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**WORKING DRAFT  
PENDING APPROVAL BY  
CHAIRMAN  
RULES AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**USA SWIMMING  
RULES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEES**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES - OCTOBER 3, 1998**

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HK-1 ACTION: Adopted

Location: PAGE 12 GLOSSARY

*Add the following at the bottom of page 12:*

**WARNING SIGNAL** -- a starting pistol, bell, whistle, air horn, or other appropriate audible device.

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Informational item adopted under the authority of Section 516.1.1 of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

Location: PAGE 14 101.1 BREASTSTROKE

**101.1 BREASTSTROKE**

**.5 Finish** -- At the finish, the body shall be on the breast and the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above, or below the water surface. ~~The body shall be on the breast and the shoulders in line with the water surface.~~ The head may be submerged ..... [no further change]

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Informational item adopted under the authority of Section 516.1.1 of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

Location: PAGE 14 101.2 BUTTERFLY

**101.2 BUTTERFLY**

**.5 Finish** - At the finish, the body shall be on the breast and the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above, or below the water surface. ~~The body shall be on the breast and the shoulders in line with the water surface.~~

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HK-2 ACTION: Adopted

Location: PAGE 18 102.4 RELAYS

**102.4 RELAYS**

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46 .9 First and last names of ~~competing~~ eligible relay swimmers, their ages and ~~their~~ order of swimming shall be ~~declared~~  
47 submitted on a Relay Entry form to the Clerk of Course (if used) or to the Head Lane Timer. Any changes in names of  
48 the competing swimmers or their order of swimming must be declared to the Head Lane Timer immediately prior to the  
49 start of the ~~relay~~ heat in which such relay team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.  
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HK-3 ACTION: Adopted

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53 **Location:** PAGE 18-19 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS .... etc.  
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55 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS -- SEEDING -- COUNTERS -- ORDER OF HEATS  
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57 .1 **Preliminary Heats When Finals are Scheduled** -- In order to assure seeded positions, ...shall be placed at the end of  
58 the list by draw. Swimmers shall be ~~placed~~ seeded in lanes under the procedure outlined for finals seeding in 102.5.3.  
59 Swimmers shall be ~~placed~~ seeded in heats according to submitted times in the following manner:

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61 *[no further change in section]*  
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HK-4 ACTION: Adopted

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66 **Location:** PAGE 23 102.9 COSTUME  
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68 102.9 ~~COSTUME~~ SWIMWEAR  
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70 .1 ~~Swimmer's costume~~ The swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of  
71 appropriate. The Referee shall have the authority to bar offenders ~~under this rule~~ from competition, until they ~~appear~~  
72 properly costumed comply with this rule.  
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74 .3 **Advertising**  
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76 A *[No change until the last sentence]* Offenders may be barred from competition ~~under this rule~~, until they ~~appear~~  
77 properly costumed comply with this rule.  
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HK-5 ACTION: Adopted

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82 **Location:** PAGE 23 ARTICLE 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS  
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84 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS  
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86 .1 A disqualification can be made only by the official within whose jurisdiction the infraction has been committed. Except  
87 for the Relay Take-off Judges when dual confirmation relay take-off judging, as provided in 102.16.6B, is used, the  
88 Referee, stroke, turn, or relay take-off judge upon observing an infraction, within his/her jurisdiction shall immediately  
89 raise one hand overhead with an open palm. If the official does not do so, there shall be no disqualification.  
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HK-6 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 24 102.11 PROTESTS

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**102.11 PROTESTS**

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.5 A. Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One of the USS Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chairman of the ~~National~~ USS Rules & Regulations Committee who shall .....  
*[no further change]*

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HK-7 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 25-26 ARTICLE 102.12 OFFICIALS

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**102.12.5 Officials for USS Championships**

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~~E All officials listed in 102.12.5B and .5C who are assigned for USS Championships must be members of USS.~~

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HK-8 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 27 102.14 STARTER

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A. The Starter, upon receiving clearance from the Referee (for all events except backstroke and medley relay) directs swimmers to step on to the starting block or platform and remain there. Refer to 101.3.1 for backstroke start requirements.

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B. After the Referee's whistle, the Starter instructs the swimmers and directs them to "take your mark", to which they must immediately respond by assuming a starting position ~~by moving with~~ at least one foot ~~to~~ at the front of the starting block or platform.

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C. At all USS Championship meets as defined in Article 206.1, the following ~~FINA~~ starting procedures shall be used:  
*[No change in balance of section]*

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HK-9 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 29-30 ARTICLE 102.16 JUDGES

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**102.16 JUDGES**

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.7 **Infraction Signal** -- ~~Upon observing an infraction within his/her jurisdiction, the Referee, stroke, turn, or relay take-off judge shall immediately raise one hand overhead with open palm. If the official does not do so, there shall be no disqualification. Exception: Relay take-off judges as outlined in 102.16.6B. See Rule 102.10.1 DISQUALIFICATIONS for the infraction signal.~~

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HK-10 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 30 TABLE RE TIMING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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140 Move table from top of page 30 to position immediately prior to Section 102.17.4 C (page 33).  
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HK-11 ACTION: Adopted

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144 **Location:** PAGE 40 ARTICLE 103.11 STARTING PLATFORM  
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146 **103.11 /M/ STARTING PLATFORMS**  
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HK-12 ACTION: Adopted

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150 **Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.14 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM  
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152 **103.14 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM** -- An electronic sound generating device shall be provided .....  
153 The device shall also activate a strobe light, or similar ~~optical~~ visual signal, located on the starter's side of the course  
154 approximately 15 feet forward from the starting end, to indicate the start to manual timers and ~~hearing-impaired deaf and hard~~  
155 of hearing swimmers. The start system may include an underwater recall speaker and gun lap signal option.  
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HK-13 ACTION: Adopted

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159 **Location:** PAGE 43-44 104.2 UNITED STATES SWIMMING (INC.) RECORDS  
160 PAGE 44-45 104.2.2 American and United States Open Records  
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162 (Pages 43-44)  
163 **104.2 UNITED STATES SWIMMING (INC.) RECORDS**  
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165 **.1 General Requirements and Conditions for Records**  
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167 H To be eligible for a record .....all tied swimmers shall share the faster time of such finish. The requirement  
168 to win the heat does not apply when age or representation ~~are condition to~~ is a condition for setting LSC or Age  
169 Group records, or to a U.S. citizen setting an American record in competition with non-U.S. citizens, or when  
170 achieved ~~as~~ in the lead-off leg in a relay race or at an initial distance.  
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172 (Pages 44-45)  
173 **104.2.2 American and United States Open Records**  
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175 **C Special Requirements and Conditions**  
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177 (2) When a record is claimed, , [insert comma] an official ..... [no further changes]

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Informational item adopted under the authority of Section 516.1.1 of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

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**Location:** PAGE 44 SECTION 104.2.2  
USA SWIMMING RECORDS

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**104.2.2 B Recognized Distances and Strokes**

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(3) **Long Course** – Made only over courses 55 yards or 50 meters long

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Freestyle ..... 50-100-200-400-800-1500 meters

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Backstroke ..... 50-100-200 meters

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Breaststroke ..... 50-100-200 meters

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Butterfly ..... 50-100-200 meters

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*(No change in balance of section)*

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HK-14 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 50 SECTION 105.5.3

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.3 **Turns/Finishes** -- Touches shall be judged .....Swimmers with no arms or with upper limbs too short to stretch above the head may touch the wall with any part of the upper body ~~provided the shoulders remain horizontal with the water surface .~~

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HK-15 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 51-52 202.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION

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**202.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION**

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.12 For the sole purpose of improving competitive swimming, and with the written approval of the USS Rules Committee and the Legislation & Regulations Committee of United States Swimming, an LSC may sanction events or meets for which waivers of specific provisions of Parts One or Two of USS Rules and Regulations have been granted for limited periods and under specified conditions. ~~For purpose of issuing Official Verification Cards, the LSC OVC Official shall be responsible to ascertain that the conduct of competition conforms to all applicable USS rules and standards unless waivers granted by the LSC have also received written approval of the USS Verification Control Officer.~~

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HK-16 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 62 SECTION 205.10

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**205.10 REGIONAL MEETS** -- The LSCs may make arrangements to compete on a regional basis in accordance with the regional alignment as listed in Appendix 6-~~C~~ C.

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HK-17 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 74 SECTION 206.9.14 Relay Entries

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**206.9.14 Relay Entries**

C ~~Composite~~ Team time and aggregate time relays .... (no further change)

R-1 ACTION: Withdrawn

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R-2 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 17 ARTICLE 102.1 EVENTS

**102.1. EVENTS**

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**.3 CONSOLIDATED EVENTS** -- As a local option, an LSC may sanction freestyle events 400 meters/500 yards and longer, 200 yard/meter backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and the 400 ~~IM~~ individual medley seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' ages or gender, in the order of submitted entry times. Places, awards, and published results for these events may be separate for each age group and gender.

R-3 ACTION: Withdrawn -- to be revised and resubmitted in 1999 by the Rules & Regulations Committee

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R-4 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 29 ARTICLE 102.15 RECALL STARTER

**102.15 RECALL STARTER** -- A Recall Starter may be assigned to immediately discharge a recall sound device (a) if automatic equipment is not properly functioning on the starting signal, ~~or (b)~~ if a false start has been observed, and (c) to assist the Starter in any desired manner. The position of the Recall Starter and the type of signal to be used for the recall shall be made known to the swimmers. ~~He/she may also be assigned to assist the starter in any desired manner.~~ A Recall Starter shall be mandatory in USS Championships.

R-5 ACTION: Defeated

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R-6 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE

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**103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE** -- A recall rope to be dropped across the course in case of a false start shall be provided approximately ~~36 feet (11 meters)~~ 15 meters (49 feet) from the starting end in both short course and ~~49 feet (15 meters)~~ in long course competition. *[No further change]*

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R-7 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE

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**103.15** Change the designation "NC" to "M".

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RL-1 ACTION: Withdrawn

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RL-2 ACTION: Withdrawn

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RL-3 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 60 ARTICLE 205.2 FACILITIES

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EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000:

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~~**205.2.3** During the period September 1 through April 30, USS Championships and international events shall be conducted indoors.~~

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RL-4 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 61-62 ARTICLE 205.7 METHOD OF GRANTING AWARD

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**205.7.4 A** For the USS Junior Championships, Program Operations shall consider only those bids presented by the Site Selection/Facilities Committee at the annual meeting and award of contract shall be finalized at that time. ~~Preference shall be given to bids from within a Junior Championship area. Bids from outside an area may be sought if there is no bid from within an area.~~ Awards may be made without regard to geographical area.

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RL-5 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 60 ARTICLE 205.4 DATES

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To be effective as soon as possible, i.e., for meets already awarded or out for bid would depend on facility availability.

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**205.4 DATES**

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- .1 Spring USS National Championships -- To ~~start the Wednesday~~ end the Saturday following the NCAA Division I Men's Championship.

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RL-6 ACTION: Referred to Senior Committee for resubmittal in 1999.

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RL-7 ACTION: The following substitute Resolution was adopted.

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RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
 OF USA SWIMMING ESTABLISHING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

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BE IT RESOLVED that USA Swimming establish a series of Club Sectional Championships and a USA Swimming Club National Championship beginning in the year 2001;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meets be established in accordance with the following concepts:

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<b>(Up to 16) USA SWIMMING SECTIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS            (Effective Spring 2001)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	At least two weeks prior to the National Club Championship
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Any athlete meeting "Sectional Club Championships Meet" qualifying time standard in an individual event may participate in the meet.
<b>Format:</b>	3-day modified meet format to be developed and conducted by each section. Sectional alignments will be determined by the Zones.
<b>Time Standards:</b>	Time standards shall be designed to yield no less than 400 swimmers at each site. Sites to be determined by each Section.
<b>Scoring:</b>	Top 3 Men's and Women's Teams; Top 16 individual events; Top 16 relay events.
<b>Awards:</b>	Top 3 Men's and Women's Teams; Top 8 individual events; Top 8 relay events.

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<b>USA SWIMMING NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Effective Spring 2001)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Third weekend in March.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	The Top 3 Men's and Women's teams from the Sectional Club Championship Meets plus any athlete meeting the National Qualifying time standard in an individual event may participate in the meet.  Team size is limited to 10 men, 10 women. If all members of a team have individual National Qualifying times, team size may be increased to include additional athletes with National Qualifying Time. Relay only swimmers who actually achieve the National Qualifying Time in a relay event will not count against the 10 individual athlete limit. They will not be permitted to swim in individual events.  4-day modified meet format to be conducted in two courses.
<b>Format:</b>	In the first, second and third year of the quadrennium, the meet will be conducted SCY. In the fourth year of the quadrennium, the meet will be conducted LCM.
<b>Time Standards:</b>	Athletes with National Qualifying times and those who qualified on the Top 3 Men's and Top 3 Women's teams from each Section, may swim any event in which they meet the "Junior Championship" time standard for individual events. The 10 advancing swimmers from the Top 3 Men's and Top 3 Women's Sectional Club Championship teams are allowed one entry that does not meet the Junior Championship Time Standard, if they have not qualified in an individual event.
<b>Entries:</b>	Swimmers may enter and compete in four individual events in which they qualify. Relays must meet the National Qualifying Time standard. The top 3 teams from each section may swim one non-qualified relay if they do not have a qualified relay.  Top 3 Men's and Top 3 Women's Teams; Top 16 individual events; Top 16 relay events.
<b>Scoring:</b>	Top 3 Men's and Top 3 Women's Teams; Top 8 individual events; Top 8 relay events.
<b>Awards:</b>	

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules and Regulations Committee shall draft, for presentation to the House of Delegates next year, revised Sections 205 and 206 to define these Championships.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a note be inserted in the 1999 rule book that summarizes this resolution.

RL-8 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 71 ARTICLE 206.7 AWARDS

**206.7.2 Individual and Relay Awards**

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RL-9 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 72 ARTICLE 206.9 ENTRIES  
PAGE 107 ARTICLE 303 REPRESENTATION

*Move existing Section 303.8 (page 107) to 206.9 (page 72) and revise as follows:*

**206.9 ENTRIES**

.2 [New section] An unattached swimmer shall be identified in competition with the LSC in which the swimmer is registered, ~~his/her club, or his/her place of residence, as specified in the meet entry information.~~

*[Renumber subsequent sections]*

RL-10 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 74-75 ARTICLE 206.11.2 Relay Events

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.2 **Relay Events** -- *[no change in first paragraph]*

The time of any swimmer recorded while legally representing a USS club, secondary school, college or university within the appropriate time frame may be used in proving an aggregate relay entry time and that swimmer does not need to be entered in the championship in question ~~or currently representing that club.~~

RL-11 ACTION: Adopted

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**Location:** PAGE 77-78 APPENDIX 2-A USS Official Verification Card (OVC) System

**Relays** (paragraph 5, page 77)

Relay entry times can be proved two ways, i.e. with a "team" relay time or an "aggregate" relay time.

A team relay time (add underline) is one which is achieved by four swimmers who swim a qualifying time in a relay event. The four swimmers ..... regardless of which four attached swimmers from the club actually compete. A team relay time which equals or betters a National qualifying time may be used to enter a relay at Juniors if, on the date of the swim, (1) each of the four swimmers met the Junior class eligibility requirements (206.3), and (2) each of the swimmers who achieved the time did not have a current National qualifying time in the individual event corresponding to their leg of the relay.

*Paragraph 1, page 78:*

An aggregate relay time (add underline) consists of times from four separate individual event swims which are added up to equal a qualifying time. ~~All four swimmers must be attached to the same club when the election is made to use this time to qualify a relay.~~ The four swimmers whose individual entry times are used to qualify an aggregate relay, shall be attached to the same club at the time the official championship meet relay entry form is submitted. If a Junior Championship ..... Also, for "aggregate" relays at Junior championships, it is possible for the total time to add up to a Nationals (delete "s") .... *[no change in balance of section]*

L-1 ACTION: Adopted

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**PART THREE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, CODE OF CONDUCT**

388 *[new wording]*

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390 **ARTICLE 301 MEMBER RIGHTS**

391 Action: NONE: Keep in Part Three as Article 301.

392 **ARTICLE 302 ATHLETE REGISTRATION**

393 Action NONE Keep in Part Three as Article 302

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395 **[ARTICLE 303 REPRESENTATION**

396 Action: **Move** to Part Two as Article 203 (and renumber subsequent Articles)].

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398 **ARTICLE 3043 ELIGIBILITY**

399 Action: NONE: Keep in Part Three as Article 303.

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404 L-2 ACTION: Adopted as Amended on the Floor

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406 **ARTICLE 304 [new] CODE OF CONDUCT**

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408 **305.1.** The mission of USA Swimming is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence  
409 in all aspects of swimming. USA Swimming grants the privilege of membership to individuals  
410 and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be  
411 withdrawn or denied by USA Swimming at any time where USA Swimming determines that a  
412 member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or  
413 the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

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415 In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming,  
416 USA Swimming has adopted this Code of Conduct.

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418 **305.2.** Any member or prospective member of USA Swimming may be denied membership,  
419 censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or  
420 without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Swimming if such member violates the  
421 provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, set forth in 305.3, or aids, abets or  
422 encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USS Code of Conduct.

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424 **305.3.** The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

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426 .1 Violation of the right to compete provisions set forth in Sections 301.1 through 301.4.

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428 .2 Violation of the anti-doping provisions set forth in Sections 304.4 or 304.5.

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430 .3 Discrimination in violation of Part Five of the USA Swimming Corporate Code of  
431 Regulations or any other section of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, or in violation of  
432 Section 201(b)(6) of the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USS must provide: "an equal

433 opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to  
434 participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color,  
435 religion, age, sex, or national origin";  
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437 .4 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at  
438 any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any  
439 offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances,  
440 or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct;  
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442 .5 Any sexual contact or advance directed towards an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, or  
443 other person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete;  
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445 .6 The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance  
446 listed on FINA's recognized list of banned substances;  
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448 .7 The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a  
449 person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over, that athlete;  
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451 .8 The providing of alcohol to an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, manager or any other  
452 person where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the  
453 state where the alcohol is provided;  
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455 .9 The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by a coach, official,  
456 trainer of, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over, that  
457 athlete;  
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459 .10 Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of swimming, is in a  
460 position of authority over that athlete;  
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462 .11 Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Swimming-related  
463 activity.  
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465 .12 Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening  
466 language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made  
467 by such official in connection with a USA Swimming-sanctioned competition;  
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469 .13 Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer,  
470 representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either  
471 through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise  
472 encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to  
473 compete for or become a member of the swim club with which the acting party is affiliated,  
474 unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete from the  
475 coach of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the  
476 athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative;  
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478 .14 Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming,

479 any Zone or LSC team authority;

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481 .15 Any other act, conduct or omission which is detrimental to the image or reputation of  
482 USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.

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484 **305.4.** A complaint alleging violations of 305.12, 305.13, 305.14 and/or 305.15 of the USA  
485 Swimming Code of Conduct involving only one or more members or prospective members of  
486 one LSC, and not brought by USA Swimming shall be filed directly with the LSC. The procedure  
487 to be taken and the rules to be followed for hearing shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the LSC.  
488 Any appeal of the LSC's decision shall be made to the National Board of Review pursuant to Part  
489 Four of the USA Swimming Rules.\*

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491 **305.5.** With respect to those alleged violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct which  
492 do not fall under the parameters of Section 305.4, a complaint setting forth the allegations shall be  
493 filed with the USS President and Chairman of the National Board of Review, who shall promptly  
494 initiate a review of the matter as set forth below.

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496 .1 In those matters occurring during the course of a national or regional event, the Vice-  
497 President of Program Operations, or his/her designee, shall make the investigation and report.

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499 .2 In those matters occurring during the course of an international event, the Olympic  
500 International Operations Committee Coordinator, or his/her designee, shall make the  
501 investigation and report.

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503 .3 In those matters involving an alleged violation of 305.3.11 by a coach, the investigation  
504 shall be conducted and report made by a committee of three coaches appointed by the President.

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506 .4 In all other instances, the investigation and report shall be made by the Executive Director  
507 or his/her designee.

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509 After the initial review is completed, the President may decide to either (i) cause further  
510 investigation into the alleged violations to be conducted; (ii) seek to mediate the complaint; (iii)  
511 take interim action as set forth in 305.6. Either the President or Chairman of the National Board of  
512 Review may then decide to assign the matter to the National Board of Review for hearing or  
513 jointly decide to dismiss the complaint.

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515 (Note: \* Conforming amendments will need to be made to 401.3 and 401.7.)

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517 **305.6.** After the initial review, depending on the severity of the alleged misconduct, the President  
518 may suspend the member who is the subject of the complaint pending the outcome of the  
519 National Board of Review hearing. If an interim suspension is ordered, the National Board of  
520 Review shall conduct its hearing and publish its results within twenty-one (21) days, except as  
521 provided herein. The member who is the subject of the complaint and the complainant shall be  
522 notified of such action when the matter is referred to the National Board of Review. The review  
523 process shall then proceed as outlined in 401.6. Until such time as the National Board of Review

524 makes a decision all proceedings shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure to anyone  
525 other than the parties to the review and witnesses.

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L-3 ACTION: Adopted
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531 **ARTICLE 502** **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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533 Part A

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535 **502.6** All USA Swimming officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the  
536 Olympic International Operations Committee, the Planning Committee, the Age Group Planning  
537 Committee, the Rules & Regulations Legislation/Reregistering Committee, the  
538 Registration/Membership ... *[no change in remainder of section].*

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541 Part B

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543 **ARTICLE 509** **RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

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545 **509.1.** The USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:

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547 .1 ~~The Program Operations Vice President; the Program Development Vice President;~~  
548 ~~the Officials Committee Chairman; the Legislation Committee Chairman; the~~  
549 ~~Chairman of the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming Committee; the Chairman of~~  
550 ~~the High School Swimming (NISCA) Rules Committee; and the USS representative~~  
551 ~~to the FINA Technical Committee, or their respective designees;~~

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553 .2 A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes Committee so as to  
554 constitute twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Committee;

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556 .3 A representative, or his/her designee, from each Allied member, on condition that within  
557 thirty (30) days following the annual meeting of USS in even-numbered years the member  
558 informs USS in writing of its desire to appoint a representative;

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560 .4 Up to sixteen (16) at large members appointed by the President; and

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562 .5 The Executive Director, and others appointed by the Rules & Regulations Committee  
563 Chairman, as ex-officio members with voice but not vote.

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565 .6 Each member shall serve for a term of two years, or until ~~his/her~~ a successor is  
566 appointed or elected. All appointments to the committee shall be made following the  
567 annual meeting of USS in even-numbered years. Vacancies occurring in membership  
568 shall be filled by those persons originally selecting the member. *[Note: Last sentence*

569 *moved from 513.1]*

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571 **509.2** The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the House of Delegates, to serve  
572 two years. The chairman shall appoint a one or more secretary(ies).

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574 **509.3** The Rules & Regulations Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed  
575 amendments to ~~any technical swimming rule~~ all parts of the Code (except Part 7) and shall  
576 present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates with the committee's  
577 recommendations.

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579 **509.4** The Rules & Regulations Committee *or its designee* shall have the sole authority to  
580 officially interpret Parts One and Two (except as provided for in Article 206) of this Code, ~~and~~  
581 ~~joint authority with the Legislation Committee to officially interpret Part Two of this Code~~ and  
582 shall be responsible for all redistricting procedures for USA Swimming. [*Note: Last portion of*  
583 *addition moved from 513.5]*

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585 (*Note: Current Articles 302 and 303 are proposed (as separate legislative item) to be moved*  
586 *to Part Two to remain under the interpretive authority of the Rules & Legislation Committee.*)

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588 **509.5** [new] The Rules & Regulations Committee shall hold at least one meeting of its members  
589 each year, at a time and place approved by the Committee, for consideration of amendments and  
590 interpretations of the Code. [*Note: Language reworted from 513.4]*

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593 **ARTICLE 513** **Delete in its entirety** and renumber subsequent articles. [*The necessary*  
594 *language is now incorporated into Part B.*]

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596 **ARTICLE 516** **AMENDMENTS**

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598 **516.1** This Code may be altered, amended or repealed at an annual meeting of the USA  
599 Swimming House of Delegates as follows, except that the Rules & Regulations Committee may  
600 alter, amend or repeal any portion of Part One at any time to conform to the rules of the  
601 Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA): [*moved language from .1 below*]

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603 .1 In odd-numbered years

604 A. Part One: by a majority of the House members present and voting,

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606 [*No change to B, C or D*]

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608 **516.2** **AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**

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610 [*No changes to .1 or .2*]

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612 .3 Last Date for Proposal -- Every proposed amendment shall be submitted to the chairman  
613 of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee no later than the May 15 preceding an

614 annual meeting of the USA Swimming House of Delegates.

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616 *[Delete subsections A, B and C]*

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618 .4 Consideration, Recommendation and Report -- The Rules & Regulations Committee shall  
619 consider all proposed amendments and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of  
620 Delegates with the Committee's recommendations.

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622 *[Delete subsections A and B]*

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624 5 Procedures for Recommendations -- As a part of its consideration, the ~~respective~~ Rules &  
625 Regulations Committee is encouraged.... *[no further change to this section]*

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628 **516.5** After the deadline has expired for submission of legislation to the Rules & Regulations  
629 and Legislation Committees, new and/or additional amendments .... *[no change in balance of*  
630 *section]*

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632 *[NOTE: Organizational table on Page 134 should also be revised to reflect consolidation of*  
633 *the committees.]*

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637 L-4 ACTION: Defeated

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640 L-5 ACTION: Withdrawn

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