

The Governance Committee recommends the following changes to the Policies and Procedures (rules section of the swim guide) manual.

- (a) Glossary needs to distinguish in definition between an "Open Event" and an "Open Competition". There is confusion between the two terms.
- (b) P&P refer (mostly) to SCS. USA Swimming refers to Southern California Swimming as CA. Rules section should be modified to use CA or CA(SCS).
- (c) II.B.1 refers to individual and coach members of the "Corporation". There is no other occurrence of the term "Corporation" anywhere in the Rules section; this needs to be re-worded.
- (d) II.B.2 states "an SCS Coach member shall display his/her valid coach membership while on the deck at any SCS meet. SCS 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 in general agreement that SCS should return to use of laminated coach cards; if this is not a possibility, then this verbiage needs to be updated to include Deck Pass.
- (e) II.C.1.b Need clarification on who may approve sanctions. Suggestion to have a person paid for sanctioning responsibilities (not office staff); their responsibility would be to ensure clarity and continuity of wording over all sanctions submitted. This would relieve overburdening Executive Vice Chair who is now handling sanctions in addition to a large number of other responsibilities.
- (f) II.C.1.e Question on with deck-registrations (e.g., 2 x standard fee + \$15), where the money goes... this should be better spelled out in the document.
- (g) II.C.5.j(1) Discussion of whether 5-8, 7-10 (etc) must be required to stay within a single age group when entering a meet. This is confusing to parents, requires manual intervention by admins, and is no longer (need to confirm?) a national requirement. Needs further discussion and should be brought up at a future Board meeting for discussion of pros and cons.
- (h) II.C.5.j(2) The verbiage "At the discretion of the Committee, competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats..." needs to be changed to simply state "Competition for 15 & Over shall be run in one of three formats..."

Continuing review of the SCS Swim Guide Rules section (Policies and Procedures):

- (a) III.A.4 provides for acceptable proof of birthdate. Add the following: "e. **Driver's License or Real ID for athletes 16 & Up**"
- (b) 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"
- (c) III.B.4 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."
- (d) III.C.4.a... If, in fact, the current CIF unattached notice filed with the SCS office is a throw-away document (not required by CIF), we feel that this document should be eliminated (includes a copy of the CIF Unattach document in the Swim Guide Appendices). Filing this document does not in any way unattach the swimmer at an SCS competition. Need to establish if SCS uses said document in any form to communicate with CIF.
- (e) 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”.

- (f) 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”.
- (g) IV.A.1. Remove the verbiage **“and will be distributed by meet sponsors”**.
- (h) IV.A.2. Amend **“Meet forms”** to **“Meet forms and electronic entry files”**
- (i) 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.”
- (j) IV.C.1 Amend ~~“...swimmers may not participate...”~~ to **“swimmers shall not participate...”**
- (k) 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.”**
- (l) IV.D.1 Amend ~~“Falsification of entry times can lead to disciplinary action.”~~ to **“Falsification of entry times shall lead to disciplinary action”**
- (m) IV.D.4 Add the following for proof-of-time: **g. FINA meet results including FINA sanction number.**
- (n) IV.D.4.f Strike out **“f. Dual meet results...”**
- (a) IV.E.2 Add **“b. A coach may request the recording of an intermediate split by the SCS Times Chair after the competition.”**
- (b) 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.”**

