

Statement From Tim Haley in Support of Indiana Swimming Acquiring Clark and Floyd Counties

- I. Introduction of the issue: For nearly 30 years, Indiana Swimming has administered the only two clubs in Clark and Floyd Counties in Indiana. A new Club was formed in 2024 and Kentucky started charging sanctioning fees to Indiana in 2024. Indiana Swimming promptly began the re-districting process under Rule 604. At Kentucky's HOD in 2024, they agreed to release the third club formed in the disputed counties, but they also denied Indiana Swimming's request that they re-draw the border. Indiana Swimming appeals that decision with this action.
- II. This is about Indiana Swimming protecting its member's interests: While we are in the weeks of a regulatory issues, and the ultimate outcome is to re-draw a border line, our interests are exclusively in supporting our members. We have three prepared to speak - all three HC for clubs in Clark and Floyd County.
 - a. Joe Perkins of RAC spoke on his experience with Indiana Swimming and how we give back to the Clubs one the last 30 years.
 - b. Mike Pepa was prepared to speak about his experience with Indiana Swimming and how we give back to the clubs over the last 30 years.
 - c. Steve Bonifer was prepared to speak about his experience joining Indiana Swimming and our efforts supporting him this last year.
- III. Indiana Swimming invests its time, effort, dollars and energy into developing the areas of Clark and Floyd County. Coaches attested to all the different services we provide to them: In-LSC and out-of-LSC Camps (we have gone to the naval academy for the last few years, and have also sent groups to California and Colorado in the past), conferences, access to other Indiana coaches, educational sessions for swimmers and parents on a variety of topics (training, nutrition, college recruiting, etc.).
 - a. Kentucky has not spent any money developing this area. According to our records, they don't often send swimmers to meets hosted by clubs in Clark and Floyd counties. Last year, they sent 8.
 - b. This has been true since at least 1997.
- IV. The clubs in Clark and Floyd County want to be in Indiana Swimming.(the 2/3 agreement part of the rule is satisfied). Evidenced by statements from Clubs boards, head coaches, and parents.

- a. Our ISI clubs in these counties worry that they will be impacted by decisions of KY HOD, where they have no voice. For example, resolutions on meet entry fees or meet requirements.
 - b. Our ISI clubs in these counties are worried that they may not be able to sanction their own meets in their own pools if Kentucky decides a higher priority meet should take place there. This concern is amplified by the new pool constructed in Jeffersonville.
- V. Indiana Swimming HOD unanimously supports adding Clark and Floyd Counties. At our House last week, the entire house voted to continue supporting development Clark and Floyd counties. Draft minutes attached-we are determining whether they need board review/approval before being final and posted to the web.
- VI. Kentucky has already effectively chosen its path to relinquish Clark and Floyd Counties. Ultimately, Kentucky agreed to not support the clubs in Clark and Floyd Counties, beginning 30 years ago. Indiana Swimming has chosen to support those clubs over the last 30 years, including the new clubs. We are fighting to continue to support those clubs and use their dollars, sweat, and energy to re-invest back into all our clubs, including Clark and Floyd County.