

Championship Committee

Committee Members

Jeff Roddin, Chair; Sandi Rousseau, Vice Chair

Tyler Blessing, Tom Boak (appointed), Ken Brisbin, Debbie Cavanaugh, Jim Clemmons (appointed), Kim Crouch, Barry Fasbender, Jack Groselle, Kris Houchens, Mark Moore, Michael Moore, Patty Nardozzi, Ed Saltzman, Robin Segnitz, Jody Smith, Jeff Strahota, Lisa Watson.

Ex-Officio: Rob Butcher, Michael Heather, Jim Matysek, Jane Moore, Paul Smith, Chris Stevenson.

Introduction

Our mission is to serve in an advisory capacity to national championship hosts and make recommendations and decisions that enhance the quality of championship meets for all registered U.S. Masters Swimming members; to actively solicit and receive bid proposals, review bids and select the sites for national championship meets; and support marketing opportunities for U.S. Masters Swimming Corporate Partners.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. Established Local and Regional Club classifications for 2011 USMS clubs
2. Adopted a Conflict of Interest policy for bid discussion and selection
3. Updated sample budget and developed a generic template for bidders
4. Worked with the National Office in establishing a specific 35 day schedule from the day entries close until Nationals starts (when to make key decisions, when to submit info for the program, etc.) and to have the National Office produce the meet programs (the host still gets them printed but USMS delivers a complete PDF to the host)
5. Updated Nationals evaluation form to match new contracts
6. Decided exhibition swims at Nationals should not be permitted at this time
7. Allow Nationals' hosts free advertising in meet programs leading up to theirs

Action Items

1. Update Meet Director's Guide for 2012 hosts
2. Evaluate seed time updating and event change capabilities for swimmers after they have entered Nationals but prior to the entry deadline
3. Evaluate "relay only" option to enter Nationals after the traditional entry deadline
4. Evaluate using automatic split requests at Nationals as standard practice instead of by request only
5. Develop written NQT policy and FAQ
6. Calculate NQTs for 2012 Nationals
7. Update Liaison Guidelines and facility checklist for site visit
8. Propose emergency Rules proposal(s) to use video backup timing system at Nationals
9. Coordinate 2013 Summer Nationals with potential 2013 Pan Am Masters Nationals in Sarasota

10. Submit nominations(s) for the RAM National Championship Award

Championship Committee Agendas

Thursday (2:00-3:15pm, City Terrace 6)

1. Approve Minutes from last meeting
2. Review/discuss 2011 Nationals:
 - A. Mesa (Spring)
 - B. Auburn (Summer)
3. Review/discuss status and planning for 2012 Nationals:
 - A. Greensboro (Spring)
 - B. Omaha (Summer)
4. Review/discuss proposed Legislation/Rules changes that affect Championship Committee (Article 104)
5. NQT's
 - A. 2012 NQT's
 - B. Written policy/FAQ

Saturday (8:00-9:00am, City Terrace 6)

1. 2013 Championship Bids
2. Nationals procedures/activities:
 - A. Entry deadline/automatic seed time updating
 - B. Relay only swimmers later entry deadline
 - C. Coaches hospitality
 - D. Automatic Split Requests
 - E. Sports Medicine Lecture
 - F. Ransom Arthur Award presentation at Spring Nationals
3. Goals/Tasks for 2012