

Lake Erie Swimming
House of Delegates - Legislation Proposals
Proposed Amendments to Fall 2016 House of Delegates

Location:	2.5 False Registration
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	Only the Zone or National Board of Review may suspend membership or privileges of membership, so the appropriate hearing body for such an offense is the Zone Board of Review.
Recommendation:	

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2.5 False Registration –

- .1 A club or individual submitting a signed form (meet or other) which falsely claims a swimmer is registered shall be fined. The fine schedule is as follows:
 - A. A \$50.00 fine per swimmer per meet for the first offense of the calendar year.
 - B. A \$100.00 fine per swimmer per meet for the second offense of the calendar year.
 - C. For the third or subsequent offense of the calendar year, the Zone Board of Review shall hold a hearing to determine the penalty.

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Location:	2.7 Failure to Pay LESI Fees
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	Only the Zone or National Board of Review may suspend membership or privileges of membership. For simple fines (such as scratch rule violations), a new procedure would reduce the number of cases LE sends to the Zone Board of Review.
Recommendation:	

2.7 Failure to Pay LESI Fees

- .1 Members (individuals and/or group) who are delinquent in payment of money owed to LESI shall be notified by mail of the amount owed. Members shall be given an opportunity either to pay the amount due or to request a hearing if the amount is in dispute. The deadline for payment or filing for a hearing shall be fourteen (14) days from the date of notice.
- .2 Failure to pay monies owed to LESI or to file for a hearing by the deadline shall result in the ~~member's loss of membership in good standing. As such, any or all privileges of membership may be suspended at the discretion of the Board or its designee until such time as membership in good standing is restored.~~ deduction of the amount owed from the club's account. Teams with insufficient funds in their accounts or unattached swimmers shall be subject to a hearing by the Zone Board of Review who may impose penalties against the club or swimmer, including suspension of membership or membership privileges.
- .3 ~~To restore membership in good standing, the member shall pay the amount owed and a reinstatement fee to LESI.~~

- ~~A. Reinstatement fees for group members shall be \$50.00 or 10% of the amount owed, whichever is greater.~~
- ~~B. Reinstatement fees for individual members shall be \$15.00 or 10% of the amount owed, whichever is greater.~~

P-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Location:	5.8 National Time Verification Certification (NTV)
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	With the advent of SWIMS, NTVs have gone the way of the dodo bird.
Recommendation:	

5.8 National Time Verification Certification (NTV) – ~~Times qualifying a swimmer for national competition must be certified through the issuance of an NTV by an NTV official.~~

- ~~.1 An NTV official of the LSC in which the qualifying time is achieved must submit the NTV to the SWIMS database.~~
- ~~.2 Qualifying times swum in LESI – All times achieved at a LESI sanctioned or approved meet are to be submitted by the meet host to the NTV Chair for inclusion in the SWIMS database.~~
- .3 Observed Swims – In order for meets that are not sanctioned or approved to have observations of swims for National or U.S. Open qualifying upload of times to SWIMS, the following process must take place:
 - ~~A. A written request for observation must be made prior to the meet in accordance with Article ~~202.5~~ 202.7 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and Sections 5.4 of Lake Erie Swimming Policy and Procedures.~~
 - ~~B. An NTV will be issued if the qualifying time is achieved and approved by the USA Swimming observers.~~
 - C. The proper paperwork in the form of a request for observation must be filed prior to the swim (or following the swim, if the time was for an individual freestyle event) at meets that are not under blanket observation.
 - ~~D. The meet host must submit meet management data files and documentation for all observed swims to the NTV chair LSC designee.~~
 - E. Any Only times from swims observed but not approved swim for to be in conformance to with USA Swimming technical rules will have no NTV issued be uploaded to SWIMS.
 - F. Requests for NTVs upload of times from observed meets must be made at or within two weeks of the conclusion of the meet. Requests made more than two weeks after the conclusion of the meet must include a \$5.00 administrative fee (to Lake Erie Swimming, Inc.) for each requested swim.

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Location:	6.3 LESI Top 10 Times
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	An earlier cut-off date is often needed in order to provide recognition at the Awards Program. Additional updates to conform to current procedures.
Recommendation:	

6.3 LESI Top 10 Times

- .1 Times achieved by member athletes of LESI in any sanctioned, or approved competitions shall be considered for inclusion in Top 10. ~~Times achieved in competitions outside the boundaries of LESI must be submitted to the Top 10 Coordinator and proven by final results.~~ Times achieved at meets approved for USA Swimming observation shall not be considered for inclusion in Top 10.
- .2 Times achieved in a freestyle event are recorded as freestyle only, even if another stroke is performed.
- .3 Times may be achieved in initial splits of individual events swims and lead-off legs of relays, ~~provided that the official split is recorded by automatic timing or by three (3) hand-held watches and is observed by the officials for a legal finish if recorded in conformance with published guidelines.~~
- .4 Top 10 listings will be maintained for all events in the following categories: Girls and Boys 10-under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-over.
- .5 Times achieved in an open or expanded age group will revert to the swimmer's age group.
- .6 Top 10 listings will be published at the conclusion of the short course season (May 1 of the previous year through ~~April 30~~ the date established by the Board of Directors of the current year) and at the conclusion of the long course season (September 1 of the previous year through August 31 of the current year).

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Location:	7.7 Conduct of Specific Events
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	Update terminology
Recommendation:	

7.7.2 LESI ~~Quad~~ Mid-States and Buckeye Bowl Teams - Swimmers will be selected based on times achieved from September 1 of the current short course season through the deadline established by the planning committee. The previous season's times will not be used for selection purposes unless, in the judgment of the team coach and planning committee, qualified swimmers from the current rankings are not available.

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Location:	10.1 Officials Committee
Proposed by:	Julie Bare
Purpose:	To bring committee membership into compliance with the Bylaws.
Recommendation:	

10.1 Officials Committee

- .1 Members - The members of the Officials Committee shall be the Officials Chairman, who shall serve as chairman, and all certified officials of LESI who are current non-athlete members of LESI, and at least 20% athlete members. (See Article 607.3.5 of the Bylaws.)

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Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement for National Meets Section 15 Club Service (new)
Proposed by:	Bill Bare, Age Group Chair
Purpose:	This LSC governed by committees and a board of directors composed of volunteers. Many of the committees intended to help grow the LSC and the athletes lack active volunteers and therefore are not achieving the desired results. To increase the emphasis on volunteerism, the LSC reimbursement program should be revised to include minimum levels of volunteer activity within the LSC. The intention of this revision is to motivate clubs to do their part in encouraging their members to help with LSC governance, committees, events, meets, etc.. Those clubs not doing their part should not be able to reap the same benefits as those who are doing all of the work.
Recommendation:	

Effective Date: May, 2017 (reimbursement affected starting May, 2018)

8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

- .1 **LSC Participation** – In order for a team to be reimbursed 100% of the amount accrued as provided herein, the team must have earned a minimum of 50 club service points in the preceding award period (May-April). Those not satisfying the club service requirement will be reimbursed 80% of the amount accrued.
- A Athletes who have been in the SWIMS database as unattached during the previous award period shall not be affected by this requirement.
- B Newly-registered teams shall be exempted for their first full period of club service points.

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Section 15 CLUB SERVICE

15.1 Club Service points shall be awarded in accordance with the following criteria:

- .1 Each award period shall be May 1 through April 30.
- .2 Points shall be based on registration numbers as of August 31 of the award period
- A. Small Club < 100
- B. Large Club ≥ 100
- .3 The Board of Directors shall annually establish the schedule of points and shall post such schedule by April 30 of each year.
- .4 The Board of Directors may establish an incentive program to reward those clubs earning the most points.

Location: Bylaws 607.3 Members and Ex-Officio Members of Standing Committees

Proposed by: Julie Bare

Purpose: To permit participation on committees by athletes who are not yet sophomores in high school. Committee experience provides a good background for future athlete reps to the Board.

Recommendation:

604.1.3 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES- Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by LESI or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education).

6.1 MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or by the Board of Directors, members of each standing committee shall be appointed by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the respective division Vice-Chair and the Chair of the committee. Athlete members of each committee shall be appointed by the General Chair with the advice of the Senior Athlete Representative. Athlete membership is required on all committees. Athlete membership shall amount to at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the committee. The athlete committee members shall meet the same requirements as those of Athlete Representative set forth in Section 604.1. and in Section 605.2 except that the minimum age shall be 12 years. The division Vice-Chair shall be an ex-officio member (with voice and vote) of each standing committee within the respective division. The ex-officio members and other designated members of certain standing committees shall be as follows: