

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Recommended Changes to Southern California Policies and Procedures

RULES AND PROCEDURES

#P.1– P&P shall be modified to change all occurrences of “SCS” to “CA”.

GLOSSARY

#G.1 – Glossary must distinguish between an “Open Event” and an “Open Competition”.

PART ONE – GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

- #1.3 – II.B.1 Change Eligibility – ~~“An individual member of the Corporation who has complied with USA Swimming 502.6 and any directives from the Corporation is a Coach member.”~~ to **“An individual member of USA Swimming who has complied with USA Swimming 502.6 and any directives from USA Swimming is a Coach member.”**
- #1.4 - II.B.2 states **“an SCS Coach member shall display his/her valid coach membership while on the deck at any SCS meet.”** CA no longer distributes laminated coach (or official cards). It can be very difficult to tell who is and who is not an active coach without a visible ID. Right now we are dependent on Deck Pass. Committee recommends that CA return to the use of laminated coach cards.
- #1.5 - II.C.5.j (2) ~~“At the discretion of the Committee, competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats...”~~ shall be changed to state **“Competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats...”**
- #1.6 - III.A.4 provides for acceptable proof of birthdate. Add the following:
“e. Driver’s License or Real ID for athletes 16 & Up”
- #1.7 - III.B.3 Amend from ~~““An athlete may not enter a pool for warm-up or competition without being a registered member of USA Swimming”~~ to **An athlete may not enter a pool for warm-up or competition without being a registered member of USA Swimming or FINA”**
- #1.8 - III.B.4.a Amend from ~~“For all age group competition, proof of birth date is required prior to competition.”~~ to **“For all age group competition, proof of birth date is required prior to competition. Proof of birthdate is the responsibility of the athlete's club.”**
- #1.9 - III.C.4.a If the current CIF unattached notice filed with the SCS office is a throw-away document (not required by CIF), we feel this document should be eliminated. Filing this document does not in any way unattach the swimmer at a competition.
- #1.10 - III.C.4.b Amend from ~~“An athlete must enter USA Swimming competition “unattached” during CIF season”~~ to **“An athlete must compete at each USA Swimming competition “unattached” during CIF season”**.
- #1.11 – III.C.4.c Amend from ~~“It is the athlete’s responsibility to check that his/her affiliation is “unattached” on all meet entries during CIF season”~~ to **“It is the athlete's responsibility to 'Unattach for CIF' at each USA Swimming meet during CIF season”**.
- #1.12 - IV.A.1 Remove the verbiage **“and will be distributed by meet sponsors.”**
- #1.13 - IV.A.2 Amend ~~“Meet forms”~~ to **“Meet forms and electronic entry files.”**
- #1.14 - IV.B Change ~~“NOTE: Additional Surcharge may be imposed based on pool rental”~~ to:
“NOTE: An additional Facility Surcharge may be imposed with prior Executive Board approval.”
- #1.15 - IV.C.1 Amend ~~“...swimmers may not participate...”~~ to **“swimmers shall not participate...”**
- #1.16 - IV.C.2. Add the following: **“A swimmer may enter 50 Free or 50 of stroke in which his/her half-distance time meets the time standard. Exceptions can be made with prior consultation with meet referee.”**
- #1.17 - IV.D.1 Amend ~~“Falsification of entry times can lead to disciplinary action.”~~ to **“Falsification of entry times shall lead to disciplinary action”**

- #1.18 - IV.D.4 Add the following for proof-of-time: **g. FINA meet results including FINA sanction number.**
- #1.19 - IV.D.4.f Strike out **“f. Dual meet results...”**
- #1.20 - IV.E.2 Add **“b. A coach may request the recording of an intermediate split by the CA Times Chair after the competition.”**
- #1.21 - IV.G.2. Modify from **“Meet entry deadline shall be WEDNESDAY, 5 PM, the week prior to the first day of the meet”** to **“Meet entry deadline shall conform to the date and time stated on the meet form.”**
- #1.22 - IV.1.B.3 Replace **“In timed finals competition, a swimmer must enter best recorded time”** to **“In timed finals competition, a swimmer shall enter best recorded time”**.
- #1.23 - V.B Replace **“With the exception of national championships meets held in SCS, spectator fees are normally not charged.”** to **“With the exception of the following meets held in CA, spectator fees are normally not charged. Exceptions are for national championships meets, CA Senior Circuit meets (Grand Challenge, SMOC, LAI), and Spring JO’s.”**
- #1.24 - V.C.3 Replace the verbiage **“Details of the Returned Check Policy are available from the SCS Office.”** with the following verbiage:

CA Returned Check Policy for checks written by teams or for team entry:

First returned check: \$50 fine, probation for three years (may continue to use team checks).

Second returned check (within three year period): double face amount of check (minimum \$50), extension of three year period from date of second check and requirement to pay by secured funds (ex: cashier’s check or money order) for three years.

After three years without a returned check, a team may use team checks to pay for fees and start over on returned check policy.
- #1.25 - VI.A.3 Discussion of the following phrase... **“Absent Board members shall be able to vote by written proxy at the time of the Board Meeting or by sending a written ballot to the Executive Director within two weeks prior to the Board meeting.”** The bylaws prohibit proxy votes.
- #1.26 - VI.C.2.a.1 Change **“subpart VI.C.3.g”** to **“subpart VI.C.3.d”**
- #1.27 - VI.C.2.a.2 Change **“subpart VI.C.3.i”** to **“subpart VI.C.3.f”**
- #1.28 - VI.C.2.b Eliminate VI.C.2.b (covered by VI.C.2.a.3)
- #1.29 - VI.C.2.c Eliminate VI.C.2.c (covered by VI.C.2.a.2)

PART TWO – RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION

- #2.1 - 1.D – Change **“In SCS a race is considered to have started when the starter says, ‘Take your mark.’”** to **“In CA a race is considered to have started when the starter says ‘Take your mark’; the rise of the arm closes the event.”** to match National verbiage.
- #2.2 - 1.E – note that required timing configurations, number of buttons used, number of required timers, etc. may change due to Covid requirements; pending National.
- #2.3 - II.B.5 correct typo... change **“next to the his/her name”** to **“next to his/her name”**
- #2.4 - Strike IV.C **“The ‘Time Trial’ designation may be used to add an event or events to correct an entry form error upon approval of the Division chair in consultation with the Executive Director.”**
- #2.5 - II.V.A.1 change **“mailed to the address”** to **“mailed or emailed to the address”**... **If the mailing address is a PO Box, the meet form needs to list a hand-delivery address. Texted and/or scanned-and-emailed entries are not acceptable; If entering as an individual must use consolidated entry form (formerly called “white card”) and entry form and payment must be received together.**

- #2.6 - III.D.1.c Change "~~Failure to report to the blocks ("no show") shall be ruled if the athlete is not present when the referee blows the long whistle for the event or when the Referee calls for the first alternate.~~" to "Failure to report to the blocks ("no show") shall be ruled if the athlete is not present when the starter says 'Take your mark' or when the Referee calls for the first alternate."

PART THREE – RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SENIOR COMPETITION

- #3.1 - I.A.1 change "~~non-consistent~~" to "non conforming"
- #3.2 - II.F.4 change from "~~If a club cannot prove the qualifying time, a \$25 fine will be assessed~~" to "If a club cannot prove the qualifying time, a \$25 fine will be assessed to the coach making the entry."

PART FOUR – RULES FOR AGE GROUP SWIMMING

- #4.1 - I.C.1 change "~~non-consistent~~" to "non conforming"
- #4.2 - I.E.2 change "5-10" to "5-12"
- #4.3 - I.E.3 change "11" to "13"
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- #4.5 - New language per USA Swimming Rulebook 102.8 (will also affect Appendix "G")
"A Technical Suit is one that has the following components: a. Any suit with any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric or silhouette; or b. Any suit with woven fabric extending past the hips."
- #4.6 - II.A.1 and II.A.2 **"CA shall conduct short course and long course Junior Olympics for CA members annually and age groups shall be 10-Un, 11-12, 13-14 for Spring JO's and 10-Un, 11-12, 13-14, 15-Up for Summer JO's.**
- #4.7 - Change to only meters in CA JO relays for 15 & Older age group. There are no Yard 15 & Older relays in yards.
- #4.8 - II.A.10.a Certificates consolation 9-16 should be mandated only for 14-Under swimmers. 15-Up certificates may be provided at the request of the athlete.
- #4.9 - IV.B.1 Change from "~~An unattached athlete training may not swim relays~~" to "**An unattached athlete may not swim relays**".
- #4.10 - IV.C.5 and IV.C.6 modify verbiage to add Mixed relays as per USA Swimming recommended events
- #4.11 - IV.D Change "~~...failure of the relay to be present at the starting block by the start of its heat (no show), unless excused by the Meet Referee, will result in the removal of that club's relay from the next relay event in the meet for that age group and sex on that day or the next day of the meet.~~" to "... failure of the relay to be present at the starting block by the start of its heat (no show), unless excused by the Meet Referee, will result in the removal of that club's relay from the next relay event in the meet for that age group and gender." "Those members of the relay team who are present and ready to swim should report to the starting block before the race. They will be excused from any further penalty. The missing member or members shall be disqualified from their next individual event at the meet."