



The mission of the Eastern Zone is: To develop a unified organization designed to work in cooperation with the LSCs to support and promote the Eastern Zone Swimming Membership.

Eastern Zone Directors Report

EZ Fall General Meeting – September 27, 2018

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EZ DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The committee continues to strive to make the sport of swimming more inclusive in nature and more diverse in constitution and more representative of the EZ population base. A prime example is exploring the possibility of an Officials & Coaches Outreach or Assistance Criteria - The world of volunteerism is an ever-evolving challenge, initially getting adults to consider becoming volunteers and then encouraging volunteers to remain involved after their athletes move on. The potential inclusion of non-athletes into the LSC Outreach program would serve as a new, previously untapped source of potential volunteerism. The committee's continued challenge is to activate the D & I representatives within all 12 EZ LSC's to support the athletes and provide programming. To date they have achieved 11 LSC's participating therefore well on their way to achieving full participation.

The EZ extends its gratitude to Nadine Johnson-Jesioneck and the entire EZ D&I Committee for their ongoing commitment to "think outside the box" and make our sport a sport for all.

EZ BOARD OF REVIEW

Thank you to Ward Foley who has assumed sole responsibility as chair of the EZ Board of Review.

LSCs are asked to review their respective 2018-19 Board of Review appointees and forward candidates to **Ward Foley** gefoley@yahoo.com, **Mary Turner**, and **Tristan Formon**.

The EZ extends its gratitude to Bud Rimbault for his service to the Zone in the capacity of ZBOR Chair.

EZ TASKFORCES

The EZ extends its gratitude to the members of the EZ BUDGET TASKFORCE and the EZ SECTIONAL TASKFORCE.

2018 EZ CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

2018 Zone Open Water Championship

Saturday, June 30, 2018, Lake Quassapaug in Middlebury, CT (hosted by Shoreline Aquatic Club, CT Swimming)

Meet Referee: Dave Heller / Meet Director: Jen Lyman

Number of Athletes: 472

Number of Splashes: 474

Number of Scratches: 50

Number of Teams: 60

Number of LSC: 11

Number of male athletes entered in the 5k: 65

Number of female athletes entered in the 5k: 71

*Number of athletes entered in the 2k combined:
255*

*Number of athletes entered in the Mini combined:
83*

2018 Long Course Senior Zone Championship

August 2-5, 2018, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)

Meet Referee: Jan van Nimwegen / Meet Director: Phil Aronica

Athletes: 455 (around 100 fewer than last year)

Relays: 39

Total Splashes: 1762 (first round)

Number of Improved Times: 443 (about 25%)

Number of Meet Records / Re-Broken: 7

2018 Long Course Age Group Championship

August 8-11, 2018, Richmond, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

Meet Referee: Bob Rustin / Meet Director: Lori Hopewell

Teams: 12

Athletes: 946 Total, 472 Women, 474 Men

First Round Splashes: 3897 (379 Relays)

New Meet Records: 25

Improved Times: 47% (HyTek Meet Manager)

The EZ extends its gratitude to the meet hosts, meet directors, meet referees and entire officiating crews for their efforts in creating the most optimal competitive environment for participating EZ Athletes.

2019 EZ CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

2019 Short Course Age Group Championship: April 3-6, 2019, Webster, NY (hosted by Fairport Swimming)

2019 Speedo Sectionals Spring Long Course: March 28-31, 2019, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)

2019 Speedo Sectionals Region 2 (South): March 28-31, 2019, Christiansburg, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

2019 Speedo Sectionals Region 1 (North): March 28-31, 2019, Ithaca, NY (hosted by Syracuse Chargers)

2019 IM Extreme Games-NE: January 25-27, 2019, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (hosted by Potomac Marlins)

2019 Long Course Age Group Championship: August 7-10, 2019, Richmond, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

2019 Long Course Senior Zone Championship: August 1-4, 2019, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)

2019 Speedo Sectionals Long Course "Super Sectional": No Bids Received

2019 Zone Open Water Championship: TBD

EZ DOCUMENTS

The following documents have been updated on www.easternzoneswimming.org > **DOCUMENTS**

[Eastern Zone Past Zone Directors](#)

[Eastern Zone Service Award Recipients](#)

[Eastern Zone Meeting Locations within the Zone](#)

All members are requested to review the documents for accuracy and advise of any omissions.

UPDATES FROM USA SWIMMING BOARD MEETING:

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Update to Situations and Resolutions: Work on the updates are ongoing with completion expected by the end of the year.

Officials Clinic/Workshop: The officials training workshop will be in San Antonio over the weekend of October 19. As in previous years, the program covers a broad range of topics and is geared to give the participants exposure and education on each position on the deck as well as meet management.

TIMES & RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Records: There were 53 NAG records (15 LC and 38 SC) records broken during the 2017-2018 season. There were 2 World records, 38 American records (26 individual and 12 relay), 41 US Open records (34 individual and 7 relay) and 5 World Junior records set during the 2017-2018 season.

Scholastic All Americans: There were 1622 successful applicants for the 2017-2018 season. This is compared to 1158 the previous year. This was the third year using the Winter Junior Time Standards. This was the first year 9th graders were eligible, resulting in 239 successful applications from this grade.

USA SWIMMING FINANCE UPDATE

USA Swimming is doing well from a financial perspective. The USA Swimming total portfolio performance of +.56% for the second quarter and .03% year-to-date beat the benchmark. The portfolio has outperformed the benchmark for the one, three, and five-year periods ended June 30, 2018. Per the 2Q Financial Statements: overall membership numbers are down some. The USA Swimming staff has been extremely responsible in managing the budget resulting in significant savings in expenditures.

The Board of Directors of USA Swimming designated \$1,500,000 of reserves to fund SwimAssist costs that exceed the operating budget for such expenses in any given fiscal year after 2018. (These funds will come out of the proceeds realized from the sale of USSIC.) The Board of Directors of USA Swimming approved the spending of up to \$750,000 of undesignated reserves for expenses related to abuse investigations by United States Senate and House of Representatives and implementation of unbudgeted safe sport expenses in 2018.

USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION FINANCE UPDATE

Q2 2018 Highlights:

\$930,903 fundraising, comparing well to \$850,000 budget for full year. Swim-a-thon receipts, up from 2017 AND Make A Splash grants tracking ahead of 2017.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee is being sunset effective with this year's House of Delegates meeting as part of the overall governance transition. The LSC Bylaws Task Force will be hosting a session at convention to provide the opportunity for attendees to ask questions or raise issues relative to the LSC Bylaws changes coming before the House of Delegates during Saturday's session.

NATIONAL BOARD OF REVIEW

There are no active cases before the National Board of Review nor are there any appeals to the Board of Directors at this time.

SAFE SPORT COMMITTEE

Safe Sport Mission: *To inspire a culture of athlete and member protection at all levels of USA Swimming.*

2018 ASCA World Clinic Safe Sport Presentation: was the first ever Safe Sport presentation at ASCA: "Coaches – you are part of the team". Presenters: Paul Lundsten, Meaghan Murphy, Kathleen Prindle, Greg York, Liz Hahn (moderator)

Safe Sport Designated Club Program Subcommittee: Rationale: To advance the culture of Safe Sport at the Club level and increase the participation of Parents and Athletes in Safe Sport training initiatives / Policy revisions, criteria revisions and Club Safe Sport Checklist completed.

Train the Trainers Planning Team: Rationale: to create a pool of qualified Safe Sport Trainer volunteers available to provide In-person training to LSCs, Clubs, Camps, Swimposiums, etc., supplementing the Safe Sport Staff / Develop training curriculum / Identify and train volunteers / Seek budget support from USA Swimming BOD

Assessment of personnel and budget support needs for advancement of the USA Swimming Safe Sport:
Additional USA Swimming Safe Sport Staff / IT support: Safe Sport program development and Safe Sport Modules for LEARN Online Course Library.

USA SWIMMING MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SPORT DEVELOPMENT

Joel Shinofield, former Executive Director of College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America's (CSCAA), has been named new Managing Director of Sport Development. He will be responsible for overseeing the Sport Development Division within the Technical Business Unit and executing a strategic plan that enhances the development and education of athletes, coaches, clubs and Local Swimming Committees (LSC) across all levels of the sport in the U.S.

COMPETITIVE SUCCESS

One of the stated goals in this category is USA Swimming is a recognized leader in promoting a clean sport environment. To this end, work is underway to add the **USADA Anti-Doping Training** to the LEARN platform which would provide additional resources on this topic to teams throughout the nation. Teams, coaches and athletes attending training camps at the USOTC already have access to this level of education.

OLYMPIC TRIALS JUNE 21 - 28, 2020

Mike Unger reported that preparations are moving along well. Trials will be 8 days, 10:00am Prelim / 6:45-7:00pm Final in Omaha versus the 9 day format with Prelims in the evening and Finals in the morning in Tokyo.

2019-2020 SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2019 May 3-5 Open Water Championships:** Miami Marine Stadium, Miami, FL
- 2019 Aug 8-11, Futures:** Spire Institute, Geneva, OH
- 2019 July 31-Aug 4 Phillips 66 National Championships:** Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2019 Aug 6-10 Speedo Junior Nationals:** Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2019 Dec 4-7 Winter National Championships:** Ga Tech, Atlanta, GA
- 2019 Dec 11-14 Speedo Winter Junior Champs:** Ga Tech, Atlanta, GA
- 2020 Aug 4-8 US Open/Junior Nationals:** IUPUI Natatorium, Indianapolis, IN

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Risk Management Manual has been updated and now includes a guide for LSC Board succession planning.

HURRICANE FLORENCE RESOLUTION

A resolution will be presented at the House of Delegates to grant an exception to the 120-day rule for athletes displaced by Hurricane Florence.

APPROVED CHANGES TO POLICY MANUAL:

TIMES MANUAL: A proposal was approved to include times from Paralympic meets in SWIMS for athletes registered with USA Swimming at the time of the swim. US Paralympics will send the meet results to the TIMES Chair or designee for uploading into SWIMS.

ATHLETES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Board approved the updated Athletes' Executive (AEC) and Athletes' Committee Operating Policy Manual.

USA SWIMMING BYLAW CHANGES

The USA Swimming BOD approved changes to the Corporate Bylaws which can be found on the following pages.