



**PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO 2025 POLICY & PROCEDURES
APRIL 2025**

Each item will be presented as already having a motion to either approve or reject according to the recommendation of the Board of Directors. All items will be presented and voted on as an ominous Block A and Block B.

The Chair will go through each proposal one by one with the respective block. Any delegate may pull the legislation by stating "pull". Each item pulled will be revisited and discussed on the floor of the House.

Any item is subject to amendment by the House of Delegates, provided the amendment is germane to the proposal.

Such amendments must be adopted by a simple majority. Subsequently, the proposal as amended shall be presented for approval.

Anyone wishing to speak to any proposal should raise his/her hand. Once recognized by the Chair, the individual should stand, state his/her name and affiliation or position, state whether speaking in favor or against the motion and briefly state the reasoning.

A motion to close debate (call the question) can be made only by someone who has been recognized by the Chair.

Such motion is not debatable and an immediate vote to close debate will be taken.

Block A			
No.	Description	Location	Board of Directors Recommendation
R-1	To align our Policy and Procedure with current practice for scheduling meets.	Policy & Procedures 5.1	
R-2	To bring all meets in the LSC under the same sanction fee.	Policy & Procedures 5.2 Policy & Procedures 5.3	
R-3	To align the number of officials with USA Swimming's requirements. Also, to allow the Meet Director to have a say in any additional officials assigned to a meet.	Policy & Procedures 5.5	
R-4	To eliminate restriction of deck officials based on meet host club affiliation	Policy & Procedures 5.5	
R-5	To allow Meet Hosts and Officials to negotiate pay for unscheduled meets without restriction	Policy & Procedures 5.5	
R-6	To allow the Championship Committee to select their own chair from amongst active members.	Policy & Procedures 5.5	
R-7	To modify the Lake Erie Scratch Rule regarding the penalty for a swimmer failing to compete to be less restrictive	Policy & Procedures 5.7	
R-8	To give the Permanent Office the vote and chair of the Elaine Miller Committee and remove the Coach Representative.	Policy & Procedures 9.2	

Block B			
No.	Description	Location	Board of Directors Recommendation
HK-1	To align with the mandate from USA Swimming regarding certifying officials.	Policy & Procedures 10.3 Policy & Procedures 10.4	
HK-2	To align with the naming convention of World Aquatics	LESI Bylaws Article 1 LESI Bylaws Article 14	
HK-3	To align with the naming convention of World Aquatics	Policy & Procedures 1.3 Policy & Procedures 6.1	



PACKET OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
LAKE ERIE SWIMMING POLICY &
PROCEDURES SPRING 2025

R-1	ACTION	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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1 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
2 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
3 **Purpose:** To align our Policy and Procedure with current practice for scheduling meets.
4 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
5 **Effective Date:** Immediately
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8 5.1 Scheduling

- 9 .1 The Scheduling Technical Planning Committee shall publish a series of meets/events
10 ~~to be conducted on certain days/weekends for the fall/winter season and for the summer~~
11 ~~season. Summer meets shall be bid the preceding Fall. Fall/winter meets shall be bid the~~
12 ~~preceding Spring. a "Bid Application to Host a Meet."~~
13 .2 The "Bid Application to Host a Meet" form shall be submitted by the deadline published by the
14 Scheduling-Technical Planning Committee Chair.
15 .3 ~~Conflicting Bids A. Sanctioned meets generally will be given priority over approved meets.~~
16 ~~B. Where there are conflicting bids for sanctioned meets, the Site Selection Committee~~
17 ~~shall determine which bid will be awarded based on but not limited to the following~~
18 ~~criteria:-~~
19 ~~(1) What is best for the swimmers in terms of meet format and facility;~~
20 ~~(2) Ability and experience of the meet host in conducting competitions;~~
21 ~~(3) Tradition of meet (all other things being equal, priority shall be given to the~~
22 ~~bidder who conducted the competition on the same weekend in previous~~
23 ~~years); and~~
24 ~~(4) Geographic location.~~
25 ~~C. Appeal: Any member of LESI may appeal the decision of the Site Selection Committee.~~
26 ~~(1) Appeal must be made within seven (7) days of the decision of the Site~~
27 ~~Selection Committee.~~
28 ~~(2) Appeal shall be presented to the next scheduled House of Delegates or the~~
29 ~~LESI Board of Directors meeting, whichever comes first.~~
30 ~~(3) A \$50.00 filing fee, payable to LESI, shall accompany each appeal.~~
31 ~~(4) The filing fee shall be returned if the appeal is upheld, but forfeited if it is~~
32 ~~rejected. LESI Policy and Procedures January 1, 2023.~~
33 ~~D. Site Selection Committee: The Site Selection Committee shall be comprised of the Age~~
34 ~~Group Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Scheduling Committee Chair, Coach~~
35 ~~Representative, Athlete Representative, plus two (2) people appointed for that meeting~~
36 ~~by the General Chair whose clubs are not already represented on the Site Selection~~
37 ~~Committee. In case of conflict of interest or unavailability of any of these parties, the~~
38 ~~General Chair shall appoint a replacement.~~
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40 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
 41 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
 42 **Purpose:** To bring all meets in the LSC under the same sanction fee. This will be a reduction in the amount that LESI collects for
 43 scheduled meets and will allow host teams to utilize entry fees for the betterment of their athletes.
 44 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
 45 **Effective Date:** Immediately

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 48 5.2 Sanctions

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 50 .1-.3 [no changes]

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 52 .4 Sanction and Surcharge Fees

- 53 A. Surcharge: Except as otherwise stated in these Policies & Procedures; a meet surcharge of \$3.00 per
 54 swimmer shall be levied at each sanctioned meet.
 55 B. For all sanctioned meets swam in LESI ~~where an entry fee is charged, except as otherwise specified~~
 56 ~~below, the sanction fee for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of~~
 57 ~~the meet shall be 20% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied~~
 58 ~~by the published entry fee. For all other meet hosts, the sanction fee shall be 25% of the entry income as~~
 59 ~~defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. the sanction fee~~
 60 ~~for meet hosts shall be 1 dollar per splash and scratch.~~
 61 C. ~~For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$100.00 and no~~
 62 ~~swimmer surcharge.~~

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 64 5.3 Approvals

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 66 .1-.4 [no changes]

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 68 .5 Approval and Surcharge Fees

- 69 A. Excepting YMCA meets, there shall be a meet surcharge of \$3.00 per swimmer at meets that
 70 are hosted by an LESI member club.
 71 B. For all sanctioned meets swam in LESI, ~~other than YMCA, where an entry fee is charged, the~~
 72 ~~approval fee shall be 20% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches~~
 73 ~~multiplied by the published entry fee. the sanction fee for meet hosts shall be 1 dollar per splash~~
 74 ~~and scratch.~~
 75 C. ~~For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat approval fee of \$100.00 and~~
 76 ~~no swimmer surcharge.~~
 77 D. ~~For YMCA approved meets, a \$100 fee will be assessed upon application.~~

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79 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
 80 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
 81 **Purpose:** To align the number of officials with USA Swimming's requirements. Also, to allow the Meet Director to have a say in any
 82 additional officials assigned to a meet.
 83 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
 84 **Effective Date:** Immediately

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 86 5.5 Officials

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 88 .1 The minimum number of certified officials per session at any meet sanctioned by LESI shall be ~~determined by~~
 89 ~~the LESI Officials Chair based on the entry, facility, format, and events for that meet. in accordance with USA~~
 90 ~~Swimming minimum requirements. Any additional official assignments to a meet must be approved by the Meet~~
 91 ~~Director.~~
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93 .4 Meet Hosts shall be responsible for finding their own officials for meets not on the schedule approved
94 by the House of Delegates [Unscheduled Meets]. The number and certification levels of the officials
95 required for the meets shall be ~~determined by the LESI Officials Chair or designee~~ in accordance with
96 USA Swimming minimum requirements. Any additional official assignments to a meet must be
97 approved by the Meet Director.
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99 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
100 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
101 **Purpose:** Meets should be easier to hold, not more difficult. This also provides an incentive for meet hosts to continue recruiting
102 more new officials.
103 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
104 **Effective Date:** Immediately

105
106 5.5 Officials

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108 ~~.2 No more than 50% of the deck officials at a meet or time trial sanctioned by LESI shall be affiliated in any~~
109 ~~manner with the host club (as an officer, relative of swimmer or coach, or otherwise) unless sufficient numbers of~~
110 ~~other officials are unavailable.~~
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112 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
113 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
114 **Purpose:** Meet Hosts and officials can negotiate amongst themselves. They are not assigned, but rather choosing to participate in a
115 meet and should be allowed to choose their rate of pay.
116 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
117 **Effective Date:** Immediately

118
119 5.5 Officials

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121 .4 Officials pay for unscheduled meets shall be negotiated between the meet host and the officials, ~~but~~
122 ~~any minimum shall be in accordance with Appendix B, as approved by the House of Delegates.~~
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R-6	ACTION	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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124 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
125 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
126 **Purpose:** To allow the Championship Committee to select their own chair from amongst active members.
127 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends _____.*
128 **Effective Date:** Immediately

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130 5.6 LESI Championships

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132 .1 The Championship Meet Committee shall be comprised of the Senior Vice-Chair, the Age Group
133 Vice-Chair, the Senior and Junior Coach Representatives, the Technical Planning Chair, the Officials Chair,
134 the Meet Directors and Meet Referees from the immediate previous winter/spring or summer, as
135 appropriate, Senior and Age Group Championship Meets, the Junior and Senior Athlete Representatives,
136 and a sufficient number of additional athletes appointed by the Senior Athlete Representative to comprise at
137 least 20% of the committee membership. ~~The Officials Chair shall serve as chair of the committee. The~~
138 Chair of the committee shall be determined by a vote of the membership of the committee.
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140 A. The ~~Officials~~ Chair shall convene the Championship Meet Committee in a timely manner such that
141 winter/spring championship meet formats are completed by July 31 immediately preceding the

142 winter/spring season and the summer championship meet formats are completed by April 1
143 immediately preceding the summer season
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R-7	ACTION	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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145 **Location:** Section 5 Administrative and Technical Rules of Competition
146 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
147 **Purpose:** The current penalty is overly punitive; This would align with a more appropriate penalty for missing an event.
148 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends* _____.
149 **Effective Date:** Immediately
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151 5.7 Conduct of Sanction Competitions

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153 .1-.14 [no changes]

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155 .15 Meets sanctioned in Lake Erie shall be conducted employing either the LESI scratch rule or the national
156 scratch rule.

157 A. National Scratch Rule (see 207.11 of the USA Swimming Rulebook).

158 B. LESI Scratch Rule

159 (1)-(3) [no changes]

160 (4) Scratching from Finals

161 (a) Any swimmer qualifying for a bonus, consolation, or championship final race in an individual
162 event who fails to compete in said final race shall be barred from their next individual
163 preliminary event ~~further competition for the remainder of the meet~~, except as noted below in
164 "Exceptions for Failure to Compete." If such failure to compete occurs on the swimmer's last
165 day of the meet, the swimmer's club shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) by LESI. If the
166 swimmer is not a member of a USA Swimming member club, the swimmer shall be fined
167 \$25.00. A declared false start or deliberate delay of meet is not permitted and will be
168 regarded as a failure to compete.
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R-8	ACTION	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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170 **Location:** Section 9 Elaine Miller Fund
171 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
172 **Purpose:** To give the Permanent Office the vote and chair of the Elaine Miller Committee and remove the Coach Representative.
173 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends* _____.
174 **Effective Date:** Immediately
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176 9.2 The Elaine Miller Committee shall consist of the Finance Vice-Chair, the Treasurer, and the Permanent Office
177 ~~one (1) Coach Representative, and one (1) Athlete Representative~~. The LESI permanent office shall also be
178 ~~represented on the committee in a non-voting capacity~~ the chair of the committee.
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180 **Location:** Section 10 Officials
181 **Proposed by:** Vince Colwell, LESI General Chair
182 **Purpose:** To align with the mandate from USA Swimming regarding certifying officials.
183 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends* _____.
184 **Effective Date:** Immediately
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186 10.3 Certification of Officials

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188 .1 [no changes]

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190 .2 Certification shall be granted in accordance with the standards and procedures established and published
191 by ~~the Officials Committee~~. USA Swimming.
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193 10.4 Recertification shall be determined and administered in accordance with the guidelines, standards, and
194 procedures established and published by ~~the Officials Committee~~ USA Swimming.
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196 **Location: Article 1 Name, Objective, Territory and Jurisdiction**

197 **Article 14 Conventions and Definitions**

198 **Proposed by:** Zach Toothman, LESI Legislation Chair

199 **Purpose:** To align with the naming convention of World Aquatics

200 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends* _____.

201 **Effective Date:** Immediately

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203 1.2 OBJECTIVES - The objectives and primary purpose of LESI shall be the education, instruction and training of
204 individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming. LESI shall promote swimming for
205 the benefit of swimmers of all ages and abilities, in accordance with the standards, rules, regulations, policies and
206 procedures of ~~FINA~~ World Aquatics, USA Swimming, and LESI and its Articles of Incorporation.

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208 14.2 Definitions

209 .9 ~~FINA World Aquatics- the Federation Internationale de Natation~~, the international governing body for the
210 sport of swimming.

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HK-3	ACTION	Adopted	Defeated	Adopted/Amended	Tabled	Postponed	Pulled
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212 **Location: Section 1 Jurisdiction**

213 **Section 6 Records and Swimmer Recognition**

214 **Proposed by:** Zach Toothman, LESI Legislation Chair

215 **Purpose:** To align with the naming convention of World Aquatics

216 **Recommendation:** *The Board of Directors recommends* _____.

217 **Effective Date:** Immediately

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219 1.3 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, the Rules for Competitive Swimming of ~~the Federation Internationale~~
220 ~~de Natation (FINA)~~ World Aquatics, LESI Bylaws (Bylaws) and such other rules and/or directives as may be
221 issued by or recognized by USA Swimming and/or LESI shall govern the conduct of all competition sanctioned or
222 approved by LESI and other activities mentioned herein.

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224 6.1 LESI Event Records

225 .1 An event record may be achieved by any athlete member of USA Swimming or his/her nation's ~~FINA World~~
226 ~~Aquatics~~-member organization who swims the time at a competition sanctioned or approved in LESI, or at
227 any meet approved for USA Swimming observation in LESI where the swim is observed and approved for
228 conformance to USA Swimming technical rules, provided that the swimmer is a member of USA Swimming
229 or his/her nation's ~~FINA World Aquatics~~ member organization at the time of the swim.

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