

**Lake Erie Swimming**  
**House of Delegates - Legislation Proposals**  
Proposed Amendments to Spring 2015 House of Delegates

1. The legislative items will be considered in the order shown below.
2. Sections A, B, C and D will be considered (one section at a time) as omnibus motions, except for those items pulled for discussion. Within each block, delegates will be given the opportunity to pull items.
3. Items pulled will be considered in numerical order after the respective omnibus motion.
4. Omnibus motions are in the affirmative as motions to approve the block of items.
5. Other motions should generally be stated in the affirmative.
6. Any amendment requires simple majority for approval. The subsequent amended main motion will require the original percentage (majority, 2/3 or 90%). An entirely new item will require 90% for adoption.
7. Once recognized by the Chair, please identify yourself by name and LSC or committee.
8. When a badge count is used, please raise your hand high and keep it still until the count is complete. During a badge count, please do not move from your original position.

*Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled.*

<b>A</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Required</b>
B-1	To better define the voting representation of LSC board members	Article 606.4	Approval	2/3
B-2	To update the Bylaws to reflect the addition of the Technical Planning Chair to the Budget Committee.	Article 607.3		
B-3	To update the Bylaws to reflect the current committee reporting to division chairs.	Article 607.1		
B-4	To update the Bylaws to reflect the addition changes pertaining to permanent office.	Article 614		

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<b>B</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Required</b>
P-1	To better define how outside lanes are to be used during warm-up sessions when lanes are preassigned.	Section 5.7	Approval	simple majority
P-2	To deter swimmers from entering into slower than events that they are not eligible for.	Section 5.7		
P-3	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.	Section 5.3		
P-4	To provide a financial incentive to have certified officials for teams.	Section 5.2		
P-5	To define a free market system for hosting meets that should serve our growing number of swimmers better than the current meet schedule system. To offer competition for rising costs associated with entry fees which should result in reduced fees.	Section 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5		
P-7	To update reimbursement language for coaches and athletes including an increase in amounts and the inclusion of futures meet.	Section 8.3.2		
P-8	To update the two extra travel days associated with National meets. To update the tiers for teams taking more athletes.	Section 8.3.1		
P-9	To encourage LESI officials to travel and seek National level endorsement. To update the language for futures meets.	Section 8.3.4		
P-10	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.	Section 5.7		
P-12	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.	Section 5.2		

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<b>C</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Required</b>
P-6	Should P-5 not be adopted this item will put a new price structure on what meet hosts can charge for events.	Section 5.7	Approval	simple majority
<i>Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled.</i>				
<b>D</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Required</b>
P-11	To encourage participation in Lake Erie Swimming non-Championship meets and to increase overall participation in Lake Erie.	Section 5.6	Rejection (please review P-11 to fully understand the recommendation)	simple majority

According to Robert, "an amendment must be germane to be in order. To be germane, an amendment must in some way involve the same question that is raised by the motion to which it is applied. A secondary amendment must relate to the primary amendment in the same way. An amendment cannot introduce an independent question; but an amendment can be hostile to, or even defeat, the spirit of the original motion and still be germane."

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B-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled						
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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:	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee

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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:	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  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.

B-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	Lake Erie Bylaws 607.1
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	To update the Bylaws to reflect the current committee reporting to division chairs.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.</p> <p>Effective date - immediately following approval by the USA-S Rules Committee</p>

**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~~
- ~~Swinguide/Parents Manual~~
- Secretary
- ~~Safe Sport Committee Chair~~
- ~~Web Site~~

- 46 • Handbook Committee
- 47 • Records Coordinator
- 48 • Registration Committee
- 49 • Swim Database Coordinator
- 50 • Permanent Office
- 51 • Website Coordinator
- 52 • IMX Committee
  
- 53 .3 AGE GROUP DIVISION - Age Group Vice-Chair
- 54 • Camps Committee
- 55 • Disability Committee
- 56 • Club Incentive Committee
- 57 • ~~Adaptive Swimming~~
- 58 • Age Group Development Committee
- 59 • ~~All Star Meet~~
- 60 • ~~Camps/Clinics~~
- 61 • ~~Meet Evaluation~~
- 62 • Meet Management Committee
- 63 • Meet Sanctions Committee
- 64 • LESI and Zone Open Water Committee
- 65 • Quad Meet (Mid-States 14Under Championships) Committee
- 66 • Zone Team Committee
  
- 67 .4 SENIOR DIVISION - Senior Vice-Chair
- 68 • Diversity Committee
- 69 • ~~Awards~~
- 70 • Officials Committee
- 71 • ~~Reportable Times~~
- 72 • Safety Committee
- 73 • Senior Swimming Committee
- 74 • ~~Diversity~~
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- 76 .5 FINANCE DIVISION- Finance Vice-Chair
- 77 • Audit
- 78 • Budget Committee
- 79 • Equipment
- 80 • Elaine Miller Fund Committee
- 81 • Finance Committee
- 82 • Marketing/Sponsorship
- 83 • Public Relations/Communications
- 84 • ~~Swim a thon~~
- 85 • Tax
- 86 • Treasurer
  
- 87 .6 ATHLETES DIVISION - Senior Athlete Representative
- 88 • ~~Athlete Representatives~~
- 89 • Athletes Committee
  
- 90 .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~~

B-4 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	Lake Erie Bylaws Article 614
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	To update the Bylaws to reflect the addition changes pertaining to permanent office.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  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.
- 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 Finance 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.

P-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.4(H) Conduct of Specific Warm-Up
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

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130 5.7.4 Warm-up shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines published by the LESI Safety Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

141 (2) For a 10 lane pool:

142 (a) Lanes 1 & 10 push/pace from the start end of the pool (or general warm-up at the discretion of Meet  
143 Referee or his/her designee).

144 (b) Lanes 2 & 9 sprint lanes for racing starts from the starting block end of the pool, one length only and  
145 exiting the pool

146 (c) Lanes 3-8 general warm-up, no diving or racing starts. Any or all of these lanes may be converted to  
147 sprint lanes at the discretion of the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

148 (3) For an 8 lane pool:

149 a-c no changes

150 (4) For a 6 lane pool:

151 a-c no changes

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P-2 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.7.5(B) For Meets with Slower Than Time Standards
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

#### 5.7.5

- 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.

P-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.3.3 Meet Applications
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Sarah Tobin
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  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.

P-4 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures 5.2 Sanctions
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

## 5.2 Sanctions

### .4 Sanction Fees

- A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet shall be 20% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. For all other meet hosts, the sanction fee shall be 25% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee.
- B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00 fee for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet, and no swimmer surcharge. For all other meet hosts, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$25 and no swimmer surcharge.
- C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed 200 yards/meters) the sanction fee shall be
- (1) \$10.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$50 for all other meet hosts;
  - (2) \$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or \$150 for all other meet hosts; or
  - (3) 15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-hour session for meet hosts who have a certified official registered to their team at the time of the meet or 20% of the entry income for all other meet hosts.
- D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.



200 .5 Reports and Remittances *[no changes]*

201 .6 ~~Officials – For a club to be granted sanction for a meet listed on the approved LESI schedule, the club needs to have at~~  
202 ~~least one certified or in training official that is attached or will be attached to the club during the Short Course or Long~~  
203 ~~Course season.~~

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<b>Location:</b>	LESI Policy and Procedures <b>5.1 Scheduling</b> <b>5.2 Sanctions</b> <b>5.3 Approvals</b> <b>5.5 Officials</b>
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair Unanimously Endorsed by Technical Planning Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	<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><b>Effective Date:</b> For meets held after March 31, 2016</p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.

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209 **5.1 Scheduling -** The schedule for fall/winter meets shall be posted after the Spring meeting of the House of Delegates. The  
210 summer schedule shall be posted after the Fall meeting of the House of Delegates. Meet hosts may place meets on the Lake  
211 Erie schedule at their convenience. Teams/organizations may apply for sanction or approval for any meet which satisfies the  
212 requirements and conditions as listed in USA Swimming Rules & Regulations and in Lake Erie Swimming Policy & Procedures.  
213 No meets shall be sanctioned or approved that conflict with Lake Erie Championship meets.

214 .1 ~~Summer meets shall be bid the preceding Fall. Fall/winter meets shall be bid the preceding Spring.~~

215 ~~.2 Bids shall be submitted by the deadline published by the Scheduling Coordinator. A sanction fee deposit of \$50.00 shall~~  
216 ~~be attached to the "Bid Application to Host a Meet" form at the time of application. The sanction fee deposit will be~~  
217 ~~refunded if the bid is not accepted.~~

218 ~~.3 Conflicting meets shall not be scheduled unless a waiver is granted by the Board.~~

219 ~~.4 Conflicting Bids~~

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

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

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

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

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

227 ~~(4) Geographic location.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

239 ~~.5 Teams that fail to hold a scheduled meet shall be subject to fines as deemed reasonable by the Board of Directors.~~  
240 ~~These fines can include, but will not be limited to, the forfeiture of the sanction/approval fee deposit of \$50.00 that was~~  
241 ~~submitted at the time of Application.~~

242 ~~.6 Procedures for change to an accepted bid~~

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

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

250 5.2 Sanctions

251 .1 Application

252 A. Deadline for Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets listed on the published LESI meet schedule  
253 should be submitted to the LESI ~~Sanction Coordinator~~ Permanent Office no later than twelve (12) weeks prior to the

- 254 start of the meet. Meet hosts shall have completed the sanction process and have their meets ready for posting on  
255 the LESI website no later than ten weeks prior to the date of their meets.
- 256 (1) If the meet information is not posted within nine weeks of the meet, a fine of \$50.00 shall be levied against  
257 the meet host.
- 258 (2) If the meet information is not posted within eight weeks of the meet, a fine of \$100.00 shall be levied against  
259 the meet host.
- 260 (3) Thereafter, the fine against the meet host will increase by \$100.00 per week if the meet information is not  
261 ready for posting.
- 262 (4) Meets added to the published schedule less than ten weeks prior to the meet date shall be required to  
263 simultaneously apply for sanction and shall be fined \$50.00 if the meet announcement is not posted within  
264 one week of scheduling.
- 265 B. Deadline for Non-Scheduled Meets: Application for sanction for meets not listed on the published LESI meet  
266 schedule, including dual meets, should be submitted to the LESI ~~Sanction Chair~~ Permanent Office as soon as  
267 possible prior to the meet. Late fees shall be assessed for applications submitted less than two weeks prior to the  
268 meet date. Late fees shall be made payable to LESI and shall be passed on to the LESI Sanction Chair. *[re-letter*  
269 *remaining]*
- 270 (4) 10-13 days in advance – late fee \$10.
- 271 (5) 8-9 days in advance – late fee \$15.
- 272 (6) 5-7 days in advance – late fee \$25.
- 273 (7) 1-4 days in advance – late fee \$100.
- 274 C. Requirements of Sanction: Sanctions are issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with Article 202-2 of USA  
275 Swimming Rules and Regulations. Additionally, all reports must be filed by the prescribed deadlines and the  
276 following must be included with the application for sanction and the entry information:
- 277 (1) A sanction application;
- 278 (2) Meet ~~entry information~~ announcement in an electronic text file;
- 279 ~~(3) Relevant sections of the LESI scratch rule; [renumber remaining]~~
- 280 (4) ~~A copy of the schedule of events and associated electronic Event file for export to TM (event file not~~  
281 ~~required for non-scheduled dual or closed competition);~~
- 282 (5) A verification of registration form;
- 283 (6) Emergency evacuation plan; and
- 284 (7) ~~The names~~ A list of the officials secured for ~~a non-scheduled~~ the meet along with a copy of the  
285 communication from the LSC Officials Chair or his/her designee approving the list; and
- 286 (8) Sanction fee deposit of \$50 or the full amount of the flat fee where applicable plus any administrative fees.
- 287 .2 Changes to ~~Entry Information~~ Sanctioned Meet Announcement: - Any proposed change(s) to the sanctioned meet  
288 information announcement involving change in time standards, venue, events, awards, entry limitations, or date must be  
289 submitted to the Board of Directors or its designee(s) for approval. Approved changes shall be forwarded to the Sanction  
290 Chair by the Board and a new sanction will be issued. Minor revisions to meet information including typos, meet  
291 personnel, etc. must shall be submitted in writing to the ~~Sanction Chair~~ Permanent Office.

- 292 .3 Conditions of Sanction: Any event for which a sanction is granted is subject to the conditions set forth in Article 202.3 of  
293 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and the following:
- 294 A. The assigned sanction number must appear on the published entry ~~information~~ announcement and final results.
- 295 B. Conduct of the sanctioned event must conform in all respects to all current LESI technical and administrative rules.
- 296 C. Meet Host shall verify current coach membership of all persons acting in a coaching capacity at the meet.
- 297 .4 Sanction and Surcharge Fees
- 298 A. For all meets where an entry fee is charged, except distance meets, the sanction fee shall be 20% of the entry  
299 income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee.
- 300 B. For all meets where no entry fee is collected, there shall be a flat sanction fee of \$5.00, ~~and no swimmer surcharge.~~
- 301 C. For distance meets (meets in which the only events offered equal or exceed ~~200~~ 400 yards/meters) and open water  
302 meets, the sanction fee shall be a flat fee of \$10.
- 303 (1) ~~\$10.00 for open water or a meet where the total entry is limited to 100 or fewer splashes per four hour~~  
304 ~~session;~~
- 305 (2) ~~\$25.00 for a meet where the total entry is limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four hour session; or~~
- 306 (3) ~~15% of the entry income for a meet where the total entry is not limited to 200 or fewer splashes per four-~~  
307 ~~hour session.~~
- 308 D. At its discretion, the Board may waive any or all of the sanction fee.
- 309 E. Surcharge – A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer shall be assessed unless there is no entry fee associated with  
310 the meet or meet events.
- 311 .5 Reports and Remittances
- 312 A. ~~Entry~~ (pre-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the meet  
313 host to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office at least three (3) days prior to the start of  
314 the meet.
- 315 B. ~~Entry~~ (post-meet): A complete meet backup from the meet management software shall be furnished by the meet  
316 host to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office within ~~five (5)~~ two (2) days of the  
317 conclusion of the meet.
- 318 C. Registration: The on-deck USA Swimming registration information and fees taken by the meet deputy registrar  
319 shall be sent to the LESI ~~Membership/Registration Coordinator~~ Permanent Office within one (1) day of the  
320 conclusion of the meet. Failure to comply will result in a penalty of \$50.00 to the meet host.
- 321 D. Surcharge: A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer and the Surcharge Report shall be mailed to the LESI  
322 Treasurer or designee within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the monies and  
323 surcharge report within fourteen (14) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the  
324 total owed.
- 325 E. Financial Statement: The financial statement, sanction work sheet, and sanction fee balance shall be mailed to the  
326 LESI Treasurer or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet.
- 327 F. Reports of Occurrence: Reports of Occurrence shall be ~~mailed to~~ filed online with USA Swimming, ~~the USA~~  
328 ~~Swimming insurance carrier, and the LESI Safety Committee Chairman~~ as soon as possible after the conclusion of  
329 the meet.

G. Final Results - Final results with splits in the form of a Meet Manager back-up file shall be provided to the LESI Membership/Registration Coordinator within one (1) day of the conclusion of the meet to be posted by the Permanent Office to the Lake Erie Swimming website and must include all relay lead-off splits recorded by electronic timing.

(1) ~~Final results will not be mailed out at the conclusion of any meets. Teams may request the electronic files from the meet director at the meet. Results will be posted on the Lake Erie website for no less than the course of the season.~~

(2) ~~Final results must include the complete name (first and last), age, and team affiliation of each swimmer. Exception: First initial may be used in lieu of first name where meet software is designed to accept only the first initial or where the meet is conducted without benefit of meet management software.~~

(3) ~~Final results shall be in the format prescribed by the LESI Records Committee.~~

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

### 5.3 Approvals

.1 Approvals may shall be issued to ~~USA Swimming member clubs, LSCs, non-member clubs, or organizations~~ according to the requirements listed in USA Swimming Rules & Regulations for meets conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.

.2 ~~With the exception of YMCA meets, a~~ list of meet officials must be submitted to the LESI Officials Chair for approval at least one week prior to the start of the event the time of application.

.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 or the entire flat approval fee, where applicable, shall accompany the application.

A. Deadline: Except for dual meets or closed competition, application for approval should be submitted to the LESI Sanction Chairman Permanent Office at ~~least 8-10~~ twelve 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.

.4 Conditions of Approval - The assigned approval number must appear on the published ~~entry information~~ meet announcement and final results.

.5 Approval Fee

A. For all meets other than YMCA meets where an entry fee is charged, the approval fee shall be 20% of the entry income as defined by the number of splashes and scratches multiplied by the published entry fee. A deposit of \$50 shall be submitted along with the application for approval.

B. The approval fee for YMCA meets shall be a flat fee of \$150, with \$50 due at the time of application.

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 application and ~~no swimmer surcharge. An initial \$50.00 deposit will not be required.~~

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

.6 Reports and Remittances

A. The financial statement, approval worksheet and approval fee balance shall be mailed to the LESI Treasurer within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the competition. Failure to submit the financial statement, approval

370 worksheet and approval fee balance within forty-five (45) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the  
371 amount of 10% of the total owed.

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

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378 **5.5 Officials**

379 ~~.1 All competitions sanctioned in LESI shall be officiated by officials certified by LESI, unless waived by the LESI Officials~~  
380 ~~Chair. Officials certified in any other LSC may be assigned to deck positions at the discretion of the Meet Referee.~~  
381 ~~[renumber remaining]~~

382 .2 The minimum number of certified officials per session at any meet sanctioned or approved by LESI shall be determined  
383 by the LESI Officials Chair based on the ~~entry~~, facility, meet format, and events for that meet.

384 .3 No more than 50% of the deck officials at a meet or time trial sanctioned by LESI shall be affiliated in ~~any manner~~ with the  
385 host club ~~(as an officer, relative of swimmer or coach, or otherwise)~~ unless sufficient numbers of other officials are  
386 unavailable.

387 .4 Those wishing to host meets shall contact the LSC Officials Chair for assignment of a Referee and Administrative Official.  
388 Each assigned Referee shall assign the deck officials and Starter(s) for that meet. Where a sufficient number of certified  
389 officials cannot be secured, no sanction or approval will be issued. The Officials Chair shall provide to the meet host and  
390 Referee the required number of officials and certifications for the meet and shall also provide a list of currently certified  
391 Lake Erie officials and their contact information.

392 .5 Excepting YMCA meets, the LESI Officials Chair or his/her designee shall ~~assign~~ approve the list of certified officials  
393 submitted by the meet host before a sanction or approval can be issued. ~~to meets listed on the published LESI Meet~~  
394 ~~Schedule. Before meet assignments are made prior to the start of the season, the Meet Director may contact the LESI~~  
395 ~~Officials Chair for the purpose of participating in the selection of officials for the meet.~~

396 .6 Meet Hosts shall be responsible for finding their own officials for meets not listed on the published LESI Meet Schedule.  
397 The number and certification levels of the officials required for the meets shall be determined by the LESI Officials Chair.

398 .7 Fees: Each certified assigned official shall be paid by the meet host at the end of the meet or at the conclusion of the  
399 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
Proposed by:	Julie Bare, Sanction Chair
Rationale:	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

	<p>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><b>Effective Date:</b> For meets held after September 1, 2015</p>
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.

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## 406 5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

407 .7 Entry Fees: Meet sponsors may set their own entry fees for individual and relay events, not to exceed the limits listed below  
408 unless approved by the Board. A handling fee may be imposed by the meet host for team entries not submitted electronically.  
409 A \$2.00 surcharge per swimmer per meet shall be assessed, ~~\$1.00 of which shall be designated for the LESI Zone fund, \$1.00~~  
410 ~~for the general fund,~~ unless waived by the Board. No additional surcharges or any other per swimmer fee may be added by  
411 meet hosts without prior consent of the Board.

- 412 A. Age Group and Senior Championship Meets: \$5.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.
- 413 B. Meets where medals and high point (individual and/or team) awards are given: \$4.50 per individual event; \$10.00 per  
414 relay.
- 415 C. Meets where medals are awarded: \$4.00 per individual event; \$10.00 per relay.
- 416 D. Meets where there are no awards or where only ribbons are awarded: \$3.00 per individual event; \$8.00 per relay.
- 417 E. Distance Meets offering only events 400 yards/meters or greater: \$10.00 per individual event.
- 418 F. Open Water Meets: \$20 per individual event.

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<b>Location:</b>	Section 8 Reimbursement
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Senior Swimming Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.</p> <p>Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015</p>

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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:	<p>The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.</p> <p>Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015</p>

8.3 Basis for Reimbursement



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

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

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<b>Location:</b>	Section 8 Reimbursement
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

### 8.3 Basis for Reimbursement

- .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 competition, whichever is greater.

*A through D no changes*

- E. Funding shall apply only to Olympic Trials, USA Swimming National Championships, U.S. Open, Junior Nationals, Futures, Sectionals, Grand Prix, Open Water National Championships, and Central Zone 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.

P-10 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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<b>Location:</b>	<b>5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions</b>
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Sarah Tobin
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

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485 5.7 Conduct of Sanctioned Competitions

486 *No Changes for .1 through .15*

487 .16 For meets that are being held in a Prelims/Finals (separate session) format, including all Lake Erie Swimming hosted  
 488 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  
 489 the first event.

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<b>Location:</b>	<b>5.6 LESI Championships</b>
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Tim McNichols
<b>Rationale:</b>	To encourage participation in Lake Erie Swimming non-Championship meets and to increase overall participation in Lake Erie.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The legislative committee has come to the decision that they will not support your proposed legislation change for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It would primarily target Senior Champs (SC). Those swimmers are at a disadvantage since they have a limited number of SC season meets available to them before they have to swim their College or HS season.</li> <li>2. The LSC grows each year following the HS season with swimmers who see our current LSC members excelling in competition. In nearly all of those situations those swimmers would be unable to attend a LE meet prior to Senior Champs.</li> <li>3. We want to encourage participation. This proposal would seem to deter swimmers from attending. Given number 1 and 2 it would possibly have a negative impact more than it would promote further participation in LE meets.</li> </ol> Effective date - immediately following approval by the LESI HOD Spring meeting 2015

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493 5.6 LESI Championships

494 .1 *No Changes*

- 495 .2 No Changes
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- 497 .4 Eligibility
- 498 A. Only athlete members of LESI shall be eligible for entry into LESI championship meets. For any meets that are
- 499 combined LSC championships, only member athletes of those LSCs shall be eligible.
- 500 B. All swimmers must have met qualifying time standards for the specific events in which they compete.
- 501 C. All swimmers must have competed in at least one Lake Erie sanctioned meet, other than the championship meet,
- 502 during the current season.

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<b>Location:</b>	5. Sanctions
<b>Proposed by:</b>	Legislative Committee
<b>Rationale:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Legislative Committee recommends the adoption of this item.  Effective Date – September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2015

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- 507 5.2 Sanctions
- 508 .1 Application
- 509 A. No Changes
- 510 B. No Changes
- 511 C. Requirements of Sanction: Sanctions are issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with Article 202.2 of USA
- 512 Swimming Rules and Regulations. Sanctions will not be awarded to any group member that is delinquent (past 45
- 513 days of the conclusion of a meet) and has an outstanding balance of sanction fees or surcharges until all fees are
- 514 paid. Additionally, all reports must be filed by the prescribed deadlines and the following must be included with the
- 515 application for sanction and the entry information:
- 516 (1) through (7) no changes
- 517 .2 No Changes
- 518 .3 No Changes
- 519 .4 No Changes
- 520 .5 Reports and Remittances
- 521 A through C No Changes

- 522 D. Surcharge: A meet surcharge of \$2.00 per swimmer and the Surcharge Report shall be mailed to the LESI  
523 Treasurer or designee within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the monies and  
524 surcharge report within fourteen (14) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount of 10% of the  
525 total owed.
- 526 E. Financial Statement: The financial statement, sanction work sheet, and sanction fee balance shall be mailed to the  
527 LESI Treasurer or designee within forty-five (45) days of the conclusion of the meet. Failure to submit the sanction  
528 monies and financial statement within forty-five (45) days will result in an additional monetary penalty in the amount  
529 of 10% of the total owed.
- 530 *No Further Changes*
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