

USA Swimming Senior Development Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Virtual Meeting.

Present:

Absent:

Guests:

Call to Order: Jaime called the March meeting of the Senior Development Committee to order at 10:00am MT.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: n/a

- I. Approval of minutes from last meeting (summary)- *Approved with motion to add- discussion including notes about entries into OME related to pro swims.*
- II. Approval of agenda- *Approved*
- III. Addition of 50's-
 - Futures Championships:** Motion to add 50s events using event order B was passed. Discussion focused on implications for training and development, with concerns about the impact on club swimming.
 - Summer Juniors:** Approved event order with 50s added. Discussion included potential impacts on training and competition schedules.
 - Winter Juniors:** Discussion tabled for next meeting. Motion passed to add the 1000 event but not the 50s.
 - Winter US Open:** Motion passed to add 50s events. Event order discussion tabled until after Fort Lauderdale meet.
- IV. Bonus Event Rule
 - Discussion:** Addressed complexities of adding 50s as bonus events. Decided to allow two additional bonus 50s events beyond current bonus structure for Futures and Summer Juniors. Motion passed with a workaround involving policing entries by headquarters staff.
- V. Approval of Winter Meet Locations and Dates
 - 2025 Toyota US Open:** December 3-6, 2025, Austin, Texas. Motion passed.
 - 2025 Speedo Winter Juniors:** December 10-13, 2025, East in Indianapolis, Indiana, West in Austin, Texas. Motion passed.
- VI. Disability Standards-

Discussion: Susan presented a proposal for integrating para athletes into higher-level meets. Concerns about data collection and legal issues were raised. Further discussion to be held offline.

After getting feedback from athletes and coaches, we want to propose the following for further discussion:

- **Above Sectionals:** All athletes should be classified.
- **Futures:** US Paralympic Swimming Emerging Time.
- **Winter & Summer Juniors:** US Paralympic Swimming National C cut.
- **TYR Pro Series:** US Paralympic Swimming National B cut or higher.
- **Beyond TYR Pro Meets:** Para-athletes transition to closed para competitions.

We also think it would be very beneficial to strengthen collaboration and information-sharing between USA Swimming and US Paralympic Swimming to better support athletes, coaches, and officials.

VII. Club Excellence and Open Water

Proposal: Changes to open water scoring for club excellence were discussed. Proposal to align open water scoring with pool events and encourage participation. Decision on implementation timing to be made via email.

VIII. National Team Updates

Greg Meehan's Onboarding: Greg Meehan to start as National Team Director. Meeting planned in Fort Lauderdale.

Camp Report: Brendan to provide a detailed report on the recent camp, seeking feedback for future improvements.

IX. World Cup Standards

Discussion: Todd and Patrick sought feedback on club interest for World Cup participation in October, considering summer juniors vs. winter juniors cuts.

Adjournment: Jaime adjourned the April meeting of the Senior Development Committee at 11:30am MST.