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Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 606.4
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To better define the voting representation of LSC board members
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

606.4 DOUBLE VOTE PROHIBITED- An Individual Member entitled to vote in the House of Delegates by virtue of holding a position in LESI may not also vote as a Group Member Representative in the House of Delegates.

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Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 607.3
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To update the Bylaws to reflect the addition of the Technical Planning Chair to the Budget Committee.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

607.3 MEMBERS AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

.2 BUDGET COMMITTEE - The members of the Budget Committee shall be the General Chair, the Finance Vice-Chair, who shall serve as Chair, the Treasurer, the Administrative Vice-Chair, the Senior Athlete Representative, the Technical Planning Chair, the Senior Coach Representative, the Age Group Vice-Chair and the Senior Vice-Chair.

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Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws 607.1
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To update the Bylaws to reflect the current committee reporting to division chairs.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

ARTICLE 607 DIVISIONS, COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

607.1 DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTIONS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS - The six divisions of LESI shall each be chaired by a Vice-Chair, the Senior Athletes Representative, or the Senior Coaches

Representative, whose respective powers, duties, jurisdiction and responsibilities are described in Section 606.7.
Under each division Vice-Chair there are officers, committees, coordinators and direct responsibilities as follows:

.1 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION – General Chair

- Executive Committee
- Leap Committee
- Safe Sport committee

.2 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION - Administrative Vice-Chair

- Awards Program Committee
- Legislation Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Volunteer Recognition Committee
- ~~Awards Banquet~~
- ~~Bylaws/Legislation/Rules~~
- ~~Computer~~
- ~~Elections~~
- ~~Insurance~~
- ~~Legal (General Counsel, if applicable)~~
- ~~Membership/Registration~~
- ~~Publications/Newsletter~~
- ~~Policies and Procedures Manual~~
- ~~Records/Top 16 Tabulation~~
- ~~Swimguide/Parents Manual~~
- Secretary
- ~~Safe Sport Committee Chair~~
- ~~Web Site~~
- Handbook Committee
- Records Coordinator
- Registration Committee
- Swim Database Coordinator
- Permanent Office
- Website Coordinator
- IMX Committee

.3 AGE GROUP DIVISION - Age Group Vice-Chair

- Camps Committee
- Disability Committee
- Club Incentive Committee
- ~~Adaptive Swimming~~
- Age Group Development Committee
- ~~All Star Meet~~
- ~~Camps/Clinics~~
- ~~Meet Evaluation~~
- Meet Management Committee
- Meet Sanctions Committee
- LESI and Zone Open Water Committee
- Quad Meet (Mid-States 14Under Championships) Committee
- Zone Team Committee

.4 SENIOR DIVISION - Senior Vice-Chair

- Diversity Committee
- ~~Awards~~
- Officials Committee
- ~~Reportable Times~~
- Safety Committee
- Senior Swimming Committee
- ~~Diversity~~

.5 FINANCE DIVISION- Finance Vice-Chair

- ~~Audit~~
- Budget Committee
- Equipment
- Elaine Miller Fund Committee
- Finance Committee
- Marketing/Sponsorship
- Public Relations/Communications
- ~~Swim a thon~~
- Tax
- Treasurer

.6 ATHLETES DIVISION - Senior Athlete Representative

- ~~Athlete Representatives~~
- Athletes Committee

.7 COACHES DIVISION - Senior Coach Representative

- ~~Coach Representatives~~
- Coaches Committee
- ~~Special Events~~
- Swimposium Committee

.8 Technical Planning Division – Technical Planning Chair

- Technical Planning Committee
- Scheduling Committee
- ~~Club Development~~
- ~~Meet Sponsorship~~
- ~~Program Development~~
- ~~Time Standards~~

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Location:	Lake Erie Bylaws Article 614.1, 614.2, 614.3, 605.2.12, 607.2.2(A), 607.4.3
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To update the Bylaws to reflect the addition changes pertaining to permanent office.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

ARTICLE 614
PERMANENT OFFICE AND STAFF

614.1 OFFICE - LESI shall maintain an office in the Territory for the storage and maintenance of the books and records and equipment of LESI and for other purposes as may be determined by the House of Delegates or the Board of Directors in accordance with these Bylaws.

614.2 STAFF - LESI shall retain paid staff at the LESI Office as the Board of Directors may determine to be appropriate or necessary. The staff shall be under the general supervision of the General Chair and the Administrative Vice Chair. With respect to delegated functions of the officers, committee chairs and coordinators, the staff shall be responsible to the respective officer, committee chair or coordinator. The powers and duties of the paid staff shall be established in LESI's Policies and Procedures Manual or by resolution of the Board of Directors or by delegation approved by the Personnel Committee.

614.3 APPROPRIATIONS - The Budget Committee shall include in its proposed budget a line item for the costs of LESI's Office inclusive of the compensation and benefits costs of the paid staff. Once appropriated by the House of Delegates, the Personnel Committee shall be responsible, together with the General Chair, for the administration of those funds. The compensation of the staff shall to the extent possible be treated as confidential.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

605.2 MEMBERS- The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers, committee chairs, coordinators and representatives of LESI, together with those additional members designated in Sections 605.2 and 605.3:

- .1 General Chair
- .2 Administrative Vice-Chair
- .3 Senior Vice-Chair
- .4 Age Group Vice-Chair
- .5 Finance Vice-Chair
- .6 Secretary
- .7 Treasurer
- .8 Coach Representatives (2)
- .9 Athlete Representatives (2)
- .10 Safety Committee Chair
- .11 Technical Planning Chair
- .12 ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~
- .13 Officials Committee Chair
- .14 Legislation Committee Chair
- .15 Zone Committee Chair
- .16 YMCA Liaison

146 .17 NCAA Liaison

147 607.2 NON-OFFICER CHAIRS AND THEIR COMMITTEES; COORDINATORS

148 .2 Duties and Powers of Non-Officer Chairs and Coordinators

149 A. Membership/Registration Coordinator - The Permanent Office will be responsible for the duties of the
150 Membership/Registration Coordinator and shall be responsible for the registration of Group and Individual
151 Members and shall make the reports required by Section 608.6, together with such additional reports as may
152 be required by USA Swimming, the Board of Directors or the Administrative Vice-Chair.

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154 607.4 DUTIES AND POWERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

155 .3 MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION COORDINATOR - The Permanent Office is responsible for the duties of the
156 Membership/Registration Coordinator and is authorized and obligated to conduct the registration of Group and
157 Individual Members and supervise the transmission of registration information to USA Swimming and assist in the
158 preparation of the reports required by Section 608.6, together with such additional reports as may be requested by
159 USA Swimming, the Board of Directors, the Administrative Vice-Chair or the Finance Vice-Chair.

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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.4(H) Conduct of Specific Warm-Up
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To allow for Outside lanes to be used for starts when teams are assigned lanes during warm-ups. The current policy is a disadvantage to teams assigned to lanes 2 and 9(ten lanes), 2 and 7(eight lanes), 2 and 5 (six lanes). Those lanes are pre-set to open first for warm ups. If teams are assigned their own lane or a shared lane can the coaches help decide to open all lanes when the assigned teams are ready.
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163 5.7.4 Warm-up shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines published by the LESI Safety Committee.

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165 H. Conduct of Specific Warm-up – The final 20 minutes of a 45 minute warm-up or the final 15 minutes of a 30
166 minute warm-up shall be conducted as follows:

167 (1) For all pools when teams are assigned a lane for the warm-up period:

168 (a) The assigned lane will be open for sprint starts if the coaches for the assigned lanes agree
169 that their general warm-up is concluded, regardless of the lane, and at such time that the
170 Meet Referee (or his/her designee) have agreed that the lane is safe for sprint starts.

171 (b) Once a lane is opened for starts any team may share the lane for starts to help balance the
172 number of swimmers per lane so long as they are under the supervision of an assigned
173 coach.

174 When lanes are not pre-assigned for warm-ups:

- 175 (2) For a 10 lane pool:
- 176 (a) Lanes 1 & 10 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion
- 177 of Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- 178 (b) Lanes 2 & 9 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length
- 179 only and exiting the pool
- 180 (c) Lanes 3-8 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be
- 181 converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.
- 182 (3) For an 8 lane pool:
- 183 (a) Lanes 1 & 8 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of
- 184 the Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- 185 (b) Lanes 2 & 7 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length
- 186 only and exiting the pool
- 187 (c) Lanes 3-6 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any all of these lanes may be
- 188 converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.
- 189 (4) For a 6 lane pool:
- 190 (a) Lane 1 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of
- 191 Meet Referee or his/her designee).
- 192 (b) Lanes 2 & 5 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length
- 193 only and exiting the pool.
- 194 (c) Lanes 3, 4, and 6 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may
- 195 be converted to sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.
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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.5(B) For Meets with Slower Than Time Standards
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To deter swimmers from being entered into slower than events that they are not eligible for. This should be more punitive than the faster than meets since it will usually result in a higher placed finish for the ineligible swimmer.
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- B. For meets with "slower-than" time standards, swimmers may not compete in an event in which they are faster than the listed time standard as of the meet entry deadline.

(1) Swimmers should enter the event only if they have not achieved the listed time standard for that event.

(2) If prior to the end of the meet it is determined that a swimmer was ineligible to compete in an event, the swimmer will subsequently be removed from placement in the event and the swimmer's team will be fined \$50.

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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.3.3 Meet Applications
Proposed by:	Sarah Tobin
Rationale:	To align language between the Sanction Approval Guide and to enforce the need for the Meet Entry file to be available along with the Meet Announcement at least 10 weeks prior to the meet.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

5.3 Approvals

- .3 Application: Application for approval must be submitted in accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. An approval fee deposit of \$50.00 shall accompany the application.

A. Deadline: Application for approval should be submitted to the LESI Sanction Chairman at least ~~8-10~~ 12 weeks prior to the meet.

B. Requirements for Approval: Approval of competition may be issued, withheld, or withdrawn by LESI in accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

C. Meet hosts shall have completed the sanction process and have their meet announcement and meet entry file ready for posting on the LESI website no later than 10 (ten) weeks prior to the date of their meets. Penalties are outlined in the Sanction Approval Guide.

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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.2 Sanctions
Proposed by:	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair
Rationale:	While well-intentioned, the current policy that requires a meet host to have a certified official or in-training official registered with the club before the meet receives a sanction has been very difficult to enforce, often jeopardizing the conduct of scheduled meets. The current policy risks penalizing the athletes of the LSC by failing to sanction scheduled meets; this was never the intention of the policy. This new proposal seeks to put no such requirement on meet hosts, but instead provide a financial incentive to have certified officials on their teams. Some teams have put people into "training" in order to satisfy the current policy, but many have not continued the training in pursuit of certification, so the new policy would deal in black and white: certified only.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

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233 5.2 Sanctions

234 .4 Sanction Fees

235 A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee for meet hosts who
236 have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet shall be 20% of the entry income as
237 defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. For all other meet
238 hosts, the sanction fee shall be 25% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches
239 multiplied by the published entry fee.

240 B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00 fee for meet hosts
241 who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet, and no swimmer surcharge. For
242 all other meet hosts, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$25 and no swimmer surcharge.

243 C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed 200 yards/meters) the sanction
244 fee shall be

245 (1) \$10.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for
246 meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$50 for all
247 other meet hosts;

248 (2) \$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for
249 meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$150 for all
250 other meet hosts; or

251 (3) 15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-
252 hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet
253 or 20% of the entry income for all other meet hosts.

254 D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.

255 .5 Reports and Remittances *[no changes]*

- 256 .6 ~~Officials- For a club to be granted sanction for a meet listed on the approved LESI schedule, the club needs to~~
257 ~~have at least one certified or in training official that is attached or will be attached to the club during the Short~~
258 ~~Course or Long Course season.~~

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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.1 Scheduling 5.2 Sanctions 5.3 Approvals 5.5 Officials
Proposed by:	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair Unanimously Endorsed by Technical Planning Committee
Rationale:	<p>I believe the time has come in this LSC to abandon the current scheduling process and philosophy of protectionism. It dates back to the time when the LSC had fewer than 2000 registered athletes. A free market system for hosting meets, I believe, has a better chance of serving the athletes of this LSC. By potentially having meets scheduled on the same day, only those meets that are meeting the needs of the swimmers will survive. Competition among meet hosts will help control the skyrocketing cost of meet entry fees. Clubs will be able to better accommodate their swimmers if they can pick the meets they want to attend, pick the site they want to attend, and get intrasquad meets or dual meets sanctioned even when another meet is being conducted within the LSC. Also, by requiring that meet hosts secure officials before receiving a sanction, clubs may be forced into encouraging more of their own parents to become officials. The LSC would no longer waive or reduce sanction fees for financially unsuccessful meets. Enterprising meet hosts will offer less profitable events (distance freestyle, 400 IM, 200 strokes) to draw swimmers looking for times in those events; the LSC can sponsor meets as necessary to provide opportunities that have been lacking throughout the season. More open meets (no time standards) would enable teams to take all of their swimmers to one meet rather than having to attend multiple meets (A or faster, slower than A, faster than B, etc.) with partial rosters.</p> <p>Effective Date: For meets held after March 31, 2016</p>
Recommendation:	

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265 **5.1 Scheduling -** The schedule for fall/winter meets shall be posted after the Spring meeting of the House of Delegates.
266 The summer schedule shall be posted after the Fall meeting of the House of Delegates. Meet hosts may place meets
267 on the Lake Erie schedule at their convenience. Teams/organizations may apply for sanction or approval for any meet
268 which satisfies the requirements and conditions as listed in USA Swimming Rules & Regulations and in Lake Erie
269 Swimming Policy & Procedures. No meets shall be sanctioned or approved that conflict with Lake Erie Championship
270 meets.

- 271 .1 ~~Summer meets shall be bid the preceding Fall. Fall/winter meets shall be bid the preceding Spring.~~

~~.2 Bids shall be submitted by the deadline published by the Scheduling Coordinator. A sanction fee deposit of \$50.00 shall be attached to the "Bid Application to Host a Meet" form at the time of application. The sanction fee deposit will be refunded if the bid is not accepted.~~

~~.3 Conflicting meets shall not be scheduled unless a waiver is granted by the Board.~~

~~.4 Conflicting Bids~~

~~A. Sanctioned meets generally will be given priority over approved meets.~~

~~B. Where there are conflicting bids for sanctioned meets, the Site Selection Committee shall determine which bid will be awarded based on but not limited to the following criteria:~~

~~(1) What is best for the swimmers in terms of meet format and facility;~~

~~(2) Ability and experience of the meet host in conducting competitions;~~

~~(3) Tradition of meet (all other things being equal, priority shall be given to the bidder who conducted the competition on the same weekend in previous years); and~~

~~(4) Geographic location.~~

~~C. Appeal: Any member of LESI may appeal the decision of the Site Selection Committee.~~

~~(1) Appeal must be made within seven (7) days of the decision of the Site Selection Committee.~~

~~(2) Appeal shall be presented to the next scheduled House of Delegates or the LESI Board of Directors meeting, whichever comes first.~~

~~(3) A \$50.00 filing fee, payable to LESI, shall accompany each appeal.~~

~~(4) The filing fee shall be returned if the appeal is upheld, but forfeited if it is rejected.~~

~~D. Site Selection Committee: The Site Selection Committee shall be comprised of the Age Group Vice Chair, Senior Vice Chair, Scheduling Coordinator, Coach Representative, Athlete Representative, plus two (2) people appointed for that meeting by the General Chair whose clubs are not already represented on the Site Selection Committee. In case of conflict of interest or unavailability of any of these parties, the General Chair shall appoint a replacement. [renumber remaining]~~

~~.5 Teams that fail to hold a scheduled meet shall be subject to fines as deemed reasonable by the Board of Directors. These fines can include, but will not be limited to, the forfeiture of the sanction/approval fee deposit of \$50.00 that was submitted at the time of Application.~~

~~.6 Procedures for change to an accepted bid~~

~~A. Any changes to a scheduled meet brought forth by the host team (i.e., time standards, venue, entry limitations, events, awards, etc.) after its bid has been accepted must be approved by the Board of Directors or its designee(s).~~

~~B. Any changes to a scheduled meet brought forth by the LSC (i.e., time standards, venue, entry limitations, events, awards, etc.) after it has accepted a bid shall be presented to the meet host at least sixteen (16) weeks prior to the meet. The meet host must agree to the changes or withdraw its bid without penalty within fifteen (15) weeks prior to the meet. Any requests from the LSC for changes that are not provided at least sixteen weeks in advance of the meet are optional.~~

5.2 Sanctions

.1 Application

310 A. Deadline for Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets listed on the published LESI meet
311 schedule should be submitted to the LESI ~~Sanction Coordinator~~ Permanent Office no later than twelve (12)
312 weeks prior to the start of the meet. Meet hosts shall have completed the sanction process and have their
313 meets ready for posting on the LESI website no later than ten weeks prior to the date of their meets.

314 (1) If the meet information is not posted within nine weeks of the meet, a fine of \$50.00 shall be levied
315 against the meet host.

316 (2) If the meet information is not posted within eight weeks of the meet, a fine of \$100.00 shall be
317 levied against the meet host.

318 (3) Thereafter, the fine against the meet host will increase by \$100.00 per week if the meet information
319 is not ready for posting.

320 (4) Meets added to the published schedule less than ten weeks prior to the meet date shall be
321 required to simultaneously apply for sanction and shall be fined \$50.00 if the meet announcement
322 is not posted within one week of scheduling.

323 B. Deadline for Non-Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets not listed on the published LESI
324 meet schedule, including dual meets, should be submitted to the LESI ~~Sanction Chair~~ Permanent Office as
325 soon as possible prior to the meet. Late fees shall be assessed for applications submitted less than two
326 weeks prior to the meet date. Late fees shall be made payable to LESI and shall be passed on to the LESI
327 Sanction Chair. *[re-letter remaining]*

328 (4) 10-13 days in advance – late fee \$10.

329 (5) 8-9 days in advance – late fee \$15.

330 (6) 5-7 days in advance – late fee \$25.

331 (7) 1-4 days in advance – late fee \$100.

332 C. Requirements of Sanction: Sanctions are issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with Article 202-2
333 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Additionally, all reports must be filed by the prescribed
334 deadlines and the following must be included with the application for sanction and the entry information:

335 (1) A sanction application;

336 (2) Meet ~~entry information~~ announcement in an electronic text file;

337 ~~(3) Relevant sections of the LESI scratch rule;~~ *[renumber remaining]*

338 (4) ~~A copy of the schedule of events and associated electronic Event file for export to TM (event file~~
339 ~~not required for non-scheduled dual or closed competition);~~

340 (5) A verification of registration form;

341 (6) Emergency evacuation plan; and

342 (7) ~~The names~~ A list of the officials secured for a non-scheduled the meet along with a copy of the
343 communication from the LSC Officials Chair or his/her designee approving the list; and

344 (8) Sanction fee deposit of \$50 or the full amount of the flat fee where applicable plus any
345 administrative fees.

346 .2 Changes to ~~Entry Information~~ Sanctioned Meet Announcement: - Any proposed change(s) to the sanctioned
347 meet information announcement involving change in time standards, venue, events, awards, entry limitations, or
348 date must be submitted to the Board of Directors or its designee(s) for approval. Approved changes shall be

349 forwarded to the Sanction Chair by the Board and a new sanction will be issued. Minor revisions to meet
350 information including types, meet personnel, etc. must shall be submitted in writing to the Sanction Chair
351 Permanent Office.

352 .3 Conditions of Sanction: Any event for which a sanction is granted is subject to the conditions set forth in Article
353 202.3 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and the following:

354 A. The assigned sanction number must appear on the published entry ~~information~~ announcement and final
355 results.

356 B. Conduct of the sanctioned event must conform in all respects to all current LESI technical and
357 administrative rules.

358 C. Meet Host shall verify current coach membership of all persons acting in a coaching capacity at the meet.

359 .4 Sanction and Surcharge Fees

360 A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee shall be 20% of the
361 entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee.

362 B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00, ~~and no swimmer~~
363 ~~surcharge.~~

364 C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed ~~200~~ 400 yards/meters) and
365 open water meets, the sanction fee shall be a flat fee of \$10.

366 (1) ~~— \$10.00 for open water or a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four-~~
367 ~~hour session;~~

368 (2) ~~— \$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four hour session; or~~

369 (3) ~~— 15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per~~
370 ~~four hour session.~~

371 D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.

372 E. Surcharge – A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer shall be assessed unless there is no entry fee
373 associated with the meet or meet events.

374 .5 Reports and Remittances

375 A. ~~Entry~~ (pre-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the
376 meet host to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office at least three (3) days prior
377 to the start of the meet.

378 B. ~~Entry~~ (post-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the
379 meet host to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office within ~~five (5)~~ two (2) days
380 of the conclusion of the meet.

381 C. Registration: The on-deck USA Swimming registration information and fees taken by the meet deputy
382 registrar shall be sent to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office within one (1)
383 day of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$50.00 to the meet host.

384 D. Surcharge: A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer and the Surcharge Report shall be mailed to the LESI
385 Treasurer or designee within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the monies
386 and surcharge report within fourteen (14) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of
387 10% of the total owed.

- 388 E. Financial Statement: The financial statement, sanction work sheet, and sanction fee balance shall be
389 mailed to the LESI Treasurer or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet.
- 390 F. Reports of Occurrence: Reports of Occurrence shall be ~~mailed to~~ filed online with USA Swimming, the
391 ~~USA Swimming insurance carrier, and the LESI Safety Committee Chairman~~ as soon as possible after the
392 conclusion of the meet.
- 393 G. Final Results - Final results with splits in the form of a Meet Manager back-up file shall be provided to the
394 ~~LESI Membership/Registration Coordinator within one (1) day of the conclusion of the meet to be posted~~
395 by the Permanent Office to the Lake Erie Swimming website and must include all relay lead-off splits
396 recorded by electronic timing.
- 397 (1) ~~Final results will not be mailed out at the conclusion of any meets. Teams may request the~~
398 ~~electronic files from the meet director at the meet. Results will be posted on the Lake Erie website~~
399 ~~for no less than the course of the season.~~
- 400 (2) ~~Final results must include the complete name (first and last), age, and team affiliation of each~~
401 ~~swimmer. Exception: First initial may be used in lieu of first name where meet software is~~
402 ~~designed to accept only the first initial or where the meet is conducted without benefit of meet~~
403 ~~management software.~~
- 404 (3) ~~Final results shall be in the format prescribed by the LESI Records Committee.~~
- 405 .6 Officials: For a club to be granted sanction for a meet listed on the ~~approved~~ LESI schedule, the club needs to
406 have at least one certified or in-training official that is attached or will be attached to the club during the Short
407 Course or Long Course season.

408 5.3 Approvals

- 409 .1 Approvals ~~may~~ shall be issued to ~~USA Swimming member clubs, LSCs, non-member clubs, or organizations~~
410 according to the requirements listed in USA Swimming Rules & Regulations for meets conducted in accordance
411 with USA Swimming technical rules.
- 412 .2 With the exception of YMCA meets, a list of meet officials must be submitted to the LESI Officials Chair for
413 approval at least one week prior to the start of the event the time of application.
- 414 .3 Application: Application for approval must be submitted in accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming
415 Rules and Regulations. An approval fee deposit of \$50.00 or the entire flat approval fee, where applicable, shall
416 accompany the application.
- 417 A. Deadline: Except for dual meets or closed competition, application for approval should be submitted to the
418 LESI Sanction Chairman Permanent Office at least 8-10 twelve weeks prior to the meet
- 419 B. Requirements for Approval: Approval of competition may be issued, withheld, or withdrawn by LESI in
420 accordance with Article 202.4 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- 421 .4 Conditions of Approval - The assigned approval number must appear on the published ~~entry information~~ meet
422 announcement and final results.
- 423 .5 Approval Fee
- 424 A. For all meets other than YMCA meets where an entry fee is charged, the approval fee shall be 20% of the
425 entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. A
426 deposit of \$50 shall be submitted along with the application for approval.
- 427 B. The approval fee for YMCA meets shall be a flat fee of \$150, with \$50 due at the time of application.
- 428 C. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat approval fee of \$5.00 due at the time of
429 application and no swimmer surcharge. ~~An initial \$50.00 deposit will not be required.~~

430 D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the approval fee.

431 .6 Reports and Remittances

432 A. The financial statement, approval worksheet and approval fee balance shall be mailed to the LESI
433 Treasurer within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the financial
434 statement, approval worksheet and approval fee balance within forty-five (45) days will result in an
435 additional monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the total owed.

436 B. Final results in the form of a Meet Manger back-up file shall be provided to the LESI
437 Membership/Registration Coordinator within one (1) day of the conclusion of the meet to be posted to the
438 Lake Erie Swimming website and must include all relay lead off splits recorded by electronic timing. Final
439 results shall be available on the Lake Erie Website.

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442 **5.5 Officials**

443 ~~.1 All competitions sanctioned in LESI shall be officiated by officials certified by LESI, unless waived by the LESI~~
444 ~~Officials Chair. Officials certified in any other LSC may be assigned to deck positions at the discretion of the~~
445 ~~Meet Referee. [renumber remaining]~~

446 .2 The minimum number of certified officials per session at any meet sanctioned or approved by LESI shall be
447 determined by the LESI Officials Chair based on the ~~entry~~, facility, meet format, and events for that meet.

448 .3 No more than 50% of the deck officials at a meet or time trial sanctioned by LESI shall be affiliated in ~~any manner~~
449 ~~with the host club (as an officer, relative of swimmer or coach, or otherwise)~~ unless sufficient numbers of other
450 officials are unavailable.

451 .4 Those wishing to host meets shall contact the LSC Officials Chair for assignment of a Referee and Administrative
452 Official. Each assigned Referee shall assign the deck officials and Starter(s) for that meet. Where a sufficient
453 number of certified officials cannot be secured, no sanction or approval will be issued. The Officials Chair shall
454 provide to the meet host and Referee the required number of officials and certifications for the meet and shall also
455 provide a list of currently certified Lake Erie officials and their contact information.

456 .5 Excepting YMCA meets, the LESI Officials Chair or his/her designee shall ~~assign~~ approve the list of certified
457 officials submitted by the meet host before a sanction or approval can be issued. ~~to meets listed on the published~~
458 ~~LESI Meet Schedule. Before meet assignments are made prior to the start of the season, the Meet Director may~~
459 ~~contact the LESI Officials Chair for the purpose of participating in the selection of officials for the meet.~~

460 .6 Meet Hosts shall be responsible for finding their own officials for meets not listed on the published LESI Meet
461 Schedule. The number and certification levels of the officials required for the meets shall be determined by the
462 LESI Officials Chair.

463 .7 Fees: Each certified assigned official shall be paid by the meet host at the end of the meet or at the conclusion of
464 the official's duties at the rate approved by LESI. (See Appendix B.)

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Location:	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.7 Fees (withdrawn if free market legislation is adopted) P-5
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Proposed by:	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair
Rationale:	<p>Entry fees for meets have become unreasonable, with meet hosts attempting to fund their entire programs on the backs of swimmers who enter their meets. It is my belief that meet hosts should charge only enough to cover the costs of hosting the meet and make a <u>reasonable</u> profit. We have developmental meets held in home pools where only ribbons are awarded that are charging just as much per event as is charged for a meet that gives out medals and high point awards held at facilities such as CSU, Akron U and Spire. Because all of our meets are protected (i.e., the only game in town), the LSC is essentially approving these outrageous fees. It is just wrong. Someone needs to look out for our swimmers and their families and not price them out of participation. If we do not do something to limit the fees, meet hosts will continue to raise fees. "Whatever the market will bear" does not apply since the market is protected.</p> <p>Effective Date: For meets held after September 1, 2015</p>
Recommendation:	

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471 5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

472 .7 Entry Fees: Meet sponsors may set their own entry fees for individual and relay events, not to exceed the limits listed
473 below unless approved by the Board. A handling fee may be imposed by the meet host for team entries not submitted
474 electronically. A \$2.00 surcharge per swimmer per meet shall be assessed, ~~\$1.00 of which shall be designated for the~~
475 ~~LESI Zone fund, \$1.00 for the general fund,~~ unless waived by the Board. No additional surcharges or any other per
476 swimmer fee may be added by meet hosts without prior consent of the Board.

477 A. Age Group and Senior Championship Meets: \$5.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.

478 B. Meets where medals and high point (individual and/or team) awards are given: \$4.50 per individual event;
479 \$10.00 per relay.

480 C. Meets where medals are awarded: \$4.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.

481 D. Meets where there are no awards or where only ribbons are awarded: \$3.00 per individual event; \$8.00 per
482 relay.

483 E. Distance Meets offering only events 400 yards/meters or greater: \$10.00 per individual event.

484 F. Open Water Meets: \$20 per individual event.

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Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement
Proposed by:	Senior Swimming Committee
Rationale:	<p>The futures meet has been added. It is above the sectional meet but still just a regional (not national) meet. Costs for transportation to sectionals have increased so we believe an increase from \$70 to \$100 per swimmer/coach is necessary. Also, we simplified reimbursement to be meets only outside of LESI and got rid of the limitation on sectional/grand prix meets because we do not want to limit opportunities to our swimmers.</p>

Recommendation:

Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

- .2 Coaches: The base amount on which percentage for reimbursement is determined for any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or for U.S. Paralympic Open Championships or NCSA Junior Nationals shall be travel cost as defined in .5 below or \$50 per day for which a Coach has a swimmer in competition whichever is greater. When a national meet is held within two days of the conclusion on another national meet in the same location, coaches who remain for the second meet shall receive an additional \$150.00. Teams sending a different coach for the second meet shall have the new coach reimbursed the average airfare. The base amount for USA Swimming Sectional or Grand Prix Meets shall be ~~\$70.00~~ \$100.00 per coach. Reimbursement for USA Swimming Futures Meets shall be travel cost as defined in .5 below not to exceed \$200. Airline purchases shall be made at least 21 days prior to the start of the meet. Airline purchases made less than 21 days prior to the start of the meet by anyone who has already qualified, may be removed from the calculation of the average airfare at the discretion of the Board.
- .3 Athletes: The base amount on which percentage for reimbursement is determined for any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, U.S. Paralympic domestic-national level meets as listed on the U.S. Paralympic web site, NCSA Junior Nationals, USA Swimming Futures, or for USA Swimming Sectional Championships or Grand Prix Meets shall be defined in A-F below. Airfare reservations for meets requiring travel by air shall be made at least 21 days prior to the start of the meet. Airline purchases made less than 21 days prior to the start of the meet by anyone who has already qualified may be removed from the calculation of the average airfare at the discretion of the Board.
- A. USA Swimming Sectional, USA Swimming Futures, Grand Prix Meets or Paralympic Domestic Regional Meets: teams shall be reimbursed at a flat dollar rate of ~~\$70.00~~ \$100.00 per swimmer. Unattached individuals shall be reimbursed similarly. In order to be reimbursed, the swimmer must compete in the meet. Relay-only swimmers will be considered to be ½ of a swimmer. Travel reimbursement for Sectionals ~~or Grand Prix Meets~~ shall be given only for meets outside of LESI ~~to teams or unattached swimmers whose base practice pool or permanent residence is located 45 miles or more from the meet site as determined by current MapQuest routing and mileage. A swimmer shall be reimbursed for only one meet (Futures, Sectionals or Grand Prix) in the same season.~~
- B through E no further changes*
- F. USA Swimming Futures Meet: travel cost up to \$200

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Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement
Proposed by:	Senior Swimming Committee
Rationale:	Coaches meetings at National meets are the day before the meet begins and because of finals the last day of competition most swimmers and coaches leave the next day. Appropriate rental car per diem's should include those two extra travel days. Also, more tiers should be added if teams are taking more athletes. In case multiple cars or vans are required.

Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015
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523 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

524 .1 Teams: Teams shall be issued a per diem for the purpose of a rental car/ van/shuttle/taxi service not to exceed
525 actual cost as follows for ~~the duration of~~ any meet listed in Article 207 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or
526 for U.S. Paralympic Open Championships or NCSA Junior Nationals:

- 527 • Coach and up to 3 athletes - \$50 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- 528 • Coach and up to 6 athletes - \$70 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- 529 • Coach and ~~7 or more~~ up to 10 athletes - \$85 per day of competition plus 2 travel days.
- 530 • Coach and up to 15 athletes - \$100 per day of competition plus 2 travel days
- 531 • Coach and 16 or more athletes - \$125 per day of competition plus 2 travel days

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Location:	Section 8 Reimbursement
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	The cost of travel has increased. To encourage our officials to continue to seek National level endorsement and also National level participation the proposed change to the officials funding is presented. Futures meets were also added to the list of meets for reimbursement. There is also a correction in the numbering of this section.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

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535 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

- 536 .4 Officials: The base amount shall be travel cost as listed in .5 below or ~~\$50.00~~ \$70.00 per day for each day of
537 competition, whichever is greater.
- 538 A. An official may receive funding from LESI for this purpose up to two times per calendar year.
 - 539 B. The official must be available to work all sessions of the meet for which funding is provided.
 - 540 C. Any official already receiving funding from USA Swimming or the meet host shall not receive funding from
541 LESI for that meet.
 - 542 D. No funding shall be available for meets conducted within the geographic boundaries of LESI unless an
543 official's permanent residence is 45 miles or greater from the meet site as determined by current MapQuest
544 routing and mileage.
 - 545 E. Funding shall apply only to Olympic Trials, USA Swimming National Championships, U.S. Open, Junior
546 Nationals, Futures, Sectionals, Grand Prix, Open Water National Championships, and Central Zone
547 Championships, provided the meet is a qualifying meet for national certification.

F.5 Travel cost per meet for all candidates, including individuals traveling to a meet from a location outside LESI, will be established by 1) averaging the incurred round trip airfares of all eligible candidates traveling coach class from an LESI regional airport to a meet area airport, or 2) multiplying the current allowable IRS charitable mileage rate by the round trip mileage between Cleveland and the meet city. Which mode of transportation is to be used to compute the base amount will be determined by the Board to reflect what is reasonable for the distance and time of year.

G.6 To protect the financial stability of LESI, the basis for reimbursement may be reduced by the Board, subject to approval by the House.

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Location:	5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions
Proposed by:	Sarah Tobin
Rationale:	To benefit the Swimmers and Parents of our LSC we should post on Meet Mobile an available psyche sheet three days prior to meets that are being run in a prelims/finals format. This will allow families a better estimation to the likely hood of qualifying for finals. It will also aid clubs who are responsible for meet volunteers at LE run meets. Potential/Likely volunteers can be identified earlier creating less issue in finding workers for Finals.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

No Changes for .1 through .15

.16 For meets that are being held in a Prelims/Finals (separate session) format, including all Lake Erie Swimming hosted meets, meet hosts shall post a psych sheet to Meet Mobile for public viewing no less than three (3) days prior to the day of the first event.

P-11 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

Location:	5.6 LESI Championships
Proposed by:	Tim McNichols
Rationale:	To encourage participation in Lake Erie Swimming non-Championship meets and to increase overall participation in Lake Erie.
Recommendation:	Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

5.6 LESI Championships

- 570 .1 LESI championship competitions shall be determined by the Board in accordance with 205.7 of USA Swimming
571 Rules and Regulations.
- 572 .2 LESI may host the competitions or may solicit bids from LESI group members.
- 573 .3 The meets shall be conducted according to guidelines established by LESI.
- 574 .4 Eligibility
- 575 A. Only athlete members of LESI shall be eligible for entry into LESI championship meets. For any meets that
576 are combined LSC championships, only member athletes of those LSCs shall be eligible.
- 577 B. All swimmers must have met qualifying time standards for the specific events in which they compete.
- 578 C. All swimmers must have competed in at least one Lake Erie sanctioned meet, other than the championship
579 meet, during the current season.

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Location:	5. Sanctions
Proposed by:	Legislative Committee
Rationale:	To encourage prompt payment of all Sanction fees. Using a monetary penalty as well as withholding further meet sanctions if previous balances are not made current.
Recommendation:	Effective Date – September 1 st , 2015

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584 5.2 Sanctions

- 585 .1 Application
- 586 A. Deadline for Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets listed on the published LESI meet
587 schedule should be submitted to the LESI Sanction Coordinator no later than twelve (12) weeks prior to the
588 start of the meet. Meet hosts shall have completed the sanction process and have their meets ready for
589 posting on the LESI website no later than ten weeks prior to the date of their meets.
- 590 (1) If the meet information is not posted within nine weeks of the meet, a fine of \$50.00 shall be levied
591 against the meet host.
- 592 (2) If the meet information is not posted within eight weeks of the meet, a fine of \$100.00 shall be
593 levied against the meet host.
- 594 (3) Thereafter, the fine against the meet host will increase by \$100.00 per week if the meet information
595 is not ready for posting.
- 596 B. Deadline for Non-Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets not listed on the published LESI
597 meet schedule, including dual meets, should be submitted to the LESI Sanction Chair as soon as possible
598 prior to the meet. Late fees shall be assessed for applications submitted less than two weeks prior to the
599 meet date. Late fees shall be made payable to LESI and shall be passed on to the LESI Sanction Chair.

- 600 (1) 10-13 days in advance – late fee \$10.
- 601 (2) 8-9 days in advance – late fee \$15.
- 602 (3) 5-7 days in advance – late fee \$25.
- 603 (4) 1-4 days in advance – late fee \$100.
- 604 C. Requirements of Sanction: Sanctions are issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with Article 202.2
605 of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Additionally, all reports must be filed by the prescribed
606 deadlines and the following must be included with the application for sanction and the entry information:
- 607 (1) A sanction application;
- 608 (2) Meet entry information in an electronic text file;
- 609 (3) Relevant sections of the LESI scratch rule;
- 610 (4) A copy of the schedule of events and associated electronic event file for export to TM (event file not
611 required for non-schedule meets);
- 612 (5) A verification of registration form;
- 613 (6) Emergency evacuation plan; and
- 614 (7) The names of the officials secured for a non-scheduled meet.
- 615 (8) All previous sanction fees and surcharges are current with a balance owed of zero. If monies are still
616 owed then no sanctions currently or in the future will be awarded until a balance of zero is achieved.
- 617 .2 No Changes
- 618 .3 No Changes
- 619 .4 Sanction Fees
- 620 A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee shall be 20% of the
621 entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee.
- 622 B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00, and no swimmer
623 surcharge.
- 624 C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed 200 yards/meters) the
625 sanction fee shall be
- 626 (1) \$10.00 for open water or a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four-
627 hour session;
- 628 (2) \$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session; or
- 629 (3) 15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per
630 four-hour session.
- 631 D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.
- 632 .5 Reports and Remittances

- 633 A. Entry (pre-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the
634 meet host to the LESI Membership/Registration Coordinator at least three (3) days prior to the start of the
635 meet.
- 636 B. Entry (post-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the
637 meet host to the LESI Membership/Registration Coordinator within five (5) days of the conclusion of the
638 meet.
- 639 C. Registration: The on-deck USA Swimming registration information and fees taken by the meet deputy
640 registrar shall be sent to the LESI Membership/Registration Coordinator within one (1) day of the
641 conclusion of the meet. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$50.00 to the meet host.
- 642 D. Surcharge: A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer and the Surcharge Report shall be mailed to the LESI
643 Treasurer or designee within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the monies
644 and surcharge report within fourteen (14) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of
645 10% of the total owed.
- 646 E. Financial Statement: The financial statement, sanction work sheet, and sanction fee balance shall be
647 mailed to the LESI Treasurer or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure
648 to submit the sanction monies and financial statement within forty-five (45) days will result in an additional
649 monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the total owed.
- 650 *No Further Changes*