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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

To: Joel Shinofield (jshinofield@usaswimming.org)

Re: National Competition Program Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Shinofield,

Whereas:

1. I have received your request, dated October 1, 2025, to allow an exemption to USA Swimming Rule 102.10.3 for all competitions sanctioned by USA Swimming through the national competition program, Block Party, for the period of time from the request until September 30, 2027.
2. Specifically, the request is being made to attain a waiver of the requirement that sanctioned competitions be officiated by registered USA Swimming Officials in certain numbers and specific positions, as outlined in USA Swimming Rule 102.10.3, and instead allow for a lesser number of positions to be filled and for all positions to be able to be filled by any USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing certified as a USA Swimming Official, any USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing registered as a USA Swimming Coach, or any USA Swimming non-athlete member in good standing who is certified as a swimming official by another governing body, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, YMCA, or NFHS.
3. The purpose of this request is to help promote competitive swimming in the United States.

Accordingly:

1. Under the authority granted to me by USA Swimming Rule 202.4.14, I hereby authorize this waiver to our Rule 102.10.3 for any USA Swimming Block Party competitions conducted between the date of your request and September 30, 2027, subject to the following:
  - a. This waiver shall only apply to competitions sanctioned by USA Swimming.
  - b. This waiver shall only apply to competitions considered to be part of the Block Party national competition program.
  - c. This waiver in no way grants a waiver of 102.10.3 or any other rule for any future conduct of these, or any other similar meets, past September 30, 2027.

- d. USA Swimming shall maintain and publish guidelines for officiating these meets, which shall include the specific alternative list of officiating positions and list any requirements for persons who may fill each position. Without requiring further waiver request or notice, USA Swimming may change these guidelines in its sole discretion, so long as the effective requirements are published at the time of the conduct of a competition.
- e. The times achieved at meets conducted under this waiver shall not be eligible for National Age Group records and shall not be entered into USA Swimming's Online Meet Entry system. However, LSCs shall accept these times for championship entries by utilizing the existing time override feature, if they are using the Online Meet Entry system.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taylor J. Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taylor Rogers, Chair  
USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee

cc. Michelle Steinfeld, USA Swimming Secretary and General Counsel  
Derek Paul, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee