

OREGON SWIMMING, INC.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
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Matters not specifically covered by the Bylaws of Oregon Swimming, Inc. may be governed by the Policies and Procedures. Additions, deletions, changes, or modification of these Policies and procedures may be made by simple majority vote of the Oregon Swimming, Inc. (OSI) Board of Directors or the House of Delegates. In any case where a conflict exists between these Policies and procedures, and those provisions of United States Swimming, Inc. (USA Swimming) Rules and Regulations, the latter shall take precedence. (Refer ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS on page 23).

Article I – SWIM CALENDAR

Section I – Scheduling Chair

- a. The General Chair shall appoint the Scheduling Chair.

Section II – Scheduling Chair Duties

- a. The Scheduling Chair shall receive all requests for regular calendar meets via in writing or via the OSI website, on the form provided by OSI, prior to the deadline.
Any meet request not submitted prior to the deadline will incur a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and must be approved by any club who has a meet on the OSI calendar on the date(s) proposed, prior to a sanction being issued.
- b. The Scheduling Chair shall announce the deadline and process for the submission of meet requests and bids for championship meets at the OSI House of Delegates meeting a minimum of thirteen (13) months prior to the calendar year.
- c. The Scheduling Chair shall be responsible for reviewing the calendar submissions for non-OSI Championship meets, and resolving any conflicts with the clubs concerned.
- d. The new OSI Meet Calendar will be mailed to each club as soon as all conflicts have been resolved.
- e. If no bids are received for an OSI Championship meet before the deadline, the Scheduling Chair shall be responsible for soliciting a bid(s) and awarding the Championship meet concerned.

Section III – Championship Meet Bids

- a. All bids to host the OSI Championship meets must be submitted in writing on the correct form prior to the announced deadline.
- b. Championship Meet Bids must include:
 - 1. Location and host team(s).
 - 2. Number of pool lanes, width, and if a separate warm-up pool is available.
 - 3. Any special charges, including but not limited to:
 - a. Equipment rental.
 - b. Spectator entry fee or surcharge to offset facility fee.
 - 4. If diving possible from both ends of pool.
- c. Once the submission deadline for championship meets has passed, all bid application packets, ballots, and the date voting will be closed [normally two (2) weeks following the mailing] will be forwarded to each club [one (1) vote per club].
 - 1. E-mail and/or on-line publication of the bid application packets and voting may be substituted for regular mail.
 - 2. In the event that no championship bid receives a majority [50% plus one (1)] the bid with the lowest number of votes will be dropped and a revote will occur.
- d. No single facility may host the same Championship meet more than two (2) consecutive years unless no other facility has requested the meet.

Article II - SANCTIONS

Section I - Sanctions Chair

The Sanction Chair shall be appointed by the General Chair. United States Swimming, through the OSI Sanctions Chair, issues sanctions and approvals according to the procedures listed below. All requests shall be directed to the Sanctions Chair.

Section II - Procedures

- a. All competitive swimming events must be sanctioned by USA Swimming through the OSI Sanctions Chair if they involve swimmers from more than one club. AB Long Course meets are open meets, not invitationals.
- b. Time Trials must be sanctioned and shall be run in conjunction with a Sanctioned Competitive swim meet.

- c. Other non-competitive swimming events must be sanctioned, and shall be publicized one week in advance.
- d. Approvals may be granted, in lieu of sanction, for other swimming related activities that do not conform to items a. or b. above. A maximum of one meet per season for closed inter-squad meets are allowed following all applicable rules for sanctioned meets.
- e. Sanctions for meets bearing the "A" designation (including "AB", "ABC") shall be accompanied by the name of an OSI Certified Meet Referee, or other person approved by the Officials Chair, who is designated as the meet referee. Any change in the person so designated must be furnished to the Sanctions Chair.
- f. AB+ Time standards are required for AB Long Course Meets.
- g. A sanction, and compliance with all relevant OSI procedures, is required for acceptance of times for OSI Top 5, USA Swimming Top 10, all Records, and National Verifiable Times (NVT) for National qualifying times. National qualifying times from High School District and State Championship meets are subject to current interpretations of the USA Swimming National NVT officer.
- h. Oregon Swimming will not sanction a meet if the charge for individual or relay events, or the OSI surcharge fee exceeds the maximum published by Oregon Swimming.

Section III - Fee

- a. The fee for a sanction is \$20.00 per day and is applicable for each day on which events are scheduled for the meet, regardless of single or dual split format for the meet.
- b. The fee for a time trial sanction will be \$25.00, and is applicable for each day of the event which time trials are scheduled for the meet.
- c. The sanction fee is waived if no entry fee is charged.
- d. In the case where a blanket sanction is issued for a series of dual meets a single sanction fee of \$25.00 per season will be charged for sanctioning the dual meet schedule.

Section IV - Submission For Sanction:

- a. The Scheduling Committee must approve a meet before application for sanction is made.
- b. Applications for sanction, including instructions, are sent to the club hosting the meet 90 days prior to the meet.
- c. Sanction applications must be received at the OSI Office not later than 45 days prior to the first day of the meet for which application is submitted and not later than seven (7) days for dual meets and closed inter-squad meets.
- d. Sanction applications must include.
 1. Appropriate fee. (\$20.00 per day)
 2. Proposed meet information (in recommended format), including schedule of events.
 3. Completed sanction application form.
- e. Meet information shall be mailed to invited clubs, the Meet Referee, and the Oregon Swimming Office 30 days prior to the first day of the meet, and must bear the wording "Sanctioned by United States Swimming, Inc." Entry forms, or an Entry Summary Sheet to be returned with entries, must bear the following: "I have read the meet information, and attest that all competitors entered hereon are members of United States Swimming, Inc.", and be signed by the coach or an authorized team representative.

Article III - TIME STANDARDS

Section I - Procedures

- a. **Chair** - The Time Standards Chair shall be appointed by the OSI General Chair.
- b. **Duties** - The Chair shall formulate and make available for publication the time standards for "A" and "B" B+ classes of competition.
- c. **Function** - Competition in the various classes and age groups shall be regulated by time standards, and except as provided by the various rules for eligibility, swimmers may not participate in events for which their best time exceeds the maximum time standard or fails to equal the minimum time standard.
- d. **Derivation** - The "A" time standard for each gender and age-group are derived by averaging the 24th place time (18th place if Championship meet held in 6 lane pool) over the past three years, with the standard never to become slower. "B" time standards are derived by multiplying the "A" time standard by 110%. B+ Derivation: half way between A and B Time Standards.

Article IV - RECORDS

Section I – Eligibility

OSI will maintain record performances in all recognized Senior, Age Group and Disability events for:

- a. **Swimmers** currently registered with OSI.

- b. **All relay teams** composed of registered swimmers currently attached to a registered OSI club.

Section II - Qualification Requirements - All Records

- a. Must be set in sanctioned competitions. (Records set in time trials, if properly sanctioned, will be recognized)
- b. Must be set in the corresponding event in competition.
- c. May be set in meets outside of the boundaries of OSI.

Section III - Information Requirements

- a. Final results, or a completed summary sheet, with first and last names of all swimmers participating in individual events and relays, their club code and ages; signed by the Meet Referee.
- b. Final results for meets outside the boundaries of OSI must be submitted for record verification.

Note: It is the responsibility of the swimmer, or their representative, to submit the proper documentation to verify a record performance.

Section IV - Oregon Swimming, Inc. Records

To be maintained and reported annually in this guide for the following courses: 25 yard and 50 meter, and the following age groups: 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, and Open.

Article V - OREGON SWIMMING, INC. TRAVEL FUND

Section I - Establishment of the Travel Fund

- a. A portion of monies received by OSI from swim meets held under its jurisdiction will be deposited in the Travel Fund. Such funds shall be used, under the control of the Executive Committee, for the exclusive purpose stated herein.
- b. Monies for expenses to the annual USA Swimming Convention, with the exception of expenses for attending Athletes Representatives, will be paid from the General Fund.

Section II - USA Swimming National and Disability Championships

- a. **Purpose** - To fund and pay part of travel costs of OSI swimmers, coaches, and officials competing in USA Swimming National, Olympic Trials, and Disability Championships when said championships are outside the boundaries of OSI.
- b. **Allocation and Distribution of Funds**
 - 1. **Allocation** - Funds for USA Swimming National and Disability Championships travel shall be derived from the swimmer surcharge and portion of entry fee collected from specified OSI sanctioned competitions, plus any funds or donations obtained for the specific purpose of supporting USA Swimming National and Disability Championship travel. OSI may elect to allocate additional funds from other sources, including all fines collected for proof of time penalties, late reports, etc.
 - 2. **Distribution** - The ratio of reimbursement shall be calculated so that JR meet participants receive approximately 75% of the amount allocated for SR meets, adjusted for location factors. WZ Meet participants will receive location lesser amount as shown in the table below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article V, Section II, c, 6; for Relay Only swimmers each club will receive 25% of the reimbursement listed in the table following Section II, b, 2 for each female relay only swimmer, who competes at the meet, up to a maximum of four relay only swimmers for the meet. The same distribution applies to male relay only swimmers.

Zone ^z		SR ^y	JR ^x	WZ Meet ^w
1	Federal Way	\$300	\$250	\$150
2	California, Arizona	\$500	\$360	\$300
3	Texas, North Dakota, Colorado, Minnesota	\$600	\$450	\$350
4	Hawaii, Florida, Indiana, Tennessee, New York, Alabama	\$750	\$600	\$450

^z Except when expenses are paid by USA Swimming or some other organizations. Total reimbursement from all sources not to exceed actual costs.

^y SR: U.S Trial and Selection meets, Senior Nationals, U.S. Open, National Disability Championships and International Meets (i.e. World Cup, Goodwill Games, etc).

^x JR: USA Swimming Junior Nationals.

^w WZ Meet: Western Zone meet

^v 15-Over swimmers would receive 100% reimbursement money their first two years for WZ competition, but would be eligible for only 50% reimbursement money if they choose to attend the Zone meet in subsequent years.

c. Eligibility

1. The swimmer must be an athlete member of USA Swimming and OSI.
2. The swimmer must meet the Qualifying time standard in, and compete in, an individual event at one of the following USA Sanctioned meets: Olympic Trials, Senior Nationals, US Open, National Disability Championships, USA Jr. Nationals, Western Zone Championships. Relay only swimmers are subject to the conditions outlined elsewhere in this section.
3. Clarification
 - a. Funding will be available for a single meet within a given season.
 - b. In Olympic years funding will be available to athletes who qualify and attend Trials and Nationals within the same season.
 - c. JR funding will be available for USA Junior Nationals.
 - d. Only one funding will be allowed during each season, with the exception of Article V, Section II, c, 3, b.
 - e. Reimbursement will only be paid for meets held outside OSI boundaries.
4. Must represent or be on the roster of an OSI club at the qualified meet. If unattached and not on a roster of an OSI club, eligibility shall be determined by the Board of Directors which shall determine whether the athlete is entitled to reimbursement.
5. A swimmer who transfers out of Oregon Swimming to compete in another LSC or country and then returns to Oregon will begin the process as if they were first entering Oregon Swimming. These athletes are not swimming consecutive seasons. Except: Consecutive seasons for NCAA college swimmers is considered to be the previous long course season, due to NCAA rulings.
6. For short course reimbursement, swimmers shall compete in a minimum of three OSI sanctioned meets, not including dual meets, during the current short course season. For long course reimbursement, swimmers shall compete in two OSI sanctioned meets during the current long course season. The long course Sectional Championships may count as one of the two long course meet requirements. An athlete must have swum at least one individual event at the meet for which reimbursement is requested. Coach must attend the meet with the athlete. One coach per club is eligible for reimbursement.
7. Participants on the Age Group All Star Teams, Zone Teams or OSI selected Age Group teams are eligible for 100% allocation of the reimbursement amount in their first season of swimming in OSI.

d. Reimbursement - For Nationals or National Disability Championships travel is based upon a percentage reimbursement system. A season is defined as follows: Winter (short course) season: begins September 1 and ends after the last National level meet (usually early April). Summer (long course) season: begins May 1 and ends after the last National level championships (normally in mid-August). The reimbursement percentage represents the level of reimbursement when applied to the dollar amounts in the Distribution table above. Reimbursement will be awarded based on the following guidelines:

<u>Registration status:</u>	<u>Nationals/Olympic Trials</u>
First Season in Oregon	No reimbursement
Second Consecutive Season	50% of allowable
Third Consecutive Season	100% of allowable
Coach attending	100% of allowable

- e. **Actual allowable dollar value** or reimbursement is listed in the table following Section II, b, 2.
- f. **Exceptions/Appeals** - OSI clubs, on behalf of a member athlete(s), or individual swimmers competing unattached, may request an exemption to the above requirements. Requests shall be made, in writing or by personal appearance, to the OSI Board of Directors or Executive Committee. To insure a timely decision, requests should be received 30 days in advance of the meet for which reimbursement is requested, but not later than 10 days prior to the initial deadline of the USA Swimming competition for which reimbursement is requested.
- g. **Payment** - Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted to OSI, attn: Senior Chair, on the official form, within 30 days of the last day of the meet. Following verification of eligibility, payment will be made to the club. Reimbursement for unattached swimmers will be made to the club with which the athlete is training. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted to OSI with the appropriate receipts.

Section III - Oregon All-Star Teams

- a. **Purpose** - To fund and pay part of travel costs and entry fees for OSI All-Star teams competing in specified meets.

- b. **Distribution of Funds** - shall be based on the allocations specified in TABLE 1 above and the recommendation of the Treasurer, with approval by the OSI Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Section IV - Altitude Camp

- a. The OSI Altitude Camp at the Olympic Training Center comprised of a Senior All Star group from OSI will take place EVERY year with an OSI budget of \$10,000. The Senior Chair of OSI will have the responsibility of putting this camp together.

Section V - Representation to the Annual USA Swimming Convention

- a. **Purpose** - To fund and pay travel expenses, registration fees, and lodging for eligible delegates.
- b. **Eligibility** - These criteria establish the basis for assistance to those serving as OSI delegates to the USA Swimming Convention.
 1. Delegate must be a member of USA Swimming and OSI.
 2. Must attend all meetings at the convention pertinent to their respective position, or as assigned by the General Chair.
 3. If an OSI Board Member, the delegate must have been actively involved in OSI and present at a minimum of 2/3rds of the meetings of the Board of Directors during the twelve-month period prior to the convention. Note: For delegates eligible for travel support whose principle residence is outside a 90 mile radius from downtown Portland, this requirement is waived contingent upon: 1) attendance at one OSI Board of Directors meeting in the twelve month period prior to the convention, 2) submission of a report, if required, for each OSI Board of Directors and Executive Committee meeting in said twelve month period, and 3) attendance at the OSI House of Delegates meeting immediately following the USA Swimming Convention.
 4. Attend scheduled pre-convention delegate meetings and take active part in OSI activities and caucuses at the convention.
- c. **Reimbursement** - The number of individuals who receive travel funds, subject to budgetary considerations, are described as follows:
 1. **100% Reimbursement** - The following people shall receive full reimbursement for travel and shared accommodation from OSI: 1) General Chair, 2) Administrative Chair, 3) Senior Chair, 4) Age Group Chair, 5) Coaches Representative, 6) Technical Planning Chair, 7) Senior & Junior Athletes Representatives, 8) Office Manager and 9) any person holding a vote to the Convention who is a member of OSI.
 2. **75% Reimbursement** - The following people shall receive 75% reimbursement for travel and shared accommodation from OSI: 1) Treasurer and 2) Officials Chair.
 3. **50% Reimbursement** - The following people shall receive 50% reimbursement for travel and shared accommodation from OSI: 1) USA Swimming National Committee members who are a current member of OSI.
 4. **Registration Fee** - This will be paid for any member of OSI who attends the Convention.
 5. **Athlete Representatives** - Junior & Senior Athlete Representatives shall also receive a per diem for meals and miscellaneous expenses.
 6. **Should any of the above delegates decline** to attend the USA Swimming Convention, the General Chair may choose to appoint a substitute to attend the convention in their place, except for the Coaches Representative, who shall appoint their own replacement. If conditions prevent the Coaches Representative from appointing their replacement, the General Chair will appoint the replacement.
 7. **Subject to budget constraints**, the General Chair may elect to schedule caucuses at the Convention during the lunch hour, and provide lunch, at OSI expense, for those OSI delegates present.
 8. **Should a delegate agree to attend the convention** and then withdraw once airfares have been purchased, the delegate shall be responsible for the reimbursement to OSI of the full amount of the airfare, unless waived by the OSI Board of Directors.
 9. **If a delegate chooses to take alternative methods of transportation to convention** other than what is arranged by the OSI office, the amount of travel reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of the average air carrier ticket purchased for the remaining delegates.

Section VI - OSI Officials Travel

- a. **Purpose** - To fund reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses for officials who attend and officiate at selected meets and clinics outside the boundaries of OSI.
- b. **Allocation of Funds** - Officials must apply through the OSI Officials Chair prior to the meet. Conditions of eligibility will be determined and periodically reviewed by the OSI Officials Chair, subject to budget

constraints. Reimbursement will be paid to approved officials upon submission of receipts to the OSI Officials Chair.

1. Total allocation of funds available for OSI officials travel in the current fiscal year will not exceed the amount represented by 10% of the total funds distributed from the Travel Fund (excluding any amounts distributed to Officials under this section) in the period from September to August in the prior year.
2. Additional funding for travel and accommodation expenses for the OSI Officials Chair to officiate at one USA Swimming sanctioned meet of their choice each year outside of OSI in order to educate and promote OSI within USA Swimming will also be provided, but will not be included in the above 10% limitation.

c. Eligibility for Reimbursement

1. Officials must have been certified for at least 3 years.
2. Must make an application to the Officials Chair and receive approval for reimbursement prior to attending the meet.
3. Must be currently registered as an OSI official and submit proof of having worked a minimum of 40 hours (10 hours at BC meets) within Oregon in the last year.
4. Must present proof of payments for travel and/or accommodations, up to the authorized amount, prior to reimbursement being paid by OSI.

d. Reimbursement Amount – The Officials Chair will determine the maximum amount of reimbursement to be authorized for each official prior to them attending the meet, based upon the following criteria:

1. Swim meet to be attended.
2. Officials current level of certification.
3. Training and certification needs of OSI
4. Proof of the official being accepted to a position which will advance or retain their current level of certification.
5. Amount of funds available. The actual amount reimbursed to an official may vary from a one time payment of a specified amount through to full reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs incurred.

e. Oversight – The Officials Chair will report to the subsequent OSI Board of Directors meeting; the official's name, the meet attended, and the level of reimbursement approved. current level of certification.

Section VII – OSI Championship Meets

- a. OSI shall reimburse the Meet Referee and, if applicable, the Administrative Referee for lodging expenses incurred at meets listed in ([Article VIII, Section I, b. Meets), subject to the following:
 1. Officials seeking reimbursement shall notify the Officials Chair in writing prior to the meet and receive approval;
 2. Officials seeking reimbursement shall submit receipts for reimbursement to the OSI office within 14 (fourteen) days of the conclusion of the meet;
 3. Only actual lodging expenses based upon receipts submitted shall be reimbursed;
 4. Maximum lodging reimbursement shall be \$75 per day per official.

Section VIII - Representatives To Meetings Outside Oregon

- a. **Purpose** - To provide funds to assist those members of OSI who have received appointment or been elected to a committee or official position by USA Swimming.
- b. **Distribution of Funds** - Application for assistance shall be made to the Board of Directors. Approval of funding is subject to budgetary considerations, the benefit to OSI, and the nature of the activity.

Article VI - OFFICIATING

Section I – Officials Organization

- a. **Officials Chair** - The Officials Chair is responsible for overall supervision of the OSI officiating program, shall be appointed by the General Chair, shall serve for three years, and may be appointed for a maximum of one additional consecutive three year term. A nominating committee, consisting of the Officials Committee and the General Chair, shall select up to three interested and qualified candidates for submission to all certified OSI Officials. An advisory ballot shall be held at the end of May of each election year with the ballots due in the OSI Office by the end of July. Only the General Chair and Office Manager will know the results of the election.
- b. **Officials Committee** - Members include each of the Area Officials Chairs, the Head Electronic Timer, the immediate past Officials Chair, and is chaired by the current Officials Chair. Meets a minimum of two times a year.

- c. **Officials Membership** - A non-athlete membership in USA Swimming, plus a mandatory additional fee of \$5.00 is required. Includes USA Swimming Rules & Regulations, and an official's identification card.
- d. **Clinics** - A preliminary requirement for training in a given officiating position is attendance at the appropriate clinic. Clinics serve to disseminate information on the interpretation, application, and techniques of technical rule enforcement. Clinics are held at each annual House of Delegates meeting, and at such times as may be requested by clubs or individuals. Clinics may be conducted by the Officials Chair, by Area Officials Chairs, or by appropriate individuals listed on the Trainers List.
- e. **Certification as an OSI Official** - Procedures, requirements and documentation for certification are to be established by the Officials Committee, and shall be consistent with guidelines established by the USA Swimming Officials Committee. Certification and USA Swimming membership are required for deck officials (Timers excepted).
- f. **National and National Championship Certification** - Following certification as an OSI official, persons officiating at LSC Championship, Regional Championship, or Zone Championship competition may be eligible for certification as a National level official. Fulfilling the minimum requirements by officiating at a National Championship meet entitles an official to certification at the National Championship level. For additional information, contact the OSI Officials Chair.

Section II - Swim Meet Officials

- a. **Deck Officials** - The certification levels and number of officials shall be in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, and shall conform to additional requirements as may be imposed by OSI.
- b. **Uniform** - Recommended for deck officials: white shirt or blouse, navy blue pants or skirt, white shoes. For the meet referee, a navy blue shirt or blouse with white pants is recommended for ease of identification. At the discretion of the meet referee, special uniform requirements for championship level meets may be specified.

Section III - Officiating Procedures

- a. **Enforcement** - all sanctioned meets are to be officiated in accordance with current USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. Such procedures not specifically regulated by USA Swimming are to be established by OSI, published in this guide and enforced accordingly.
- b. **Reporting** - The meet referee shall complete the "Meet Referees Report" and send it to the OSI Officials Chair or his/her designee not later than thirty days following the meet.

Article VII - COMPETITIVE SWIM PROGRAM

Section I – Introduction:

- a. **General** - The OSI competitive swimming program provides a variety of meet formats, distances, classification, age-group events, etc. to fulfill the needs of every type of swimmer. This Article will detail this program.
- b. **Strokes** - Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, Freestyle, and Individual Medley are the strokes/events used in competitive swimming. The rules and definitions are described in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- c. **Seasons** - The swimming year is generally divided into two seasons. The short-course (winter) season, traditionally October through March, normally consists of competition in 25-yard or 25-meter courses. The long-course (summer) season, mid-April through August, emphasizes competition in 50-meter courses. These designations are general and do not require all meets to be held in the indicated pool lengths.
- d. **Age of Swimmer** - The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by their date of birth. Age on the first day of the meet shall normally govern for the full meet. Participants must swim in their respective age brackets except as noted in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. A contestant may participate in only one age division, corresponding to the swimmer's age. For more detailed information, see USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- e. **Qualifying Swimmers** - A swimmer will qualify for a specific class meet in a given stroke and distance when he has met or bettered the time standard for that event. Swimmers may qualify in any sanctioned, approved or observed competition.
- f. **Time Limits** -
 1. **Eight Hour Rule** - No day in a meet may exceed eight hours of competition, which is determined from the beginning of the first heat of the first event to the last heat of the last event. This applies to actual competition. The scheduling committee will evaluate those meets exceeding the eight-hour rule.
 2. **Four Hour Rule** - In any competition, the group of events in a session in

which swimmers 12 years old and younger are entered shall be planned to be completed within four hours. This shall not apply to championship meets.

g. Inclusion of Swimmers with Disabilities

1. Swimmers with a disability shall be permitted to enter any meet sanctioned by Oregon Swimming, Inc.
2. At meets where time standards exist, the time standard for a swimmer with a disability shall be the published meet time standard multiplied by a ratio. The ratio shall be determined by dividing the National Disability Championship time standard for the appropriate disability class for the event by the National Championship time standard for the event.
3. The meet referee shall determine an appropriate method of seeding the athlete into events that does not negatively affect the meet timeline.

Section II – Types of Competition

a. General – A competition may consist of any combination of meet categories, types of meets, and classification of swimmers.

b. Meet Categories

1. **Open** - All registered swimmers may enter. (Long Course AB meets are open meets)
2. **Invitational** - Only those swimmers or teams specifically invited may submit entries. (Long Course BC or ABC.)
3. **Dual Meet** - Normally consisting of two teams. Variations include double duals (three teams competing, with each team being scored against one another), or three-way duals (four teams).
4. **Closed Meet** - Open only to members of one team.

c. Types of Meets

1. **Age Group Competition** - Age group swimmers compete in groupings of similar capability with each age group defined; see USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Article 205.
2. **Senior Competition** - The senior program is composed of senior classifications and has no age restriction.
3. **Special Competitions**
 - a. **Each year** - These may include relay, sprint, distance, pentathlon, sextathlon, etc. and may involve unlimited combination by age and gender.
 - b. **Conditions** - These meets are generally conducted in accordance with this manual, although several special meets with distinctive, selected, or limited formats may be held and awards may vary. Special rules for entry, awards and participation are to be included in the Meet Information.
4. **Out of LSC Competitions**
 - a. **General** - Athletes are encouraged to participate in such competitions outside the boundaries of OSI as may enhance their progress in the sport. Qualifying for Regional, Sectional, Zone, and National level meets are part of the progression in competitive swimming.
 - b. **Sanctions** - Athletes are advised to ensure that all events are properly sanctioned.
 - c. **Results** – It is the responsibility of teams competing in out of LSC competitions to arrange for full electronic meet results to be sent to OSI.

d. Classification of Swimmers

1. **Introduction** - Age group swimmers are classified by gender, age, stroke, and ability. This enables the swimmer to compete against others with similar capability and allows for a progression by the athlete and provides incentives to improve.
2. **Definition** - Within each gender/age group, ability classifications are defined by four divisions; "A", "B", "B+" & "C" for each stroke, based on times. Classifications are defined by establishing time standards for each stroke, distance, and pool size.
3. **Classification requirements**
 - a. **General** - a swimmer is classified as an A, B, or C swimmer in each stroke according to their fastest time in that event, compared to the time standards for their age group. A swimmer making a B time remains a B swimmer in that event until equaling or bettering the A time standard. Upon changing age groups, classification is determined by the time standards for the new age group.
 - b. **Reclassification** - A swimmer must swim in the class for which they have qualified. Once achieving the time standard for the next higher class in a particular event, the swimmer must compete in the new class in that event for successive meets. If entries have already been submitted for a future meet, it is required that the times be revised. It is the swimmers' responsibility to notify the meet director prior to the beginning of the meet. If heat sheets have already been prepared, the swimmer shall be placed in the first heat of the proper event. Entry

fees shall be refunded to any swimmer who no longer qualifies for a meet due to their new classification, provided the request is made in writing to the Meet Director.

- c. **Failure to reclassify** - Any swimmer who has not been properly reclassified and who places in an event will be denied their award and placing, and swimmers placing below will move up to fill the vacancy. The time will be official.
- e. **Events Offered**
 1. **Senior "A" Meets** - Senior meets shall offer, at a minimum, all events, which are included in the schedule of events for USA Swimming National Championships
 2. **Age Group "A" Meets** - All such meets shall include all events for which USA Swimming National Age Group times are maintained. (See USA Swimming Rules & Regulations, Article 102.1.2)
 3. **The following events (as a minimum should be offered):** 8/U Short Course; 25 yards each stroke, 50 yards freestyle, 100 yards individual medley and 100 yards freestyle and medley relays. 8/U Long Course; 50 meters each stroke, 100 meters freestyle, 200 meters individual medley and 200 meters free and medley relays. For all other age groups, see Article 204.4, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.
- f. **Time Standards** – The appropriate "A", "B", "B+" or "C" time standards shall apply.
 1. **Senior Meets** - The OSI 15-18 age group time standards shall be used.
 2. **Age Group Meets** - OSI age group time standards shall be used.
- g. **Meet Format**
 1. **Senior Meets** - Senior swim meets may consist of preliminaries and finals or timed finals, and are subject to the eight-hour rule.
 2. **Age Group Meets** - May consist of preliminaries and finals which are subject to the eight-hour rule. Timed finals meets are subject to the eight-hour rule for 13 & Over events and to the four-hour rule for 12 & Under events. All relay, 800/1000 freestyle and 1500/1650 freestyle events shall be timed finals.
- h. **Entry Fees** - \$3.00 surcharge per swimmer, maximum of \$2.00 entry fee per individual event and \$8.00 entry fee per relay. The \$3.00 surcharge per swimmer, \$.50 of the individual entry fee and \$2.00 of the relay entry fee are forwarded to Oregon Swimming and are allocated to the Travel Fund.
- i. **Awards** - The value of awards must conform to Article 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

Article VIII – OREGON SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Section I – Oregon Swimming Championships

- a. **Discrepancy** - If a discrepancy exists between the Swim Guide and championship meet information, the Swim Guide shall prevail.
- b. **Meets** - The following championship meets shall be conducted by OSI:
 1. Short Course 10 & Under AG Championship to be conducted in February.
 2. Short Course 11 - 14 AG Championships to be conducted in February.
 3. Short Course Senior Championships to be conducted in March.
 4. Long Course 10 & Under AG Championships to be conducted in July.
 5. Long Course 11 & Over AG Championships to be conducted in July
- c. **Eligibility** - Open to all OSI swimmers who qualify. The qualifying period for the short course season is from February 1 of the previous year through the entry deadline and for the long course season from July 1 of the previous year through the entry deadline. Any swimmer who does not attain the qualifying time for an event swum during a championship meet must submit proof of their qualifying time for that event within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the meet. Failure to do so will result in a \$100 fine for each non-qualifying time levied on the club the swimmer belongs to.
- d. **Finals No Shows** – If a swimmer is eligible for a final event on Sunday night and does not scratch and is a no show, OSI will levy a \$100 fine per event to be paid by the swimmer's club.
- e. **Time Standards** - For Age Group Championships, OSI "A" standards will be used. For Senior Championships, OSI 14 age group "A" time standards will be used.
- f. **Qualifying Period** - Open to all OSI swimmers who qualify. The qualifying period for the short course season is from February 1 of the previous year through the entry deadline and for the long course season from July 1 of the previous year through the entry deadline.
- g. **Entry Fees** - Surcharge, \$10.00 per swimmer; Individual event entry fee, \$2.50 per individual event; Relay entry fee, \$10.00 per relay.
- h. **Sponsorship** - OSI championship meets are sponsored jointly by OSI and the hosting club. Surcharges and entry fees are the property of OSI. Upon satisfactory completion of post meet requirements, host club will be reimbursed \$.75 per individual event entered, and \$3.00 per relay event

entered. Additionally, OSI reimburses host club for printing and mailing of meet information and final results, and pool use fees, if any.

- i. **Scoring** - Scoring of prelim/final events and relay events will reflect the number of lanes swum. The 10 & Under Championship will not be scored.
- j. **Course** - All available lanes shall be used for both prelim and final events.
- k. **Relays** - Relays not achieving a qualifying time will receive awards, but will not score team points.
- l. **Events** - Shall follow the following format.
 - 1. **Short Course 10 & Under AG Championships** to offer the following meet format:
 - a. Open to all 10 & Under swimmers registered in Oregon Swimming, Inc. who have achieved Oregon Swimming "A" times.
 - b. Swimmers may enter six (6) individual events for the meet, but no more than five (5) individual events per day and two (2) relays.
 - c. Awards - values of awards subject to conditions of Article 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. Medals are awarded for 1st through number of lanes swum depending upon the pool size. In a six-lane pool, ribbons for 7th through 12th and for an eight lane pool ribbons for 9th through 16th. No team awards.

ORDER OF EVENTS									
Short Course 10 & Under Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
Day One					Day Two				
1	10&U	200y	M.R.	2	33	8&U	100y	F.R.	34
3	8&U	100y	Free	4	35	9	200y	IM	36
5	9	200y	Free	6	37	8&U	100y	IM	38
7	10	200y	Free	8	39	10	200y	IM	40
9	8&U	50y	Breast	10	41	8&U	50y	Free	42
11	9	50y	Breast	12	43	9	50y	Free	44
13	10	50y	Breast	14	45	10	50y	Free	46
15	8&U	50y	Fly	16	47	8&U	25y	Back	48
17	9	100y	Fly	18	49	9	100y	Back	50
19	10	100y	Fly	20	51	10	100y	Back	52
21	8&U	50y	Back	22	53	8&U	25y	Fly	54
23	9	50y	Back	24	55	9	50y	Fly	56
25	10	50y	Back	26	57	10	50y	Fly	58
27	9	100y	IM	28	59	8&U	25y	Breast	60
29	10	100y	IM	30	61	9	100y	Breast	62
					63	10	100y	Breast	64
		Break			65	8&U	25y	Free	66
					67	9	100y	Free	68
31	10&U	200y	F.R.	32	69	10	100y	Free	70
					71	8&U	100y	M.R.	72

- 2. **Short Course 11 – 14 AG Championships** to offer the following meet format:
 - a. Open to all 11 – 14 swimmers registered in Oregon Swimming, Inc. who have achieved Oregon Swimming "A" times.
 - b. Swimmers may enter six (6) individual events for the meet, but no more than three (3) individual events per day including time trials.
 - c. All events 400 yards and longer and all relays will be deck seeded.
 - d. Scratches will be per Article IX, Section VIII, Oregon Scratch Rule.
 - e. Awards - Values of awards subject to conditions of Article 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. A patch and gold medal are awarded for each swimmer placing 1st in individual event (limit one patch per swimmer per championship meet). Medals are awarded for 2nd through the number of lanes swum, depending on pool size. Relays are awarded medals for 1st through 3rd, ribbons for 4th through the number of lanes swum, depending on pool size. High point awards for male/female in each age group will be presented. Team awards are presented for the top eight (8) teams.

ORDER OF EVENTS									
Short Course 11 to 14 AG Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
Day One				Day Three (Continued)					
1	11-13	1650y	Free ^{xv}	2	59	12	100y	Back	60
1	14	1650y	Free ^x	2	61	13	100y	Back	62
<i>10 minute break</i>					63	14	100y	Back	64
3	13-14	800y	F.R. ^z	4	65	11	200y	Free	66
Day Two				67	12	200y	Free	68	
5	11	50y	Back	6	69	13	200y	Free	70
7	12	50y	Back	8	71	14	200y	Free	72
9	11-13	200y	Back ^v	10	73	11	100y	IM	74
11	14	200y	Back	12	75	12	100y	IM	76
13	11	200y	IM	14	77	11-13	400y	IM ^w	78
15	12	200y	IM	16	79	14	400y	IM ^w	80
17	13	200y	IM	18	81	11-12	200y	F.R. ^z	82
19	14	200y	IM	20	83	13-14	200y	F.R. ^z	84
21	11	50y	Free	22	Day Four				
23	12	50y	Free	24	85	11-12	400y	F.R. ^z	86
25	13	50y	Free	26	87	13-14	400y	F.R. ^z	88
27	14	50y	Free	28	89	11	100y	Breast	90
29	11	100y	Fly	30	91	12	100y	Breast	92
31	12	100y	Fly	32	93	13	100y	Breast	94
33	13	100y	Fly	34	95	14	100y	Breast	96
35	14	100y	Fly	36	97	11	50y	Fly	98
37	11	500y	Free ^w	38	99	12	50y	Fly	100
39	12	500y	Free ^w	40	101	11-13	200y	Fly ^v	102
41	13	500y	Free ^w	42	103	14	200y	Fly	104
43	14	500y	Free ^w	44	105	11	100y	Free	106
45	11-12	400y	M.R. ^y	46	107	12	100y	Free	108
47	13-14	400y	M.R. ^y	48	109	13	100y	Free	110
Day Three				111	14	100y	Free	112	
49	11	50y	Breast	50	113	11-12	200y	M.R. ^z	114
51	12	50y	Breast	52	115	13-14	200y	M.R. ^z	116
53	11-13	200y	Breast ^v	54	<i>10 minute break</i>				
55	14	200y	Breast	56	117	11-13	1000y	Free ^{xv}	118
57	11	100y	Back	58	117	14	1000y	Free ^x	118

^v 11 and 12 year olds must meet the 13-year-old time standard.

^w Deck seeded timed final event. Fastest heat swum in finals.

^x 1650 y and 1000 y events are deck seeded by gender (no age group) and swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. Fastest heat of

each gender swum at the beginning of finals.

^y Deck seeded timed final events. Fastest heat swum at end of finals. All other heats in prelims.

^z Deck seeded timed final events, all heats in prelims.

3. Short Course Senior Championships to offer the following meet format:

- a. Open to all swimmers registered in Oregon Swimming, Inc. who have achieved Oregon Swimming "A" times for the 14 year-old age group.
- b. Swimmers may enter six (6) individual events for the meet, but no more than three (3) individual events per day including time trials.
- c. All events will be deck seeded.
- d. Scratches will be per Article IX, Section VIII, Oregon Scratch Rule.
- e. Awards - Values of awards subject to conditions of Art. 204.6, 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. A patch and gold medal are awarded for each swimmer placing 1st in individual events (limit one patch per swimmer per championship meet). Medals are awarded for 2nd and 3rd place. Ribbons are awarded for 4th through the number of lanes swum. Relays are awarded medals for 1st through 3rd. Team awards are presented for the top three (3) teams.

ORDER OF EVENTS									
Short Course Senior Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
Day One					Day Three (Continued)				
1	Senior	1000y	Free ^x	2	19	Senior	50y	Free	20
Day Two					21	Senior	100y	Breast	22
3	Senior	200y	M.R. ^x	4	23	Senior	100y	Back	24
5	Senior	200y	Breast	6	25	Senior	200y	Free	26
7	Senior	100y	Fly	8	27	Senior	400y	M.R. ^y	28
9	Senior	500y	Free	10	Day Four				
11	Senior	200y	IM	12	29	Senior	200y	Back	30
13	Senior	800y	F.R. ^y	14	31	Senior	1650y	Free ^z	
Day Three					33	Senior	100y	Free	34
15	Senior	200y	F.R. ^x	16		Senior	1650y	Free ^z	36
17	Senior	400y	IM	18	37	Senior	200y	Fly	38
					39	Senior	400y	F.R. ^x	40

^x Timed final events, all heats in prelims.
^y Timed final events. Fastest two heats swum at end of finals. All other heats in prelims.
^z Timed final events. Fastest heat of women and men will be swum in finals in event order. All other heats will be swum at the end of prelims, alternating women's and men's heats, fastest to slowest.

4. Long Course 10 & Under Championships to offer the following meet format:

- a. Open to all 10 & Under swimmers registered in Oregon Swimming, Inc. who have achieved Oregon Swimming "A" times.
- b. Swimmers may enter six (6) individual events for the meet, but no more than five (5) individual events per day and two (2) relays.
- c. Values of awards subject to conditions of Article 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. Medals are awarded for 1st through number of lanes swum depending upon the pool size. In a six-lane pool, ribbons for 7th through 12th and for an eight lane pool ribbons for 9th through 16th. No team awards.

ORDER OF EVENTS									
Long Course 10 & Under Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls		Boys		
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
Day One					Day Two				
1	9	200m	Free	2	27	8&U	200m	F.R.	28
3	10	200m	Free	4	29	9	200m	I.M.	30

5	10-U	200m	M.R.	6	31	10	200m	I.M.	32
7	8&U	50m	Breast	8	33	8&U	50m	Free	34
9	9	50m	Breast	10	35	9	5 m	Free	36
11	10	50m	Breast	12	37	10	50m	Free	38
13	9	100m	Fly	14	39	9	100m	Back	40
15	10	100m	Fly	16	41	10	100m	Back	42
17	8&U	50m	Back	18	43	8&U	50m	Fly	44
19	9	50m	Back	20	45	9	50m	Fly	46
21	10	50m	Back	22	47	10	50m	Fly	48
23	8&U	100m	Free	24	49	9	100m	Breast	50
25	10&U	200m	F.R.	26	51	10	100m	Breast	52
					53	9	100m	Free	54
					55	10	100m	Free	56
					57	8&U	200m	M.R.	58

5. Long Course 11 & Over Championships to offer the following meet format.

- a. Open to all 11 and over swimmers registered in Oregon Swimming, Inc. who have achieved Oregon Swimming "A" times.
- b. Swimmers may enter six (6) individual events for the meet, but no more than three (3) individual events per day including time trials.
- c. All individual events 200 meters and shorter will be pre-seeded and any individual event 400M and over and all 15 & Over events will be deck seeded.
- d. All relays which start the preliminary session will be pre-seeded, and all other relays will be deck seeded.
- e. Coaches are responsible for providing a positive check in for all deck seeded events by the stated deadlines. There is a penalty for being a no show after checking in for the deck seeded events.
- f. For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, coaches must provide positive check in for individual events 400 meters and longer and all deck seeded events no later than 30 minutes following the start of warm-ups for Prelims.
- g. For Sunday, positive check-in must be made no later than 30 minutes following the start of Finals on Saturday.
- h. Relay Check-in: If names are submitted at time of original entry and there are no changes to the names or order, the coach only need submit a slip that says "as submitted with original entry" or "no changes from original entry".
- i. For the 200 Freestyle Relay on Friday, relay slips due no later than 30 minutes after the start of prelim warm-ups. All other relay slips due by 10:00 am.
- j. All relays will be timed finals and will be swum in prelims.
- k. Swimmers younger than 15 years can only be entered in open relays if your team cannot field a relay team in 11-12 or 13-14 age groups.
- l. Oregon Swimming Scratch Rules, Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will apply.
- m. Awards - Values of awards subject to conditions of Article 204.6, 205.5 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. A patch and gold medal are awarded for each swimmer placing 1st in individual events (limit one patch per swimmer per championship meet). Medals are awarded for 2nd through number of lanes swum depending upon the pool size: 11, 12, 13, 11-13, 14, 15 & Over.
- n. 11-12 and 13-14 events will be swum together in the preliminary sessions and swum as separate age groups in the finals session.
- o. 15 & Over events will be swum together. There will be one consolation final. Relays are awarded medals for 1st through 3rd, with ribbons for 4th through the number of lanes swum in finals, depending on pool size. Combined team plaques will be presented for 1st through 8th place. A High point awards for male and female will be awarded in each age group.

ORDER OF EVENTS THURSDAY									
Long Course 11 & Over Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
1	11	200M	I.M.	2	19	15&O	50M	Free	20
3	12	200M	I.M.	4	21	11	100M	Back	22
5	13	200M	I.M.	6	23	12	100M	Back	24
7	14	200M	I.M.	8	25	13	100M	Back	26
9	15&O	200M	I.M.	10	27	14	100M	Back	28
11	11	50M	Free	12	29	15&O	100M	Back	30
13	12	50M	Free	14	31	13-14	800M.	F.R.	32
15	13	50M	Free	16	33	Open	800M	F.R.	34
17	14	50M	Free	18	35	11&O	800M	Free ^{tu}	36

^uTimed final event. The 800 freestyle will be combined and seeded by gender and swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. Fastest heat swum at the beginning of finals. They will be scored as 11-13, 14, 15&O.

^t11 – 12 age group must meet the 13 age group time standard.

ORDER OF EVENTS – FRIDAY									
Long Course 11 & Over Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
37	11-12	200M	F.R.	38	59	14	200M	Breast	60
39	13-14	200M	F.R.	40	61	15&O	200M	Breast	62
41	Open	200M	F.R.	42	63	11-12	200M	M.R.	64
43	11	100M	Fly	44	65	13-14	200M	M.R.	66
45	12	100M	Fly	46	67	Open	200M	M.R.	68
47	13	100M	Fly	48	69	11	400M	Free _c	70
49	14	100M	Fly	50	71	12	400M	Free _c	72
51	15&O	100M	Fly	52	73	13	400M	Free _c	74
53	11	50M	Breast	54	75	14	400M	Free _c	76
55	12	50M	Breast	56	77	15&O	400M	Free	78
57	11-13	200M	Breast ^t	58					

^c 11-14 400 Freestyle, Timed final event. Fastest heat swum in finals

^t 11 – 12 age group must meet the 13 age group time standard.

ORDER OF EVENTS – SATURDAY									
Long Course 11 & Over Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
79	11	50M	Back	80	95	14	200M	Free	96
81	12	50M	Back	82	97	15&O	200M	Free	98
83	11-13	200M	Back _t	84	99	11-12	400M	M.R.	100
85	14	200M	Back	86	101	13-14	400M	M.R.	102
87	15&O	200M	Back	88	103	Open	400M	M.R.	104
89	11	200M	Free	90	105	11-13	400M	I.M. ^{tc}	106
91	12	200M	Free	92	107	14	400M	I.M. ^c	108
93	13	200M	Free	94	109	15&O	400M	I.M.	110

^c 11-14 400 IM, Timed final event. Fastest heat swum in finals

^t 11 – 12 age group must meet the 13 age group time standard.

ORDER OF EVENTS – SUNDAY									
Long Course 11 & Over Championships									
Girls				Boys	Girls				Boys
EV #	Event			EV #	EV #	Event			EV #
111	11	100M	Free	112	131	11	50M	Fly	132
113	12	100M	Free	114	133	12	50M	Fly	134
115	13	100M	Free	116	135	11-13	200M	Fly ^t	136
117	14	100M	Free	118	137	14	200M	Fly	138
119	15&O	100M	Free	120	139	15&O	200M	Fly	140
121	11	100M	Breast	122	141	11-12	400M	F.R.	142
123	12	100M	Breast	124	143	13-14	400M	F.R.	144
125	13	100M	Breast	126	145	Open	400M	F.R.	146
127	14	100M	Breast	128	<i>10 MINUTE BREAK</i>				
129	15&O	100M	Breast	130	147	11&O	1500M	Free ^{ty}	148

^t 11 – 12 age group must meet the 13 age group time standard.

^y Timed final event. The 1500 freestyle will be combined and seeded by sex and swum fastest to slowest, alternating women and men. Fastest heat in beginning of finals. They will be scored as 11-13, 14, 15&O.

Section II – Other Championships

- a. A sanction will be granted for Championship meets not sponsored by OSI if the meet:
 1. Is sponsored by a League currently registered with USA Swimming.
 2. Was added to the OSI Swim Calendar at the OSI House of Delegates.
 3. Is not held the same day(s) as Championship meets sponsored by OSI, unless:
 - a. A swimmer is not allowed to compete in events in which they have Oregon A times.
 - b. A swimmer is not allowed to compete in a relay in which they would swim a stroke and distance in which they have an Oregon A time. (Oregon A times made at the meet, prior to a relay, apply to this prohibition).

Section III – Special Meet Competition

- a. **Special Competitions or Events** - may be approved by Scheduling Committee, Sanctions Chair, and Board of Directors. Conditions, specifications and schedule of events must be included in the meet information, and conform to all applicable USA Swimming Rules & Regulations and OSI policy.
- b. **Open Water Competition** - Any USA Swimming registered athlete wishing to compete in Open Water Competition will do so at their own risk and without the benefit of USA Swimming insurance coverage unless such competition is sanctioned by USA Swimming. Open water events hosts may apply to OSI for sanction. The \$20.00 per day sanction fee applies, but no portion of any surcharges or entry fees will be collected by OSI. OSI will not pay travel reimbursement for Open Water National Championships.

Section IV – Meet Equipment

- a. The following equipment is required for OSI Championship meets.
 1. **Electronic Timing**
 - a. Primary cable with a pad and two (2) buttons at the start/finish end of the pool.
 1. At the turn end of 50 m pools there shall be a primary cable with a pad and two (2) buttons or primary cable with (3) buttons. – This is not required if dive starts are permitted from the turn end of the pool.
 - b. Minimum of one (1) remote strobe – This is available from the OSI Office.
 - c. Reader board with at least one line to display finish times.
 - d. Spare pads, buttons, and microphone.
 2. **Speaker/PA System**
 - a. Minimum of one (1) remote speaker connected to the starting system opposite the starter.
 - b. A PA system that can be heard in all parts of the competition area.
 - c. An announcer using the OSI Championship meet guidelines available from the OSI Office.
 3. **Labeling**
 - a. Numbers, at least 4" high, visible from both sides of the pool on the starting platforms.
 - b. Sign indicating the Clerk of Course.
 4. **Duplicating Equipment**
 - a. Copy machine or high-speed printer for all deck seeded or prelim-finals format meets.
 5. **Radios required for prelim/finals championship meets**

- a. Minimum of ten (10) two-way radios with headsets for use by assigned officials as determined by meet referee.
- b. The following equipment is recommended for OSI Championship meets.
 - 1. **Electronic Timing**
 - a. Reader board or display with one output strip for each lane and an additional strip to indicate event and heat number.
 - b. Spare starting console and meet computer.
 - 2. **Speaker/PA System**
 - a. Additional speaker(s) at the turn end of the pool.
 - b. Additional speakers that allow the announcer to be heard in all areas of the swim venue.
 - c. An announcer with previous experience at swim meets – An announcer handout will be available from the OSI Office.
 - 3. **Duplicating Equipment**
 - a. Copy machine or high-speed printer.
 - 4. **Additional Equipment**
 - a. Internet access to allow on-line results.

Article IX - CONDUCTING A MEET

Section I - Introduction

- a. **General** - All OSI meets shall be conducted in accordance with USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. This chapter provides details and specific OSI rules for the conduct of meets. It is intended as a guide to all officials, meet personnel, and coaches, and to help parents understand the processes involved. More complete information may found in the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations booklet.
- b. **Spectator Fees** - Host clubs may charge a spectator fee. This charge shall not apply to any swimmer, official, or coach. The entire amount of spectator fees collected shall be the property of the host club.
- c. **Concessions** - The host club may provide for the sale of food, drink, and other products (i.e. T-shirts, etc.). Host club may not prevent individuals from providing their own food and drink, so long as reasonable restrictions are observed. All receipts from such sales are the property of the host club.
- d. **Hospitality** - The host club shall normally provide the following:
 - 1. Drinks and snacks for officials
 - 2. Drinks (as a minimum) for timers.
 - 3. If possible, reserved parking for officials.
 - 4. If available, a designated rest/hospitality area for officials.
- e. **OSI Fees** - The surcharges for all meets are the property of OSI. Entry fees for OSI Championship Meets as described in Article VIII, Section I. g and h are the property of OSI. Entry fees for other meets will be as per Article VII, Section II, h.
- f. **Restrictions** - Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products of any kind, and glass containers are prohibited in the swimming venue.
- g. **Equipment** - All equipment used in competitive swim meets shall be approved by OSI and comply with USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.
- h. **Membership Requirements**
 - 1. **Athletes**
 - a. All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned or approved competition are to be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.
 - b. Athletes competing in OSI Championships must be USA Swimming athlete members registered in OSI.
 - c. Registration forms and fees must arrive in the OSI office prior to an athlete's participation in an OSI Sanctioned or Approved meet.
 - d. Athletes competing in Senior Sectional Championships, Western Zone Championships, or any USA Swimming Championship level competition shall be full year athlete members. (i.e., not Seasonal)
 - e. Enforcement - The person signing the entry form will be required to verify that all athletes entered are members (in the appropriate category) of USA Swimming.
 - f. Registration Verification - The host team shall send a backup of the Hy-Tek Meet Manager database, or an export file of all entered athletes for teams not using Hy-Tek, to the OSI office as soon as all entries are entered for verification against the USA Swimming registration database.
 - g. Penalties - per Article 302.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, OSI may impose a fine of up to \$100.00 per event against the person signing the entry form.

2. Non-Athletes

a. Officials

1. All officials serving in an officiating capacity (timers excepted) are required to be currently certified under the provisions of the OSI officials certification program, or that of another LSC, and be current non-athlete members of USA Swimming or FINA affiliated organization.
2. Enforcement - It is the responsibility of the meet referee, or their designee, to insure that officials display their current officials identification badge (if used), and current year USA Swimming non-athlete membership cards.
3. Penalties - Officials not meeting the criteria specified above will not be assigned and/or permitted access to the portion of the deck specified for athletes, coaches, and meet management. (timers excepted)

b. Meet Directors

1. All meet directors are required to be non-athlete members of USA Swimming (Art. 202.3.3) in order to serve in that capacity during a sanctioned OSI competition.
2. Enforcement - The OSI Sanctions chair will verify membership during the sanctioning process.
3. Penalties - The host club may be fined up to \$100.00 if it is determined that the meet director was not registered prior to the beginning of the competition.

c. Coaches

1. All coaches serving in a coaching capacity at an OSI sanctioned competition are required to have current USA Swimming coach membership or FINA affiliated membership, with current acceptable certifications in CPR, First Aid, Safety Training for Swim Coaches and USA Swimming Background Screening.
2. Enforcement
 - a. Meet hosts shall require that each participating club prove, prior to pick-up of the team packet, that each participating coach from that club is currently registered.
 - b. Coaches desiring access to the restricted deck area shall display, in a prominently visible location on their person, a current USA Swimming or FINA affiliated membership coach membership card.
 - c. It shall be the joint responsibility of the meet host and the meet referee, or their designees, to enforce the provisions of this section.
3. Penalties
 - a. Coaches not able to prove current coach membership will be asked to remove themselves from the restricted deck area.
 - b. In addition to the provisions of par. a. & b. above, OSI shall impose a fine, upon each coach who is determined to be in violation of this requirement, of \$150.00 for the first offense, and up to \$300.00 for subsequent offenses. The fine is due within 30 days, or December 31, whichever is sooner.
 - c. Clubs with outstanding fines imposed under the provisions of the section will be denied club membership renewal privileges until such time that outstanding fine(s) are paid.

3. Disposition of Fines

All fines collected under the provisions of this section are to be dedicated to the OSI Travel Fund

4. Appeals

Decisions made under the provisions of this section may be appealed in writing to the OSI Board of Review pursuant to the provisions of USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Article 401.

Section II – Meet Preparation

a. Sanction - Meet sanctions are issued only by USA Swimming through the OSI Sanctions Chair.

Approval for the meet date must have been approved by the Schedule Committee subject to the provisions of Article I. Sanction applications must include accurate completion of the sanction application form, the appropriate fee, a copy of the proposed meet information, including a schedule of events. Sanction application forms are sent to host clubs approximately 90 days prior to the meet date, and are to be returned to the sanctions chair not later than 45 days prior to the first day of the meet.

b. Meet Information

1. **Format** - Meet information shall constitute the announcement and invitation for qualified swimmers and/or clubs to submit entries for the meet. The form shall be such that it includes the recommended configuration as shown below, with master entry forms, and an entry summary sheet, if applicable. Specific instructions regarding event entry procedures shall be included. (i.e. whether entry cards are used, etc.)

RECOMMENDED FORM OF MEET INFORMATION

* Heading - Meet Name, Meet Type, Dates	* Facility
* Statement - Held under the Sanction of United States Swimming, Inc.	* Restrictions
* Sanction Number - x-xxx	* Time Standards
* Host/Sponsor	* Rules
* Location	* Safety Procedures
* Eligibility Statement ^z	* Bull Pen (if applicable)
* Disability Statement	* Awards
* Entry Deadline	* Scoring (if applicable)
* Entry Limit	* Meetings
* Entry Fees	* Meet Referee w/phone
* Entry Address	* Invitation to Officials
* Entry Instructions	* Invitation/instructions for timer
* Check-in (if applicable)	

^z This section shall contain the statement "No on-deck registrations shall be permitted."

NOTE: Using the above form for meet information assists in establishing uniformity and consistency. Items not applicable may be omitted. Each sanction package contains more detailed instructions for meet information.

2. **Change of Format** - Any change from the approved format shall be submitted for approval to the Schedule Committee and the General Chair a minimum of two months prior to the meet. All changes must be approved prior to issuance of sanction.
3. **Mailing** - Meet information shall be mailed to invited Clubs/Swimmers and the OSI office thirty days prior to beginning of meet.
4. **Officials** - The host club shall invite a certified Meet Referee, and for sanctioned meets, and must include their name on the sanction application. Meet Referees should be included the review process for the meet information and meet planning.

Section III – Entry Procedures

- a. **Method of Entry** - Entry forms, provided by the host club, Hy-Tek CommLink electronic entry file, or entry cards, at the discretion of the host club, may be required to properly enter swimmers and relay teams in a meet. If Hy-Tek entry file is used, all information that would be included on the Master Entry Form and Relay Entry Form shall be included in the Hy-Tek entry file.
1. **Required Information**
 - a. **Eligible Swimmers** - Any swimmer (including "relay only" listed on the Master Entry Form or in Hy-Tek entry file is eligible to compete in any relay unless prohibited by gender, age, or other limitations provided in the Meet Information. The swimmers' complete names, USA Swimming registration numbers, ages and club affiliation must appear on the Master Entry Form.
 - b. **Relay Entry Forms** - When relay entries are submitted using a Relay Entry Form, the Relay Entry Form must accompany the Master Entry Form and must contain the relay team designation, affiliation, event number, distance, stroke, and correct entry time. It may also contain the name of the swimmers and alternates eligible to swim in that event. If the Relay Entry Form indicates at least four (4) swimmers eligible to compete in a relay, a Relay Entry Card will be prepared by Meet Management and delivered to the Head Lane Timer prior to the event. If the Relay Entry does not indicate at least four names, the team coach or representative must complete a Relay Entry Card, indicating the swimmers' names and order of competition, and deliver it to Meet Management prior to the stated relay entry deadline.
 - c. Changes in the swimmers competing, or in the order in which the swimmers compete, may be made with the Head Lane Timer up to the time the heat is called to the blocks. Any athlete listed on the Master Entry Form may be utilized.
 2. **Entry Summary** - If entry forms are used, a summary sheet, showing number of swimmers entered in each age group, the surcharge, and entry fee, and a total of relay teams entered shall accompany the entry forms, along with a check for the correct amount. Sample forms are available through the OSI office.

b. Entry Times

1. **In general**, entry times shall be the best time made by the swimmer in that event in this or the preceding swim season. The purpose of entry times is to provide a basis for seeding swimmers at their current capabilities. Therefore, the meet information may specify times for a pool distance other than that in which the meet is held. This sometimes occurs at the beginning of a season, when it is anticipated that best times may have occurred at the conclusion of the previous season.
2. **New swimmers** without times achieved in competition, shall enter as "NT", (No Time).

c. Entry Submissions

1. **Entry fees**, as specified above, shall accompany the entry forms.
2. **Submission** - Entries and fees shall be hand delivered or mailed early enough to arrive by the entry deadline, by first class postage, to the person designated in the meet information.
3. **Late Entries** - may be accepted or rejected, as specified in the meet information.
4. **Entry Corrections** - As a general rule, administrative errors by the host club, as verified by correct entry submittal, will be remedied. Entry submittal errors by the participating club may or may not be remedied, at the discretion of the Meet Referee.

Section IV – Event Preparation

a. General

1. **Pre-seeded Meets/Events** - The host club shall prepare a heat sheet, listing each event, with swimmers seeded as per Article 102.5, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. Coaches shall be provided with a copy and a minimum of one copy posted on the pool deck for viewing by competitors.
 2. **Deck-seeded Meets/Events** - For meets or specific events which are to be deck-seeded, the host club shall prepare a "psych sheet", listing all entered swimmers by time, fastest to slowest. Competitors check-in for, or scratch from, their events according to the procedure specified in the meet information.
- b. Seeding** - This process places swimmers with similar entry times in the same heat. The swimmers with the fastest times are in the last heats of a given event. In meets/events where a prelims/finals format is used, the last three heats are "circle seeded." This process distributes the fastest swimmers equally throughout the last three heats.
- c. Prelims/Finals Format** - For Championship level meets, each day of competition consists of two sessions; a preliminaries session, in which swimmers compete for a place in the finals session. The finals session normally consists of two heats; a consolation final, and the championship final. For example, in an eight-lane pool, the swimmers achieving the 9th through 16th fastest time in prelims swim in the consolation final and the swimmers achieving the 1st through 8th fastest times swim in the championship final.
- d. Timed Finals Format** - Swimmers compete once (in a given event), which ranks them, by time achieved, with all other competitors in the same event. Heats are normally arranged in order of slowest to fastest. For exception, see Article 102.5.7 USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.
- e. Scratches and No-Shows** - See Section VIII – Oregon Scratch Rule (below)

Section V – Conduct of Events

- a. Opening Ceremonies** - It is recommended that the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem be used at the beginning of each day's competition. Additional ceremonies are dependent on the nature of the meet. Acknowledgment of sponsors, advertisers, contributors, or other special recognition may be made at the beginning, or periodically during, the meet.
- b. Schedule of Events** - As specified in the meet information, the schedule of events may not be changed except as specified in Article 102.8, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. For OSI Championship meets, the meet referee shall ensure that events are not swum earlier than the published timeline.
 1. The following procedure will be utilized if the 11 & Over Long Course Championship meet schedule is too long.
 - a. Start one-half hour earlier each day.
 - b. 15 & Over 400 Free and 400 IM's are timed finals only. Put either one or two heats in finals.
 - c. Eliminate 200 relays.
 - d. Scratch entries down for swimmers that are in six (6) swims if the meet is too big.
- c. Officiating** - The Meet Referee assumes control of the meet from the beginning of the warm-up period (as specified in the meet information), and assures that officials are properly briefed and in position.
- d. Results** - Which include all competitors in the event, shall be posted promptly in a location accessible to spectators and competitors.

Section VI - Awards

- a. **General** - All awards presented at OSI meets shall be in accordance with Articles 204.6 and 205.5, USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.
- b. **Meet Awards**
 1. **Types** - The types of awards to be presented shall be indicated on the meet information as submitted for sanction and may not be changed thereafter.
 2. **Duplicate Awards** - Duplicate awards shall be presented for all ties.
 3. **Places** - The number of places to be presented awards is normally determined by the number of working lanes, except that at the host clubs' option, additional places and or "B" flight awards may be presented. See Article VIII, Section V of these Policies and procedures for awards for OSI Championship meets.
 4. **Protests** - Until final action is determined, results of any race conducted under protest, or of any protested race, shall not be announced, and no awards presented, or scoring points allowed until the protest is officially withdrawn.

Section VII - Post-Meet Requirements

- a. Complete final results, including names of relay swimmers, time trials, and the results of swim offs, shall be sent within 10 days. A \$25.00 fine will be levied to clubs not mailing acceptable results within 10 days.
- b. Results shall be sent to the following places and in the following formats:
 1. A hard copy or electronic for each club entered in the meet.
 2. A hard copy and an electronic copy for inclusion in the OSI Qualifier's database to Oregon Swimming. The electronic copy must be in Hy-Tek CommLink or SDIF format, preferably zipped and e-mailed to office@oregonswimming.org
 3. Hard or electronic copy to the appropriate records chair (long course or short course),
 4. HTML, plain text file, or link to an external website to OSI website developer [optional].
- c. A financial report, included with the sanction package, shall be completed and mailed to the OSI office not later than 30 days after the last day of the meet. Reports not mailed within 30 days are subject to a \$10.00 fine.
- d. The meet surcharge and the OSI portion of entry fees (and surcharges & all entry fees for designated OSI championship meets) shall be mailed to the OSI office not later than 30 days after the last day of the meet. Fees not mailed within 30 days are subject to a fine of \$10.00 or 10 percent of the amount due, whichever is greater.
- e. Meet evaluation forms, which are distributed to coaches, officials, swimmers, and parents, shall be collected, reviewed by the meet director, and forwarded to the OSI Office.
- f. Fines levied under a., b., or c. above apply to the OSI Travel Fund. Failure to comply with provisions of these sanctioning and reporting procedures may result in withholding of future event sanctions.

Section VIII – Oregon Scratch Rule

- a. **Individual Scratch Rule** – The Oregon scratch rule shall be used for all Oregon Swimming, Inc. championship meets. Each swimmer shall inform him/herself of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call.
 1. **Pre-Seeded Meets** - Each swimmer shall report promptly prior to the start of each race in which they are entered. Any swimmer not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event or a preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized.
 2. **Deck Seeded Events**
 - a. Scratches prior to seeding of heats shall be confirmed by properly filling out and depositing a scratch card in the scratch box.
 - b. The scratch deadline shall be thirty (30) minutes after the start of warm-ups for the respective day of the meet.
 - c. In all events where preliminary heats are necessary, after the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event in which such swimmer entered and has not been scratched in accordance with sub-paragraphs A and B above will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day. Additionally that swimmer shall not be seeded in any individual events on succeeding days unless that swimmer declares an intent to swim prior to the close of the scratch box for that day's events.
 - d. Seeding – Positive check-in is required for all swimmers in deck seeded events.
 1. The seeding deadline shall be thirty (30) minutes after the start of warm-up for the respective day of the meet.
 2. Distance events may have separate positive check-in and scratch deadline to be announced at the meet.

3. Heat sheets will be published as soon as possible following the positive check-in and scratch deadline.

3. Scratching from finals

- a. Any swimmer qualifying for a C, B or A (bonus and consolation final or) final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet, except as noted in paragraph E. A declared false start under 101.1.3F or deliberate delay of meet under 101.1.5 is not permitted and will be regarded as a failure to compete.
- b. In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, the Referee shall fill the C, B or A (bonus and consolation final or) final, when possible, with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced along with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if unavailable to compete in the finals.
- c. Where C and B (bonus and consolation) finals have not been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the Referee, the Referee shall reseed the C, B, and A (bonus final and consolation final and the) final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final.
- d. If the C and B (bonus and consolation) finals have already been contested, the (championship) final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).

4. Exceptions for failure to compete - No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:

- a. The Referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
- b. A swimmer qualifying for a C, B, or A (bonus or consolation final) final race based upon the results of the preliminaries notifies the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after announcement of the qualifiers for that race that they may not intend to compete and further declares their final intentions within thirty (30) minutes following their last individual preliminary event.
- c. It is determined by the Referee that failure to compete is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.

b. Relay Scratch Rule

1. **Pre-Seeded Meets** - Any relay team entered in a pre-seeded relay event that fails to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.
2. **Deck Seeded Relays** - Any relay team seeded in a deck seeded event that fails to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.
 - a. Relay teams that wish to be seeded in a deck seeded event shall provide a relay entry to the clerk of course by the announced deadline.

The following information will be included in the meet information for all Oregon Swimming, Inc. championship meets.

“The Oregon scratch rule will be in effect. The Oregon scratch rule is the same as the USA Swimming scratch rule (207.12.6) except that the scratch deadline in 207.12.6, A and B, shall be thirty (30) minutes following the start of warm-ups for the respective days events. Additionally the check-in for seeding (207.12.7) for all deck seeded events shall be thirty (30) minutes following the start of warm-ups for the respective days events.”

Section IX – Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

a. Warm-up Procedures

1. General Warm-up (First 30-45 minutes)

- a. NO DIVING or BACKSTROKE STARTS allowed from the blocks or edge of pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first in a cautious manner, with at least one hand in contact with the pool deck or gutter.
- b. No sprinting (racing starts) allowed during this general warm-up session.
- c. All lanes to be used for general warm-ups.

2. Specific Warm-ups (last 30-45 minutes)

RECOMMENDED LANE USE

P00L	PUSH/PACE	RACING STARTS	GENERAL WARM-UP
6 LANE	2 & 5	1 & 6	3 & 4
8 LANE	2 & 7	1 & 8	3, 4, 5, & 6
9 LANE	2 & 8	1 & 9	3, 4, 5, 6, & 7

10 LANE	2 & 9	1 & 10	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8
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- a. Push/Pace Lanes- Push off one or two lengths from the starting end. Circle swimming only. No diving or backstroke starts.
 - b. Racing Starts - Only designated lanes for racing starts from the blocks or for backstroke starts at specified times. In long course meter pools where the depth allows starts from both ends, racing starts may occur from both ends with swimmers exiting the water before mid-pool (at the Referee's discretion).
 - c. General Warm-up Lanes - NO DIVING or BACKSTROKE STARTS. Circle swimming only.
3. This section may be modified at the Referee's discretion.

b. Safety Guidelines

1. Coaches Responsibilities

- a. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
- b. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers at meets and at all practices.

2. Host Team Responsibilities

- a. Marshaling
 - 1. A minimum of four (4) marshals, who report to, and receive instructions from the Meet Referee and/or Meet Director, shall be on deck during the entire warm-up session and any warm-up breaks to enforce these Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures.
 - 2. Marshals shall wear identifying attire.
 - 3. Marshals shall have the authority to remove any swimmer who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures.
 - 4. For continuous warm-up pools, lifeguards from the host facility may serve as marshals, if they are currently certified by Red Cross in Life-guarding, and agree to enforce the warm-up procedure as instructed by the Meet Referee and/or Meet Director.
- b. Host teams shall post signs at each lane at both ends of the pool, which indicate the designated use during warm-ups.
- c. Warm-up times and lane assignments shall be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area.
- d. The following statement shall appear in the meet information: "Oregon Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet."
- e. An announcer shall be on duty for the entire warm-up session to announce lane and/or time changes and to assist with the conduct of the warm-up.
- f. Hazards in locker rooms, on the deck area, or in areas used by coaches, swimmers, spectators, or officials shall be removed or clearly marked.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Use of hand paddles and other training devices during warm-ups is at the meet referee's discretion.
- b. Backstrokers shall not start at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step on the block if there is a backstroker waiting to start.
- c. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time.
- d. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the meet.
- e. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.

Section X – Protests

- a. Protests against the judgment decisions of starters, stroke, turn, place, and relay take-off judges can only be considered by the Referee and the Referee's decision shall be final.
- b. For consideration of all other protests lodged at the meet, the Referee may appoint a meet jury. The jury shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of whom shall be a coach and one an athlete.
 - 1. Protests made prior to the race contesting the eligibility of a swimmer to compete or represent an organization shall be made to the Referee in writing. If a protest is not resolved, the Referee or the meet jury shall allow the swimmer to compete under protest and it shall be so announced before the race.
 - 2. All other competition-related protests, including protests concerning eligibility and representation, must be made to the Referee and submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the race in which the alleged infraction occurred.
 - 3. Written protests must be accompanied by fifty dollars (\$50), which shall be refunded if the protest is upheld.

NOTE: Host clubs may, with the consent of the Meet Director and/or the Meet Referee, modify the time schedule or recommend lane assignments depending on pool configuration, number of swimmers, or other factors, so long as safety considerations are not compromised. Any such changes shall be announced, and/or posted prominently in the pool area.

Article X – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – Duties And Powers Of Standing Committees And Coordinators

- a. **Budget Committee** - The Budget Committee is authorized and obligated to consult with the officers, committee chairs and coordinators and prepare and present a proposed budget for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates. The officers, committee chairs and coordinators shall provide promptly such financial information (current and projected) and budget proposals as the Budget Committee may request. The proposed budget may contain alternatives.
- b. **Membership/Registration Chair** - The Membership/Registration Chair is authorized and obligated to conduct the registration of Group and Individual Members and supervise the transmission of registration information to USA Swimming and assist in the preparation of the reports required by Section 608.6, together with such additional reports as may be requested by USA Swimming, the Board of Directors, the Administrative Vice-Chair or the Finance Vice-Chair.
- c. **Officials Committee** - The Officials Committee is authorized and obligated to recruit, train, test, certify, evaluate, retest, re-certify and supervise officials for OSI and such other activities as may be necessary or helpful in maintaining a roster of qualified, well-trained and experienced officials of the highest caliber.
- d. **Personnel Committee** - The Personnel Committee is authorized and obligated to negotiate and set wages, compensation and other terms of employment of OSI's staff (whether employees or independent contractors) within established, budgetary guidelines and policies and to review and approve the scope of duties delegated to the staff.
- e. **Safety Chair** - The Safety Chair shall be responsible for coordinating safety enhancement and training opportunities as needed and for the dissemination of USA Swimming safety education information to all Group Members, athletes, coaches and officials of OSI. The Safety Chair shall develop safety education programs and policy for OSI and make recommendations regarding those programs and policies and their implementation to the applicable division Vice-Chairs and the Board of Directors. When approved by the Board of Directors, the Safety Chair shall be responsible for the coordination of their implementation by the Club Members. The Safety Chair shall prepare and transmit the reports required pursuant to Section 608.7.
- f. **Technical Planning Committee** - The Technical Planning Committee shall be responsible for long-range planning for the swimming programs conducted by OSI and for advice regarding the technical aspects of those programs and of the sport of swimming generally.
- g. **Audit Committee** – The Audit Committee is authorized to, and it shall be its duty, to conduct the annual audit of the books of OSI pursuant to Section 608.5 and present the results thereof to the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with regard thereto.

Article XI – PRIVACY POLICY

Section I – OSI Privacy Policy

- a. It shall be the policy of OSI that the following information, and only the following information, shall be acceptable for publication in any form, including but not limited to the world wide web, regarding any OSI member without the express written authorization from the athlete, if of majority; the athlete's parent/guardian, if a minor; or the non-athlete member:
Name, age in years, club affiliation, time and place achieved in an event, and any awards or honors received by the athlete.
- b. It shall be the policy of OSI that USA Swimming membership numbers and "trouble lists" (either registration or monetary) shall not be published on the web.

Article XII – AMENDMENT

Section I - Voting

Except as otherwise provided in these Policies and Procedures, all motions, orders and other propositions coming before the House of Delegates shall be determined by a majority vote if notification to clubs is 30 days or more. If notification to clubs is less than 30 days, motions shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for passage.

Section II – Document Retention and Version Control

- a. **Master Documents** - The Secretary shall be responsible for retaining the master copy of all documentation and manuals relating to the structure and operation of OSI. This includes but is not limited to the By-Laws, Policy & Procedures, and Board of Directors manuals.
- b. **Updates** – The Secretary shall be responsible for making all updates to these master documents based on the approved minutes from OSI meetings. At the completion of each complete update, an updated version of the document will be distributed to the OSI Office and the OSI Web Master (if applicable).
- c. **Distribution** -No electronic version of any master document which is capable of being changed, will be distributed without the prior permission of the Secretary.
- d. **Backups** - The Secretary shall ensure that sufficient precautions such as permanent back-ups of all electronic copies of the master documents are periodically secured and stored in a safe place.

Anti-Recruiting Policy

Active recruiting - the solicitation of an athlete of one USA Swimming member club by another USA Swimming member club - is contrary to the best interests of Oregon Swimming, Inc. and its more than 6000 athlete members.

USA Swimming member clubs within Oregon Swimming, Inc. shall be prohibited from directly or indirectly soliciting or encouraging an athlete of another USA Swimming member club to leave his or her existing member club to join the soliciting club. This anti-recruiting policy shall prohibit a USA Swimming member club officer, employee, or coach from directly or indirectly initiating contact with an athlete from another USA Swimming member club in Oregon Swimming, Inc., or the athlete's family, with the intent that the athlete join the soliciting club.

The intent of this anti-recruiting policy is to prevent organized and club-sanctioned efforts to persuade a member of one USA Swimming member club to leave his or her member club to joining the other member club. It is not the intent of this anti-recruiting policy to prevent athletes or parents of athletes of one member club from initiating contact with coaches, officials or athletes of another member club for the purpose of inquiring about joining the other member club. Once such contact is initiated, the restrictions of this anti-recruiting policy shall not apply to any contact with that athlete or family by that member club. Nor is it the intent of this anti-recruiting policy to prevent athletes or parents of athletes from different clubs from discussing any aspect of their respective USA Swimming member clubs, or incidental contact, such as may occur at a competition when a coach, parent, or athlete of one club offers to congratulate an athlete from another club. However, any such activities which are shown to have been promoted, encouraged or facilitated by a USA Swimming member club officer, employee or coach with the intent of recruiting shall be in violation of this anti-recruiting policy and subject the member club and/or its coach to the sanctions of this anti-recruiting policy.

Nothing in this anti-recruiting policy shall prevent a USA Swimming member club from conducting self-promotional activities such as advertising, team tryouts or camps for the purpose of recruiting athletes, as long as there is no direct solicitation of athletes of another member club.

Violation of this anti-recruiting policy shall be reported to the Oregon Swimming, Inc. Board of Review which, upon review of the complaint, shall conduct hearings under the by-laws of Oregon Swimming, Inc. Any USA Swimming member club or USA Swimming member coach found to have violated this anti-recruiting policy shall be suspended from Oregon Swimming, Inc. for up to one year for a first offense and for up to two years for a second or subsequent offense. Suspension of a member coach for a violation of this anti-recruiting policy shall prohibit that coach from being on deck for any USA Swimming competition sanctioned by Oregon Swimming, Inc. during the period of suspension. Suspension of a USA Swimming member club for a violation of this anti-recruiting policy shall not prohibit the registration of the club, athletes or coaches, but shall prohibit the member club from competing as a team in USA Swimming competition sanctioned by Oregon Swimming, Inc, including all championship competition during the period of suspension. Athletes registered with any such suspended club may compete in any USA Swimming competition sanctioned by Oregon Swimming, Inc, but may do so only as an unattached athlete.

