Championship, 4/6 – 4/9/17: STAR Swimming (NI) for Erie Community College; Approved
  - LC Age Group Champs: single bid submitted by Virginia Swimming for Collegiate School Aquatic Center, 8/9 – 8/12/17; Approved
  - LC Senior Zone Meet: single bid submitted by STAR Swimming (NI) for Erie Community College, 8/3 – 8/6/2017; Approved
  - No bids were received for the Zone Open Water Meet or the LC Speedo Super Sectional.
- A motion was made to move the dates of the LC Super Sectional meet to March 30 – April 2, 2017. A friendly amendment to make that the date for all of the spring Speedo Sectional meets was approved. The motion passed. **All 2017 spring Speedo Sectional meets will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- A motion was made and seconded to set the dates for championship meets three years prior to the actual meet. After discussion, the motion passed.

**Zone Board of Review:** Bud reported that he has received a few emails with concerns but there are currently only two issues pending. These will be handled in the next week or two. He reminded those in attendance that any complaint needs to have a definite citation of the rule that is broken. He will pass along any complaint that falls outside the realm of the Zone BoR to the appropriate person at USA Swimming. He indicated that a new chairman of the Zone BoR will be elected by the members of the BoR in September, 2016.

**Athlete Representative:** Ty Seymour reported that the number of athletes attending spring meeting increased in May. The athletes at Convention packaged food with the Kansas City Harvesters as a community service project this year. He also mentioned the legislation proposed by the Athletes Executive Committee (R21) that would guarantee athletes a vote at Zone meetings. He also stated that he wants to explore utilizing social media throughout the next year.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck presented the report for Miriam reviewed highlights from Diversity Camp held in June. Every LSC was represented at this year's camp and the plan is to continue hosting the camp every other year. Bids for the 2017 Diversity Camps will soon be posted on the website.

**Officials:** Bob Vincent recognized officials for the long course meets held this past summer. He reported that he is currently working with the webmaster to post meet referee guidelines on the Eastern Zone website. The document is currently in draft form and will be sent to the LSC Officials Chairs for review prior to posting. It will include a historical list of meet and admin referees as well as those who are currently in those positions. Bob also recognized Cecil Gordon who has been selected as a starter for the 2016 Olympics. He also reviewed the proposed wording change (see attachment) concerning protests for Zone meets. The proposed changes were approved and will be incorporated into the appropriate Zone documents.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**Elections:**

- There were no nominations from the floor for the offices of Tech Planning Chair and Age Group Coach Representative. Tristan Formon and Edgar Perez were elected as Technical Planning Chair and Age Group Coach Representative, respectively, by acclamation.
- There were no nominations from the floor for Non-Coach Zone Director so ballots containing the names of John McIlhargy and Mary Turner were distributed to each LSC. Mary Turner was elected to serve in that capacity.

**Reports from National Committees:**

- **Age Group Development:** Bill Marlin reported that the IMX meet will be held January 29 – 31, 2016, and the qualifying score will still be 1800 this year. The meet held in the Eastern Zone is the largest IMX meet in country.
- **Convention Education:** Jamie Bloom reports that the workshop on getting athletes involved in governance at all levels was well attended. She also encouraged folks to attend the upcoming workshop on college recruiting and athlete nutrition.
- **Occupational Risk:** Jeffrey Chu & Lynn Shine briefly reviewed the proposed legislation (R7) concerning backstroke ledges and encouraged individuals to vote in favor of it. The committee is also reviewing the Loss Control Manual to make updates and requesting volunteers to assist with the process. The committee is also working on concussion guidelines and encouraged individuals to review the flyer about it on the USA Swimming website.
- **Registration/Membership:** Carol Healey reported that the registration piece of the Denver workshop scheduled for April 2017 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- **Times and Recognition:** Tim Husson reported that changes were made to the time standard and grade requirements for Scholastic All American recognition. He also reported that Top 10 certificates have been mailed and that the USA Swimming website is being updated.
- **Diversity/Inclusion:** Bill Kirkner reported that a proposal has been submitted to the USA-S Board of Directors to be developing guidelines to identify if meet venues follow appropriate diversity, inclusion, and outreach policies. He also mentioned that the committee will be sending out suggested guidelines for identifying Outreach athletes. Bill reported that LSCs that had not complied with disability requirements for will be given one year to become compliant with the mandatory requirements. If not compliant by the end of that year, the organizations status as an LSC will be revoked. Bill also complimented Miriam Lynch for her work during her tenure on the committee.
- **Safe Sport Committee:** Cecil Gordon thanked the LSCs for embracing the Safe Sport initiative during the past few years but mentioned that it is now time to put more emphasis on participation at the local level. He recognized athlete Paul Stockett (IN) for his innovative program for encouraging athletes to take the training as well as athlete Murphy Freal (MD) for his work on the committee. The committee will soon be rolling out a program that will recognize clubs who have appointed a

Safe Sport Coordinator. Greg York, a member of the committee, recognized Cecil for this leadership and work as chair.

- **Club Development Committee:** Matt Sprang indicated that the committee is planning a bigger push on using the analytical tools that are available to each club through its club portal on the USA Swimming website. The coach mentoring program will be in its third year and will have an earlier deadline date for 2016. This will allow LSCs to administer the program for an entire calendar year. For 2016, the committee will undertake a study to obtain data from all LSCs about their policies and procedures for travel reimbursement for national meets and develop a "best practices" worksheet from this data.

#### **New Business:**

- **Meet Surcharge Limit:** A Task Force was created to investigate setting a limit on meet surcharges. Rick Lewis, Matt Sprang, and Adam Zackowski will serve as members and present a report at the 2016 spring meeting.
- **Proposed Changes to Zone Meet Policy Manual:** A motion was made to accept the changes as proposed. Motion carried. See attachment for approved changes.
- **Eligibility Statement for LC Age Group Champs Meet:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the following statement:  
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.5 LC – Each LSC may enter all eligible swimmers who have achieved the qualifying time standard for each Individual event. All swimmers must be entered with their best LC time achieved between the first day of the prior year's EZ LC Championship meet and the meet entry deadline. Qualifying times must have been achieved in long course meters; converted times will not be accepted. The EZ may grant an exception to an LSC that has no or very limited long course competitions within its boundaries. If an LSC does not enter two (2) swimmers who have achieved the time standard in an event, the LSC may enter up to two (2) swimmers in that event regardless of their qualifying time. If such athletes do not have a LC time of record in the event, they may be entered with a non-conforming time that has been achieved during the entry window.  
**Motion carried.**
- **Meet Announcement for LC Age Group Champs:** A motion was made to add the following statement: For chase starts to be used in a session that includes 10 & Under athletes, it must be approved by a 100% vote of the Zone Team Managers at the meeting prior to the beginning of the meet. After discussion, the motion was defeated.
- **Recommendations from Technical Meeting:** Tristan reviewed the decisions made at the Technical meeting held the previous night and proposed the following changes:
  - Sectional Championships: The EZ will develop one set of standards for the Winter and Summer Sectional and Super Sectional meets 2016 and beyond. **Motion passed.**
  - Summer Senior Zone Meet:
    - The EZ will endorse a finals format that will run a D Final for 18 & U swimmers unless the meet size is less than 300 swimmers. **Motion passed.**
    - The EZ should permit a Sunday AM distance option as is done with Sunday relays. **Motion passed.**

- LC Age Group Championships: The EZ will extend the window from one to two weeks to permit some additional latitude to the Zone as to the placement of the Summer Age Group meet.

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F. Championship Meet

1. SC – unchanged

LC – The meet will be scheduled to finish on the first or second Saturday in August.

**Motion passed.**

- EZ Sectional and Senior Zone Late Entries: The same mechanism used to USA Swimming to permit late entries for Sectionals and Senior Zones will be included in the respective meet announcements.

LATE ENTRIES: Any team or athlete missing the entry deadline will be permitted to enter late, subject to the following requirements:

- Late entries must be submitted through the On-Line Meet Entry system (OME);
- These entries must be received no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Time on the Monday prior to the start of the championships.
- The team or athlete must pay a one-time fee processing fee of \$150.00 and pay double the on-time entry fees for both individual and relay entries.

A friendly amendment was accepted to change the deadline from **Monday to Tuesday**.

**The motion was approved as amended.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Turner

**EASTERN ZONE FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**10/1/15**

		Expenses	Deposits	Balance
BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/14				\$23,367.87
5/18/2015	J.Riley Eaton/Safe Sport	\$426.70		\$22,941.17
5/18/2015	Connecticut		\$1,468.25	\$24,409.42
5/18/2015	Metropolitan		\$2,576.50	\$26,985.92
5/18/2015	B.Vincent/Officials meeting	\$390.00		\$26,595.92
5/28/2015	T.Seymour/EZ meeting	\$592.70		\$26,003.22
6/18/2015	New Jersey Swimming		\$2,343.25	\$28,346.47
7/7/2015	Adirondack Swimming		\$587.75	\$28,934.22
7/29/2015	E.Dellert/EZ	\$575.19		\$28,359.03
9/4/2015	E.Dellert/AG Champs	\$966.33		\$27,392.70
9/7/2015	M.Turner/AG Champs	\$454.48		\$26,938.22
9/14/2015	Virginia		\$1,594.00	\$28,532.22
9/14/2015	New England		\$2,274.75	\$30,806.97
9/14/2015	Maine		\$282.75	\$31,089.72
9/14/2015	Alleghany Mountain		\$885.00	\$31,974.72
9/18/2015	Maryland		\$1,220.50	\$33,195.22
9/18/2015	Potomac Valley		\$2,917.50	\$36,112.72
9/28/2015	Middle Atlantic		\$2,798.00	\$38,910.72
	Ending Balance 9/28/15			\$38,910.72



## International Medals Summer 2015

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158 Total Records

LCM 49 Individual Records broken by 10 males and 5 females 12 Relay Records broken by 10 male and 2 female teams SCY 72 Individual Records broken by 13 males and 12 females 25 Relay Records broken by 18 male and 7 female teams

Thanks to our Records Sub-committee, Isabelle Fraser and Lisa Olack, for their continuous support in recognizing our outstanding age group and senior swimmers.

**Scholastic All America –**  
8% increase over 2014

*Successful Applicants 1925*

Three-Timers 187  
Open Water 2  
Disability 3  
Girls 1020 Boys 905

Central Zone 427  
Eastern Zone 510  
Southern Zone 585  
Western Zone 403

There were three perfect scores this year: Kathleen (Katie) Ledecky of PV Nation's Capital Swim club achieved a 4.0 GPA and won national championship titles. She is also a three-time SAA team member. Claire Adams of Carmel Swim Club and Maxime Rooney of Pleasanton Seahawks won national championship titles and achieved a 4.0 GPA.

*Top LSC*

North Carolina Swimming 119  
Pacific Swimming 107  
Southern California Swimming 88  
Florida Swimming 87

Middle Atlantic Swimming 81  
Virginia Swimming 80

### *Top Clubs*

Nation's Capital Swim Club-PV 42  
Swim MACCarolina-NC 36  
Dynamo Swim Club-GA 26  
Aquajets Swim Team-MN 21  
Lakeside Swim Team-KY 21  
NOVA of Virginia Aquatics 20

### **Senior Development**

**National Meet Hosts/ Dates approved this week.**

#### 2016

4/8-10	Open Water Champs	Miromar Lakes, FL
8/4-7	Futures Championships	TBD Fall 2015
8/2-6	U.S. Open	The University of Minnesota
8/8-12	Junior Nationals	The University of Minnesota
11/30-12/3	Winter Nationals	Ga Tech
12/7-10	Winter Juniors (West/East)	Texas A&M University, Ohio State University

#### 2017

TBD	Open Water Championships	TBD
6/27-7/1 or 7/5-9	World Championship Trials*	Indiana University Natatorium, Indianapolis
TBD	Futures	TBD Spring 2016
8/2-6	U.S. Open	Nassau County Aquatics Center, Long Island, NY
7/26-30 or 8/8-12	Junior Nationals	Nassau County Aquatics Center, Long Island, NY
11/29-12/2	Winter Nationals	TBD
12/6-9	Winter Juniors	TBD

Eastern Zone Futures location for 2016 is University of Maryland, College Park, MD

There is a proposal add a 4<sup>th</sup> site for the Futures circuit. This site would service breaking up the Western/Central areas. It would not effect the East.

The top end standard for the 2016 Futures meet is the US Open Standards. If the athlete has achieved a US Open Standard they are not eligible for THAT event at Futures.

### **Water Issues in Rio**

FINA issued a 3 page letter in mid- September written by the FINA President to the Mayor of Rio de Janeiro and the OC Rio 2016:



The 3 items covered are Capacity of the main venue for Aquatics, potential change of venue/ need for temporary roof, Marathon Swimming venue concerns.

Below is a statement issued following the Marathon Swimming test event held in Rio in August 2015.

Following the Marathon Swimming Olympic Test Event, held in Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) on August 22-23, 2015, the FINA Sports Medicine Committee, together with the concerned National Federations, made a follow-up with the 50 swimmers from 12 nations that took part in the competition.

Up to date, 26 days after the conclusion of the event, there is no notice of any subsequent health issue on the athletes that competed in Rio, from the following countries: Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan and Netherlands.

Consequently, the waters of the Copacabana beach were safe during the organisation of the Marathon Swimming test event.

The FINA Sports Medicine Committee, in co-ordination with the IOC, Rio 2016 Organising Committee and INEA (Brazilian State Institute for the Environment), will continue conducting tests and monitoring the quality of the waters in Copacabana beach, in accordance with International Standards.

### **Notes from Steering Meeting**

For 2017 progression of National meets

Nationals- World Trials (selection meet)  
US Open  
World University Games

During the Mesa Pro Series Meet there will be an Impact meeting for coaches and athletes who are ranked top 3 in an event.

### **Trials/ Rio**

Currently we have 1400 athletes qualified for Trials. Projects show we could be 1800-2000.

Eastern Zone has 275 athletes qualified for Trials

Athletes will have about 1200 seats for athletes in the venue.

Coaches for athletes who have made the team will be invited to attend the training camp in San Antonio. Athletes who make the team will be given 7 days

to return home prior to the start of domestic training camp. Athletes/coaches will also be able to go directly to San Antonio to train, if you choose, prior to the start of domestic camp.

Athletes who make the team will stay an extra day in Omaha for process, sizing, etc.

During trails coaches/athletes are encouraged to train at the University of Nebraska on days when they are not competing.

### **National Team Coaches selection for training camps/ teams**

National Team director Frank Bush was asked to discuss selection of Coaches for National Team caps/trips are handled.

- 1- Searching and selecting the Best Head Coaches possible to the goals of this team.
- 2- Then looking at balancing getting new coaches into the pipeline of the National Team while having the coaches who have produced athletes on the staff and have earned this spots. Frank noted this is always a developing process and a difficult one.

Initiatives from Frank Bush in the next year

- 1- Improve communications on all levels of athletes
- 2- 3 key points that Frank is trying to drive home with all coaches on all levels at all programs.
  - a. Building Team USA/ Team Concept- this is bigger than themselves- Team concept
  - b. Coaches being Role models/ Leaders- Being aware of negativity that can be generating momentum and how to use your role as a leader to move away from it.
  - c. Starting at a younger age to engrain and cultivate culture in your program and in Team USA.

**Eastern Zone Technical Recommendations To The EZ General Body**  
**EZ Fall Meeting – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**  
Respectfully submitted by Tristan Formon, EZ Technical Chair  
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**Recommendation motions from the EZ Technical Meeting:**

*MISCELLANEOUS: 9.1 Amendments: Any provision of the EZ Policy Manual (Sections 1 to 9) not prescribed by USA Swimming Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the EZ by two-thirds (2/3) vote. At least thirty (30) days written notice must be given to the General Chair of each LSC of any proposed amendment. Any provision of the EZ Regulations (Sections 10 and 11) and the Appendices may be amended at any meeting of the EZ by simple majority of the votes cast.*

**EZ Sectional Championships**

- **R1.** The EZ will develop one set of standards for the Winter and Summer Sectional and Super Sectional meets 2016 and beyond. **MOTION PASSED**

**EZ Summer Senior Zone Meet**

- **R2.** The EZ will endorse a finals format that will run a D Final for 18&U swimmers unless the meet size is less than 300 swimmers. **MOTION PASSED**
- **R3.** The EZ should permit a Sunday AM Distance option as with Sunday Relays. **MOTION PASSED**

**EZ Age Group Championships**

- **R4.** The EZ will extend the window from one to two weeks to permit some additional latitude to the zone as to placement of the Summer AG Meet. **MOTION PASSED**

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F. Championship Meet

1. SC- The meet shall conclude before the first Sunday of April.

~~LC- The meet will be conducted to finish on the Saturday between the 9th and the 15th of August.~~

**LC- The meet will be scheduled to finish on the first or second Saturday in August.**

**EZ Sectional and Senior Zone Late Entries**

- **R5.** The same mechanism used by USA Swimming to permit late entries for Sectionals and Senior Zones will be included in the respective meet announcements.

**LATE ENTRIES**

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**These entries must be received no later than 11:59pm Eastern Time on the Monday prior to the start of the championships.**

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The following items considered by the EZ Technical Committee were either **defeated** or **withdrawn**:

**EZ Summer Senior Zone Meet**

- Should the EZ consider running all Sunday relays in Prelims? **Motion was defeated.**

**EZ Age Group Summer Championships**

- In order to permit more flexibility to LSCs to fill the minimum of 2 athletes per event, should the EZ consider the amended wording re: NTs below? **Motion was withdrawn.** A task force was asked to look into potential wording to be presented to the EZ Body under new business.

**Removal of 15-18s From Summer AG Zones**

- Following extensive discussion, the **motion was defeated.**

**Winter AG Zones**

- Following extensive discussion regarding potentially increasing participation from committed LSCs, **the motion was defeated.**

**2015 - 16 Eastern Zone Technical Committee Appointees**

Adirondack: Jerry Adams

Allegheny Mountain: Luke Modrak

Connecticut: Rick Lewis

Maryland: Matt McDonough

Maine: Jay Morissette

Metropolitan: John Yearwood

Middle Atlantic: Jon Larson

New England: Laura Matuszak

New Jersey: Tristan Formon - EZ Technical Chair

Niagara: Will Chidsey

Potomac Valley: Manga Dalizu

Virginia: Steve Hennessy

**Each LSC is asked to provide any updated contact details for each of their respective LSC EZ Technical Appointees to Tristan Formon [tristan@juno.com](mailto:tristan@juno.com) at your earliest convenience.**

## Summary

Section 102 specifies protest protocol for meets and Section 207 specifies the protocol for USA Championship Meets. There are minimal differences other than the specifications of the jury participants where the National Championship protocol gives clear guidance as to who those participants should be and specifies a cost for lodging the protest.

**My recommendation would be to provide the following information to all Zone meet referees in both Section 10 and 11.**

**Any protest must be presented to the Meet Referee and will be managed in accordance with USA Swimming Rules 102.23. Protests must be accompanied by a \$50 protest fee made payable to the Eastern Zone, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. It is suggested that in addition to a swimmer and coach, an official also be a participant in the meet jury.**

My recommendation for changes to the EZ Meet Regulations in Section 10 are below:

### I. Protests

1. A Meet Jury will adjudicate any protests, including issues of conduct that may occur in the meet venue. All protests must be made in writing.

a. Protests regarding eligibility as stated in USA Swimming Rule 102.11.3 **must be presented to the meet referee in writing along with a \$50 protest fee. The fee may be refundable if the protest is upheld.**

b. ~~The Meet Jury will consist of the Meet Director, the Meet Referee and, depending upon the session in which the protest originated, an Athlete, a Coach, and a Team Manager appointed by their LSC—according to the following schedule:~~**Sess. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12**

~~Athl. AD AM CT ME MD MR MA NE NJ NI PV VA~~

~~Coach AM CT ME MD MR MA NE NJ NI PV VA AD~~

~~T.Mgr~~

~~CT ME MD MR MA NE NJ NI PV VA AD AM~~

~~If the designated LSC is an interested party to the protest, or is unavailable to serve, Meet Jury representation will be made by the next disinterested LSC in the rotation. Any member of the Meet Coordination Committee may provide support to the Meet Jury as an ex-officio member. In the event that one or more LSCs do not participate in a meet, the host LSC shall provide an alternative schedule for Meet Jury participation; such schedule to be distributed at the Team Managers meeting.~~

c. The Meet Jury shall refer to Rule 102.11 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations regarding all protests.

d. The Meet Jury may not change any of the rules of eligibility, substitution, or scoring.

e. ~~The Meet Jury shall not overrule a previously rendered decision of the Meet Coordination Committee.~~

f. ~~The Meet Coordination Committee shall serve as the Review Board (referred to in 102.11.5) to consider any protest that is not resolved during the competition.~~

**I have included both USA Swimming Rule references below. In the case of an Eligibility Protest a Zone Director should be used as opposed to Program Operations Director.**

## **Technical Rules for meet management**

### **102.23 PROTESTS**

- .1 Protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decision shall be final.
- .2 For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee may appoint a meet jury. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.
- .3 Protests made prior to the race contesting the eligibility of a swimmer to compete or to represent an organization shall be made to the Referee in writing. If a protest is not resolved, the Referee or the meet jury shall allow the swimmer to compete under protest and it shall be so announced before the race.
- .4 All other competition-related protests, including protests concerning eligibility and representation, must be made to the Referee and submitted in writing within thirty (30) minutes after the race in which the alleged infraction occurred.
- .5 Except as provided in 102.23.1, the Referee's or the meet jury's ruling may be appealed as follows:

  - A** Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One and Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chair of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee who shall issue a ruling within five (5) days from the date of the receipt of such protest. This ruling shall be final and binding on all parties.
  - B** All other protests, together with the Referee's or the jury's written decision, shall be submitted to the General Chair, or designee, of the sanctioning LSC or, in the case of a National Championship or trials class meet, to the National Board of Review, in accordance with Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.
- .6 The official results of any protested race shall not be announced, the affected awards shall not be given, and points scored shall not be allocated until the protest is resolved or is withdrawn in writing

## **USA Swimming Championship Meet**

### **.207.11.4 Eligibility Protests**

- A** An Eligibility Jury composed of three persons in attendance at each National Championships shall be appointed by the Program Operations Vice President or designee prior to the start of the meet to consider protests pertaining to the eligibility of any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization. The Eligibility Jury shall consist of a swimmer, a coach and an official.
- B** All protests made prior to or during the championship shall be submitted to the Eligibility Jury on a form prescribed by USA Swimming and accompanied by a \$50 fee, which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The \$50 fee shall not be required for protests submitted by the Registration Committee or LSC Registration Chair.
- C** Protests shall be heard by the jury and, if possible, decisions rendered before the start

of events on the day in which the protested swimmer competes, but no later than the last night of the championships. The opportunity to be heard shall be given to both the party lodging the protest and the party or parties charged.

**D** Until the Eligibility Jury renders a decision, the swimmer may compete under protest. An announcement to this effect shall be made prior to the race. The results of any race conducted under protest shall not be announced, nor prizes awarded, nor points scored until the jury has determined if and how their decision may affect the final scoring awards.

**E** The decision of the jury may be appealed by either party to the National Board of Review, pursuant to Part Four. Protests submitted after the last day of the championships shall be submitted directly to the National Board of Review.

**F** Any such decision of the National Board of Review shall be published on the USA Swimming website.

**.5 Technical Rules Protests** — Prior to the start of the meet the Program Operations Vice President or designee shall appoint a Technical Jury composed of at least one swimmer representative, at least one coach, and at least one, but not more than three other persons. Written protests involving technical rules, except disqualifications due to judgment decisions by the deck officials, shall be made to the Meet Referee within thirty (30) minutes of the protested act or occurrence. Decisions of the Meet Referee regarding these protests may be appealed to the Technical Jury, whose decision must be made the day of the protest and shall be final. The jury cannot adjudicate judgment decisions, which can only be considered by the Referee under 102.11.