

USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee Minutes

August 17, 2023 - Virtual Meeting

Present: Rachel Olson, USA Swimming; Nate Chessey, USA Swimming; Dan McCarthy, USA Swimming; Mike Seip, Chair; Starre Haney; TJ Walsh, Athlete; Stacy Smith; Melissa Millerick-May; Marco Greico, Athlete; Doug Wharam; Jack Yetter; Lynne Shine

Absent: Davis Shelton, Athlete; Garret Sims, Athlete; Brandon Burns; Connie Harvey, American Red Cross; Lindsay Mondick, YMCA; John Wallum, IOA

Guests: Tim Husson, EZ Non-Coach Director, PVS General Chair; Diane Walker, Sierra Nevada Swimming, OR Committee

Call to Order: Mike Seip, Committee Chair, called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of the USA Swimming Operational Risk Committee at 12:00 PM EDT on Thursday, August 17, 2023, via Zoom videoconference.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. NGB updates – Nate/Dan/Rachel
3. ABM-Legislation
4. ROO-Rachel
5. Hot Summer Nights on August 24, 2023
6. Working Group Topics – relative to current events
7. LSC Contacts
8. September Meeting Date Change
9. Other

Goals/Working Groups for 2023-24

1. Meet Marshal Program Development
2. Water Temperature
3. Communications
4. Racing Start Certifications
5. Certifications
6. Hypoxic Blackout
7. Concussion

Future Meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month via Zoom at 12:00 PM EST: September 14, 2023

Adjournment

August 2023 Agenda

- Motion to approve Agenda: Marco Greico, Second: Stacy Smith

July 2023 Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes: Doug Wharam, Second: Starre Haney

NGB Updates (Rachel)

- No new updates to report

Working Group Reports:

- Meet Marshals (Starre)
 - No new updates from the working group
 - Starre inquired as to when the completed MM information / documents will be sent from Headquarters to the LSCs. Nate stated that the material is still under revision / review within the Legal and Communications departments. No completion / issuance date available currently.
- Concussion (Starre)
 - The working group continues to review states for updates. Will have a spreadsheet listing requirements for concussion certification in all 50 states at the next meeting. Should be noted that Indiana (location for several national level meets) updated their requirements to mandate concussion training every two years. Coaches that travel to meets in this state need to be made aware of this change.
- Communication (Lynne)
 - In the process of scheduling the gathering of working group. Will have an update / report at the next meeting.
- Racing Starts (Mike)
 - Mike will reach out to Davis for an update before the next meeting.
- Water Temperature (Stacy)
 - No new updates. Considering including educational type information in the Coaches Connect newsletter. Given the lack of interest in rules or regulations around this topic, it is ultimately up to the individual LSCs to govern / monitor.
- Coaching Certifications (Marco)
 - Continue to receive daily emails regarding validity of various safety training courses.
 - Will have coaches certification statistics to present at next meeting.
- LSC Contacts List (Jack)
 - The list is continuously updated as Committee members submit information.
 - Since most LSCs have their HODs in Oct/Nov, I have calendared the end of Nov as the point at which I will reach out to everyone to make sure the information we have for their assigned LSCs is up to date. Once all the updates are captured, I will send the most current revision out to the Committee.

New Business:

- Zone Working Group on Junior Official Category Creation (Marco)
 - Marco is a Co-Chair. TJ is a committee member. The Working Group is comprised of Coaches, Officials, and Athletes.

- Rachel joined the working group for the most recent meeting. The definition of “supervision” was discussed.
- In the next two weeks we anticipate having a finalized proposal. At that point Marco will send it out to this Committee for input.
- National Officials Committee “Hot Summer Nights” webinar series (Mike)
 - NOC is hosting this series and advocating that 3-4 officials from each LSC attend.
 - August 24 topic is Meet Management / Safety
 - Mike spoke with Matt Wilson (NOC Chair) as well as Kenneth Chung, who, in addition to Rachel, is presenting. Kenneth agreed to send a copy of the slides / presentation for this Committee to provide input.

Closed Executive Session:

- Discussion of Current Reports of Occurrence

Adjournment: Mike Seip adjourned the August 17, 2023, meeting of the Operational Risk Committee at 1:00 PM EDT.

Next Committee Meeting: The regularly scheduled meeting date / time for the Committee has been changed to Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 11:00 AM MDT, 1:00 PM EDT