

2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

Committee Name:	Championship Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Jim Clemmons	Vice Chair:	Erin Sizelove
Minutes recorded by:	Cheryl Kupan	Date/time of meeting:	Aug. 25, 2022, 7pm EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Committee voted in favor to use standard 2020-2021-2022 NQT calculation for 2023 SCY National Qualifying Times and adding an additional 3% to 50s and 100s for 2023 LCM National Qualifying Times.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to use 2020, 2021 and 2022 times for standard 2023 SCY NQT calculations.
2. MSA to use 2020-2021-2022 times, standard calculation but add 3% to 50s and 100s for 2023 LCM NQT calculations.

Number of committee members present: 10

Absent: 0

Number of other delegates present: 31

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jim Clemmons (Chair), Erin Sizelove (Vice Chair), Cheryl Kupan, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Roddin, Linda Irish Bostic, Pete Tarnapoll, Robert Heath and Sandi Rousseau.

Ex-Officio: Jay Eckert, Onshalee Promchitmart, Allison Abad; EC: Chris Colburn

Committee Members Absent: None

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm EDT.

1. Introductions
2. Review/Discuss 2022 Spring Nationals (San Antonio, TX)
 - a. Summary of event – Kristin Libardoni: approximately 1,800 swimmers
Pro's: Very few visits to the First Aid or "wellness" tents; Hospitality went well (served a lot of food); meet went very smoothly
Con's: Weather didn't cooperate – would have been nice to offer more team tents, but not enough "real estate" to do so. Weather also impacted the pool temperature as there was more rain than sun, so the pools temps were too cold for some swimmers. Parking company didn't do a great job. Trash – big note to future hosts – trash accumulates quickly, so you'll need more trash bins than you'd expect and/or pick up trash more often.
Overall, we can't wait to host another meet!

3. Review/Discuss 2022 Summer Nationals (Richmond, VA)

- a. Summary of event – Adam Kennedy: 1,076 swimmers
Pro's: Registration went well. Awards – to get a better flow in the room, host put the labels in one area & placed the awards table in another area in order to reduce overcrowding. Hospitality (Jeff Roddin): all was done in house & was above-average compared to past Nationals. Officials (Teri White): from video/technology to hospitality for officials was phenomenal. The video room was really helpful when they had to informally review some challenges – best set-up she's ever seen.

Con's: We were supposed to build an outdoor warm-up/down pool, built it, but it didn't meet plumbing/chemical compliance, so it was taken down. There were alternate pool options for swimmers to use, but the 6-lane permanent pool worked well. No complaints.

4. Preview/Discuss 2023 Spring Nationals (Irvine, CA)

- a. On the call for Irvine – Robin Smith and Rob Heath (Championship Committee Meet Liaison)
Order of Events (OOE hereafter), National Qualifying Times (NQTs hereafter) and work to date, award design (if any). Need to publish OOE & NQTs no later than October 27, 2022.
 - OOE: Irvine group is recommending all Men events run in one pool and all Women events in the second pool.
--need to look at timelines to see if there's any major time differences with this set up.
--Jeff Roddin: OOE needs work as Friday is very light. Most on Committee haven't had enough time to look at the latest OOE to comment.

Discussion related to OOE was the pool configuration/all Men, all Women pools, and challenges if we run odd/even heats.

Pool #1 (depth 2+meters for all 10 competition lanes): Lane 1: buffer lane w/ladder to exit, Lanes 2-11: 10 competition lanes, Lane 12: buffer lane, Lanes 13-17: warm-up/down

Pool #2 (“instructional” pool with 4 or 5 regular lanes and 3 or 4 shallow lanes)

Pool #3 (dive well): 25 yard pool with 10 lanes

→Suggested to alternate each pool by day so each gender will swim two days in the main competition pool

- For 2023 NQTs, motion by Sandi Rousseau, 2nd by Cheryl Kupan to use 2020-2021-2022 times for 2023 SCY NQTs.
All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**
- Note (from Robin): The high school that is adjacent to the pool is undergoing parking lot construction that will probably reduce some of the parking availability

5. Preview/Discuss 2023 Summer Nationals (Sarasota, FL)

- a. On the call for Sarasota – Rick Walker and Erin Sizelove (Championship Committee Meet Liaison) Order of Events (OOE hereafter), National Qualifying Times (NQTs hereafter) and work to date, award design (if any). Need to publish OOE & NQTs no later than February 2, 2023.
 - OOE: Is still a work in progress.
 - Award logo has been submitted to USMS for consideration/approval, volunteers are in place, secured Meet Referee, Administrative Official and Announcer and close to securing hotel blocks
 - NQTs: for 2022, used 2019-2020-2021 times and added 3% to all 50s, 100s and 200s.
 - For 2023, motion by Erin Sizelove, 2nd by Pete Tarnapoll to use 2020-2021-2022 times, standard calculation but add 3% to 50s and 100s for 2023 LCM NQTs. All in favor, none opposed. **Motion passes.**

6. ** Discussion: potential to combine with 2024 Spring Nationals (Indianapolis, IN – to occur around USA Olympic Trials)
**This is a potential event at this time and not confirmed, so everyone on the call, please do not post or discuss what you're hearing tonight.

Sandi Rousseau: Since the timing of the meet is not within the time range in the Rule Book for Spring Nationals and having had to ask for a rule change for the 2021 Nationals, a rule to policy proposal to give the Championships Committee more leeway to set Championships dates (should similar scenarios occur in the future), will be voted on at this year's Annual Meeting, so please vote yes! Also, to allow Top Ten submissions for times by the end of the month the meet is held.

Cheryl Kupan: Update for the 2024 Spring Nationals
2024 USA Swimming Trials, June 15-23 (Saturday-Sunday)
2024 USMS Spring Nationals, June 21-June 25 (Fri-Tue)
Overlap days: Friday, June 21-Sunday, June 23
USMS Trial Pool day: Sunday, June 23

USMS would be given some time for our meet participants to swim in the USA Trials pool at Lucas Oil Stadium, should this work out, so our thought is to make Sunday a light day of competition to allow swimmers to sign up for this opportunity. OOE is in its early stages and with the Sunday request to keep the events at a minimum (i.e., 1500 and maybe a relay). We're working through changes to get the other 4 days at/around the 10 hour days which is a challenge.

7. Late Entry Requests: Perhaps a 1 week buffer between entry close date and the start of entry processing. This year we reduced the time between close and the start of processing from 5 weeks to 4 weeks effective with the Spring meet.
Teri White: suggestion what USA Swimming does is charge a late fee that is so high it might make a difference.
Tabled discussion.
8. Update Meet Director Guide (MDG): Jay Eckert & Onshalee Promchitmart have started making some edits to the MDG.
Jim and Sandi offered to proof the MDG.
9. Status to update Site Visit agenda: Jim and Jeff working on it.
10. Discuss establishing a sub-committee to look at additional rules that could be removed from the rule book and moved into policy. Ongoing effort... Pete Tarnapoll offered to help out.
11. Anything missed, questions, comments: none

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Update Meet Director Guide
2. Ongoing effort to move additional rules from the rule book and moved into policy

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:32pm EDT
