

2008 North Carolina Spring House of Delegates Legislative Highlights

Notes:

This is only a summary and is not the actual language approved by the House of Delegates. The actual language is official

All changes except 1 and 7 are effective immediately.

Item 1 requires USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee approval

Item 7 has an effective date of May 1, 2008.

1. Each club is entitled to appoint one athlete to the House of Delegates in order to constitute 20% of the voting membership.
2. Sanction Fees:
 - A. A sanction request for a meet, other than a closed meet, for which prior scheduling approval has been given but is not received at least sixty (60) days prior to the meet, a late fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) in addition to the sanction fee shall be assessed.
 - B. If a sanction for a closed meet (including four or more clubs participating, including league meets), dual, or tri meet, is not received at least thirty (30) days prior to the meet, a late fee of fifty dollars (\$50) in addition to the sanction fee shall be assessed.
3. Technical Planning: If a club decides not to hold a meet after bidding that meet and it is included in the approved schedule the following penalties will result:
 - A. For a Championship meet, if the club notifies the Technical Planning Committee at least 180 days prior to the first day of the meet, there shall be no penalty. If the notification is received less than 180 days prior, the club shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500).
 - B. For other meets, if the club notifies the Technical Planning Committee at least 120 days prior to the first day of the meet, there shall be no penalty. If the notification is received than 120 days prior, the club shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200).
4. Entry Fees: It is the decision of the Meet Host whether or not to refund entry fees, **except that entry fees will be refunded whenever the host club cancels an event (individual or relay)**. Event fees for events that are cancelled due to circumstances beyond the control of the Meet Host do not have to be refunded.

5. Penalties for Failure to Compete in Finals on the Last Day of a Meet:
 - A. The club of any swimmer qualifying for an A final, scored or not scored, or B scored final race in an individual event who fails to compete in said A or B final race shall be assessed a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per missed swim by the appropriate Division Chair except as excused in the North Carolina Scratch Rule.
 - B. Swimmers not named in any finals heat in the original announcement of results will not be penalized. (i.e – Swimmers qualifying as alternates or below will not be penalized if scratched into finals)

6. Championship Meets:
 - A. There will be no age restrictions in the NCS Senior Championship long course meet.
 - B. Scoring in all NCS Championships shall be through 16th place or two finals heats, if conducted in other than an 8 lane pool.

7. Facility and Event Fees:
 - A. The maximum facility fee has been increased to ten dollar (\$10) short course meets including championships.
 - B. The maximum facility fee has been increased to fifteen dollar (\$15) long course meets including championships.
 - C. Relay only swimmers in Championship meets will not be charged a Facility Fee.
 - D. Maximum event fees for all individual events are as follows:
 - \$2.50 timed finals
 - \$3.50 prelims/finals
 - \$4.00 all championships
 - E. Maximum event fees for all relays are as follows:
 - \$8.00
 - F. The allowable Out of LSC surcharge has been increased to \$0.50 per individual event
 - G. In lieu of the facility charge, travel fund and splash fees, closed meets may charge a flat fee of up to \$12 for one day meets and \$20 for 2 day meets

8. Sanction Fees
 - A. National, Sectional and meets with no entry fees - \$0 Fee
 - B. All other meets - \$10 Fee
 - C. Approved Meets are charged the same fees as sanctioned meets