

Proposed by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

OFFICIAL GLOSSARY

DISABILITY - a permanent physical, cognitive, or visual disability that substantially impacts one or more major life activities.

105.1 GENERAL

.1 **Authority** — The USA Swimming Rules & Regulations grant the Referee the authority to modify the rules for the swimmer with a disability. ~~Disability is defined as a permanent physical or cognitive disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities.~~ This section contains guidelines and suggestions for making such modifications. Reference 701.24 for Open Water competitions.

.2-.3 *[no changes]*

701.24 SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES

.1 **Authority** — The USA Swimming Rules & Regulations grant the Referee authority to modify any rule or race management procedure for a swimmer with a disability. ~~Disability is defined as a permanent physical or cognitive disability that substantially limits one or more major life activities.~~ Any such modification shall affect only the current event and does not set precedent.

.2 *[no changes]*

Proposed by the National Officials Committee

101.1 STARTS

.1 *[no change]*

.2 The Start

A-D *[no changes]*

E ~~A swimmer shall not be disqualified for an illegal starting position at the start if the race is permitted to proceed. Enforcement of the correct starting position is the responsibility of the Starter. A swimmer may be disqualified for an illegal starting position at the start of the race if the swimmer moves from a legal starting position to an illegal starting position immediately prior to or after the "take your marks" command provided that the illegal starting position exists when the signal to start the race is given. The jurisdiction regarding being in an illegal position moves to the Stroke and Turn Judges at the start of the race.~~

.3-5 *[no changes]*

Proposed by Maine Swimming

102.2 GENERAL RULES

.1-.6 *[no changes]*

.7 The above limitations on individual events apply regardless of the classification mixture or if separate meets or time trials are being conducted. These, and additional limitations on entries which may be established by the LSC's sanction or approval, shall be clearly stated in the meet announcement.

A A swimmer found, prior to seeding, to have exceeded the session, daily, or overall meet entry limit shall be scratched from any and all events that occur beyond the allowable limit, as events are contested.

B A swimmer found to have competed in events beyond entry limits shall be administratively disqualified from any and all events that were swum beyond the allowable limit.

.8-.9 *[no changes]*

Proposed by Oklahoma Swimming

102.6 COUNTERS

- A A swimmer in the 500/1000/1650 yard or ~~800/1500~~ 400/800/1500 short course meter or 800/1500 long course meter freestyle or other long distance pool event (see 102.1.4) may appoint one counter to call lengths or indicate lengths by visual sign.
- B-E *[no changes]*

2025 PROPOSED LEGISLATION as of 4/15/2025

Proposed by Minnesota Swimming

205.2 ELIGIBILITY

- .1 Eligibility to compete in a particular age group shall be determined by ~~the swimmer's date (not hour) of birth.~~ their age as of September 1st through August 31st of the following year.
- ~~.2 Age on the first day of the meet shall determine the swimmer's age for the entire meet.~~

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Proposed by the Rules & Regulations Committee

205.3 PROGRAM AND EVENTS

.1 *[no changes]*

A-E *[no changes]*

F With the exception of championship and open water meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers twelve (12) years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or less per session (prelims, finals, timed finals). Events for the same 12 & under swimmers shall be limited to one session per day, except for prelim/final meets where events for 12 & under swimmers may be offered in both a single prelims and finals.

.2 *[no changes]*

Proposed by the Coach Advisory Council

501.1.2 COACH ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A *[no changes]*
- (1) *[no changes]*
- (2) Six (6) ~~10-Year Athlete representatives and/or 10-Year Actively Engaged Athlete representatives~~ appointed by the AAC. ~~At least 50% of the athletes must meet the requirements of 10-Year Athlete representatives.~~
- B-F *[no changes]*

Proposed by the Potomac Valley Swimming

603.2 The geographical areas or boundaries for the Local Swimming Committees shall be as indicated below. The two-letter Registration Codes are shown in parenthesis:

[AD through PN no changes]

POTOMAC VALLEY (PV) — The District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince George's counties in the State of Maryland; and Arlington and Fairfax counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Any pool within the boundaries of Loudoun County, Prince William County, and the city of Manassas in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be available for the use of the Potomac Valley Swimming and Virginia Swimming LSCs and their respective member clubs, and both LSCs may sanction swimming events in these pools under their own rules and regulations.

[SI through UT no changes]

VIRGINIA (VA) — Commonwealth of Virginia, except Arlington and Fairfax counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church; and including the counties of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck in the State of North Carolina.

Any pool within the boundaries of Loudoun County, Prince William County, and the city of Manassas in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be available for the use of the Potomac Valley Swimming and Virginia Swimming LSCs and their respective member clubs, and both LSCs may sanction swimming events in these pools under their own rules and regulations.

[WT through WY no changes]

2025 PROPOSED LEGISLATION as of 4/15/2025

Proposed by the LSC Development Committee

[Amendments to the Required LSC Bylaws Template regarding the duties of the Governance Committee]

Amendments required to conform to World Aquatics regulations

102.21 DISQUALIFICATIONS

- .1-.4 *[no changes]*
- .5 A-~~The swimmer must start and finish the race in the same lane.~~ remain and finish the race in the same lane in which he/she started.
- .6-.15 *[no changes]*

103.15 BACKSTROKE LEDGE — The backstroke ledge shall conform to World Aquatics' specifications when used in competition as follows:

- .1 /M/ The ledge ~~may~~ shall be adjustable to 4 centimeters above or 4 centimeters below the water level and shall not be used outside of this range.
- .2 /M/ The ledge shall be a minimum of ~~65~~ 60 centimeters in length.
- .3-.5 *[no changes]*