

SECTION 5

SENIOR COMPETITION

A Qualifying

- 1 Senior Competitions
 - a Senior Circuit
 - i The minimum age shall be thirteen years old
 - ii Meets to be Preliminaries and Finals and to include Time Trials
 - b Senior 2
 - i The minimum age shall be twelve years old (except High School Walk-On Meets, where athletes shall have been in high school or be a minimum of 15 years)
 - ii Meets shall be either Timed Finals or Preliminaries and Finals and may include Time Trials.
 - c Senior Open
 - i The minimum age shall be eleven years-old
 - ii Meets shall be Timed Finals only with no Time Trials
- 2 An athlete shall qualify in any sanctioned or approved competition, or in an observed swim.
- 3 An athlete who qualifies for Senior competition in a specific stroke and distance shall be considered qualified in the same stroke and distance in all courses. For all Senior meets enter your time for the course that you qualified.

B Eligibility

- 1 Senior Meets
 - a In Senior Circuit and Senior 2 preliminaries and finals meets, athletes are eligible to enter all events in which they have equaled or bettered the listed time standards and shall not compete in more than three (3) individual events per day.
 - b In Senior 2 timed finals and Senior Open meets athletes are eligible to enter all events in which they have equaled or bettered the listed time standard, but shall not compete in more than four (4) individual events per day.
 - c Proof of time using the USA Swimming SWIMS Database as a standard shall be used to verify times for all athletes entering Senior Circuit and Senior 2 meets, and 12 and under athletes entering Senior Open meets. The Time shall have been achieved prior to the closing date for entries to the meet. If the time cannot be proven prior to the meet, the athlete shall not be allowed to check-in for the event until the entry time has been proven. When possible the coaches will be notified of their *athletes* who have not proven their entry time.

C Conduct of Meets

- 1 Senior meets shall offer all events that are swum in the National Championship meets. Relay events are optional.
- 2 Senior meet formats will be outlined in the Minimum Senior Meet Criteria document established by the Senior Committee.
- 3 Individual Scratch Rule – Athletes shall inform themselves of the meet starting time and shall report to the proper meet authorities promptly upon call.
 - a Pre-Seeded Meets – Athletes shall report promptly to the starting blocks when their event/heat is called.
 - i Any athletes not reporting for or competing in an individual timed final event shall not be penalized.
 - ii Any athletes not reporting for or competing in a preliminary heat when finals are scheduled shall not be penalized.
 - b In all Senior meets that are Deck Seeded
 - i No event shall be closed more than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the ~~meet~~-session. Close of check-in for remaining events shall be no more than 60 minutes before the estimated time of the start of the first heat of the

event. Athletes who fail to check-in shall not be seeded in the event.

- ii Athletes entered in a timed final individual event that is Deck Seeded who have checked in for that event, shall compete in the event unless they notify the clerk of the course before seeding for that event has begun that they wish to scratch. Failure to compete in an event will result in being barred from their next individual event in which the athlete is entered on that day or the next meet day, whichever first.
- iii Athletes entered in an individual event in a Preliminaries and Finals meet that is Deck Seeded who have checked in for that event, shall compete in the event unless they notify the clerk of the course before seeding for that event has begun that they wish to scratch. Failure to compete in an event shall result in being barred from the rest of his/her events that day including relays. If the athlete qualified for a final before missing an event they may swim that final.

4 Positive Check-In for Consolation Finals and Finals

- a Athletes may check-in or declare their intent to compete in finals for that day at the beginning of competition for that day.
- b Athletes shall check-in or declare their intent to compete in consolation finals or finals within 30 minutes of the ~~posting of results~~ **announcement of qualifiers**. In the case where an athlete declares their intent to compete they shall declare their final intention within 30 minutes after the ~~posting of results~~ **announcement of qualifiers** for their last individual preliminary event. Athletes not returning to declare their intention shall be seeded into the event.
- c **In the event of a withdrawal or barring of an athlete from competition, the referee shall fill the consolation final or final when possible with the next qualified athlete(s). First and second alternates shall be announced with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in the finals.**
- d **In a preliminaries and finals meet, for final heats where athletes are not provided any recognition other than an opportunity to compete, alternates may be inserted into empty lanes regardless of order that finals are swum. (USA Swimming Rulebook Article 102.5.6(B))**

5 Penalty for No-Show at Finals

- a In a positive check-in preliminaries & finals meet any athlete checking in for a consolation final or final race in an individual event who fails to **report to the blocks** in said consolation final or final race prior to calling the alternate shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet.
- b If the No-Show occurs on the last day that the athlete is entered in an individual **final** event in the meet, and no other individual event penalty is applicable, the athlete shall be fined \$100.00. The fine shall be increased to \$150.00 if after 30 days of receiving the letter of notification the party has not made the payment.

6 Exceptions – No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:

- a The referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
- b It is determined by the referee that the No-Show is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the athlete.
- c **The athlete is an alternate for any level of finals**

7 Relay Scratch Rule – Any relay team entered in a relay event that fails to compete in or report for that event shall not be penalized.

ADDENDUM

I. MOTION(S) TO CLARIFY AN EXISTING RULE OR ADD A RULE:

C. Conduct at Meets

4. Positive Check-In for Consolation Finals and Finals

c. In the event of a withdrawal or barring of an athlete from completion, the referee shall fill the consolation final or final when possible with the next qualified athlete(s). First and second alternates shall be announced with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in the finals. (To be consistent with Section 4)

d. In a preliminaries and finals meet, for final heats where athletes are not provided any recognition other than an opportunity to compete, alternates may be inserted into empty lanes regardless of order that finals are swum. (USA Swimming Rulebook Article 102.5.6(B)) To be consistent with USA Swimming Rules.

II. ITEMS TO BE MOVED TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

A. Qualifying

1. Senior Competitions

a. Senior Circuit

3.) Senior Circuit qualifying shall be the applicable year's USA swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time Standards AAA Minimum for 15-16. For bonus events, USA Swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time standards A minimum for 15-16 will apply.

4.) Bonus events per meet shall be as follows: one qualified event allows three bonus events, two qualified events allow two bonus events, and three qualified events allow one bonus event.

b. Senior 2

3.) Senior 2 Qualifying shall be the applicable year's USA Swimming National-Age Group Time Motivational Time Standards A for 15-16. For bonus events, USA Swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time Standards BB Minimum for 15-16 will apply.

4.) Bonus events per meet shall be as follows. Qualified thirteen and over swimmers are allowed two bonus events. Twelve year-old swimmers are not eligible for bonus events.

c. Senior Open

3.) For Senior Open meets, thirteen and over swimmers shall be automatically qualified as there are no minimum standards. Eleven and twelve year-old swimmers must meet the applicable year's USA Swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time Standards BB Minimum for 15-16.

4.) No bonus events

B. Eligibility

1. Senior Meets

d. A swimmer who qualifies for a Senior meet in a specific stroke and distance will be considered qualified in the same stroke and distance in all courses. If the time was made SCY and it is a SCM or an LCM meet, enter your

SCY time. If the time was made SCM and it is a SCY or an LCM meet, enter your SCM time. If the time was made LCM and it is a SCY or an SCM meet, enter your LCM time. When entering a meet, if your qualifying time is in yards enter the yards time and put a 'Y' after the time. If the qualifying time is in Short Course meters enter that time with an 'S' after it. If the qualifying time is in long course meters then enter that time with an 'L' after it.

e. No time conversions will be accepted.

III. ITEMS TO BE DELETED:

A Qualifying

1. Senior Competitions (The following items are outlined B. Eligibility 1 a. and 1b.)

A. Senior Circuit

5) The maximum number events allowed for Senior Circuit competition is three per day.

B. Senior 2

5) The maximum number events allowed for Senior 2 Timed Final competition is four day.

C. Senior Open

5) The maximum number events allowed for Senior Open Competition is four per day.

B. Eligibility

1. Senior Meets

g. All swimmers must meet the Senior 2 qualifying standards to compete in this level of competition. Swimmer thirteen (13) and older must meet the Senior 2 time standard in one event. To compete in additional events, 13/over swimmers must meet the Senior Open time standards. Swimmers twelve (12) years old are eligible to compete if they meet the Senior 2 time standard. 12 year old swimmers are not eligible to enter bonus events. All swimmers will be subject to proof of time per B.1.d above. Swimmers 11/under are ineligible to compete. (revised in 5/4/2015 edit but not deleted)

h. Swimmers thirteen (13) and over must meet the Senior Circuit time standard in one event to compete. Swimmers may enter two additional bonus events; bonus times will be the Senior 2 time standard. All swimmers will be subject to proof of time per B.1.d above. Swimmers 12/under are ineligible to compete. (revised in 5/4/2015 edit but not deleted)

C. Conduct of Meets

2. Senior meet formats (~~2/2.5/3 day events, prelims/finals or timed finals~~) will be outlined in the Minimum Senior Meet Criteria document established by the Senior Committee. (old classification)

3. In two-day timed finals Senior meets there are no pre-entry requirements. Entries will be made and heats established on the deck at the meet. Swimmers must bring filled out entry cards to the meet (outdated4.(c) Scratching from Consolation Finals and Finals (Non-Positive Check-In Meet) All Senior meets are positive check in

(i) Any swimmer qualifying for any level of finals in an individual event who does not wish to compete must scratch within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers. During this period, qualifiers may also notify the referee that they may not intend to compete in consolation finals or finals. In this case they must declare their final intention within 30 minutes after the announcement of qualifiers following their last individual preliminary event.

(ii) In the event of withdrawal or barring of a swimmer from competition, the referee shall fill the consolation final or final when possible with the next qualified swimmer(s). First and second alternates shall be announced

along with the final qualifiers. These alternates shall not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in finals.

(iii) Where consolation finals have not yet been swum and a barring or withdrawal is known to the referee, the referee shall reseed the consolation final and the final, if necessary, to insert the alternate(s) in the appropriate lane(s), filling all lanes in the final.

(iv) If a consolation final has already been contested, the companion final shall be swum without reseeding for the empty lane(s).

e. Penalty for No-Show at Finals (i) In a non-positive check-in trials & final meet any swimmer qualifying for a consolation final or final race in an individual event who fails to show up in said consolation final or final race prior to calling the alternate shall be barred from further competition for the remainder of the meet.

(f) Exceptions – No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:

(iii) In a non-positive check-in meet the athlete qualified for any level of finals due to scratches of one or more original finalists. (reworded)

D.Awards

1.Award criteria for all Senior level meets will be outlined in the minimum criteria Senior meet document.

(No awards at Senior meets)