

*Chattanooga  
Area  
Swim  
League*

2002  
Rules &  
Regulations

## **A. AUTHORITY**

The following rules, regulations and policies are adopted by the Board of Directors of the Chattanooga Area Swim League under the authority of Article VIII of the By-Laws.

## **B. DEFINITION**

Any reference to "swimmer" shall also include "diver" unless the meaning clearly indicates otherwise.

## **C. ELGIBILITY**

1. In order to be eligible to be a member of a team and to swim in League meets, a swimmer must be either a permanent resident of the Chattanooga area or a temporary resident who meets the conditions provided below. A permanent residence shall be defined as a participant's primary residence and shall be described by a specific street address, city, state, and zip code. For the purposes of these policies, the term "Chattanooga area" shall mean a 60 nautical mile radius of the Hamilton County Courthouse. Teams located more than 50 miles from the courthouse are given a permanent exception so that they may have an appropriate recruiting area.
2. In order for a temporary resident to be eligible to be a member of a team and to swim in League meets, the swimmer, prior to the team's first meet of the season, must have: (a) established temporary residence in the Chattanooga area; and (b) provided the team's pool representative with a written statement of the swimmer's intention to reside in the Chattanooga area for the duration of the season and to participate in at least two-thirds of the team's meets during the season.

## **D. REGISTRATION**

1. Teams which have not registered on the date specified by the Board of Directors will forfeit the first meet and will forfeit each subsequent meet until registered.
2. All swimmers must be registered with the League through any of its participating members to be eligible to participate in dual meet competition of the League.
3. Each team must submit a standard, League issued registration card signed by the parent or guardian of each swimmer, and signed by the team Coach, Pool Representative or other adult team representatives designated by the Pool Representative, for each team member, accompanied by the individual registration fee (\$6 for each swimmer, plus additional USDA registration fee of \$30 for each diver) and the team entry fee (\$150 for each team), to the Registration Secretary on a date set by the Board of Directors, a minimum of five (5) days before the first scheduled meet of the season. The official beginning of the competitive season of the League is established on this date of registration. All registration information is to be accurate and current as of this date of registration date. Each team shall furnish to the Registration Secretary, on a league issued form, a typed list of all swimmers, including ages and addresses. This information is to be submitted at the initial registration and must agree with the forms submitted at that time. The pool representative must certify that the forms and the list are identical. In the event of any discrepancy, the list shall take precedence. When additional registration forms are submitted to the Registration Secretary, it then becomes the responsibility of the Registration Secretary to add such forms to the initial team list.
4. Late swim team applicants seeking addition to swim team rosters may register at any time during the League competitive season. In order for late applicants to be considered eligible to participate in a meet, registration forms and fees must be in the possession of the Registration Secretary at least twenty-four (24) hours for swimmers and at least five (5) business days for divers prior to the scheduled start of the meet.

5. A swimmer shall not be registered to swim/dive with two (2) participating teams of the League at any one time.
6. Participation by an improperly registered swimmer (which shall include swimmers registered but fees not received) shall result in the loss of all points by such swimmer or by a relay on which such swimmer participated.
7. The pool representative has the responsibility for providing the following materials at initial registration:
  - a) A certificate of insurance documenting minimum coverages are met
  - b) A list of participants registered for swimming.
  - c) A list of participants registered for diving through US Diving.
  - d) The name and proof of US Diving water safety certification and registration for the team's diving coach
  - e) A list of entities included as additional insured on the policy.
  - f) A list of trained meet officials from such team.
  - g) A list of trained diving judges from such team (if participating in diving).
8. By registering divers at the initial registration, a team shall be deemed to field a diving team during that season; provided that with its registration forms, a team may specify that it is not able to hold diving events at its home pool, and in such event, dual meets at that home pool shall not include diving competition. The Pool Representative for such team may arrange for off-site competition with the visiting team, either as part of the dual meet, or totally separate but completed before the end of such dual meet, if acceptable to the Pool Representative for the visiting team.

## **E. TRANSFERS**

1. In order to request a transfer of team membership without penalty, a letter must be submitted to the Board by the parents or guardian of the team member stating the reasons and basis for the transfer. Such transfer cannot be made during the swim season.
2. If a swimmer has a bona fide change in legal residence, and the Board determines that as a result the swimmer's residence is significantly closer to another pool, the swimmer may transfer to that team without penalty. Such transfer cannot be made during a swim season.
3. In the event that a member fails to field a team for a competitive year, each swimmer from such team may transfer to any team of his or her choice without penalty. Registration forms must be marked, "Transferred from \_\_\_\_\_ (name of team)\_\_\_\_\_."
4. When a new team is admitted to the league, any swimmer within the League may register with the new team at the time of initial registration without transfer penalty. If an existing team previously elected not to field a diving team, but elects to do so in the current year, a swimmer who had previously competed as a diver for such team, but in the immediately prior year had competed as a diver for another CASL team, may transfer back to the original team without penalty; provided that he/she registers as a diver.
5. The head swimming or diving coach of any team (or his or her children) may transfer to the team that he or she coaches without penalty. The penalty will not be waived for assistant coaches or lifeguards (or their children or siblings).
6. A swimmer may transfer from one member team to another member team without penalty if the swimmer is registered with a team for one year without being allowed to compete for points. The burden of proof shall be the previous year's official records.

7. A registered swimmer of either the current competitive season or of the previous season may transfer to an accepting team of his or her choice by means of a penalty. The penalty shall be that the swimmer shall not participate in half of the dual meets of the team to which he or she is transferring during the current or succeeding season following the date of transfer. The first penalty meet will be the first meet after receipt of the registration card by the Registration Secretary. The additional penalty meets shall follow in immediate sequence. Registration forms shall be marked, "Transferred from \_\_\_\_\_(name of team)\_\_\_\_\_."
8. The first violation of these transfer rules shall result in the forfeiting of all points scored by the offending swimmer. A written warning shall be sent to the offending swimmer, the coach and pool representative by the Registration Secretary notifying them that the team has also been placed on probation. Any subsequent violation by said swimmer for the duration of the current swim season, or, if such conditions extend in the next season, will result in the forfeiture of the meet (s) in which the second and any succeeding offenses occur.
9. If the transfer penalty has not been satisfied, a swimmer may not accumulate team points or participate on a relay in any league sanctioned city championship. Swimmers may compete unattached for individual points.
10. The Registration Secretary shall furnish a list of all transfer swimmers to each pool representative before the first regular season dual meet. For each team, the list shall include the transfer swimmer's name, prior team affiliation, and penalty status. Transfer swimmers added after the first dual meet must observe the penalty. The Registration Secretary shall notify each pool rep of such swimmers and their respective eligibility dates.

## **F. MEET RULES**

1. All meets of the League shall be conducted under the current short course rules of United States Swimming or its successor, unless modified by the following exceptions:
  - (a) The starter will not be required to use whistle start commands.
  - (b) If, in the starter's opinion, a false start has been committed, the starter shall give a signal to recall the swimmers. The false start shall be called upon the individual swimmer or swimmers and not the field. Any swimmer must be disqualified on the second false start and shall not swim the event.
  - (c) The head official shall have the authority to waive or alter any of these MEET RULES in the interest of safety and fairness.
2. All meets shall begin at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled by the pool reps and submitted to the League on a date set by the Board of Directors, a minimum of five (5) days before the first scheduled meet of the season. Team entry line-ups, in League-approved form, for dual meets shall be exchanged with the opposing team and submitted to the scorer's table thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of the meet. No changes can be made after the line-ups are submitted, except to declare an alternate to swim/dive in official competition. In the event line-up forms are submitted after the designated deadline, the head official shall have the sole authority and discretion to penalize that team(s) five (5) points per each five (5) minute delay. The imposition of this penalty will be at the sole discretion of the head official.
3.
  - (a) A swimmer may be listed on the team entry line-up for a total of three (3) individual events and two (2) relay events, either as an official entry or as an alternate swimmer. A swimmer who is listed in excess of a total of five (5) events will be disqualified from the sixth and subsequent event and no alternate shall be allowed to replace the swimmer.
  - (b) Any participant who swims in excess of five (5) events, as mentioned above, will forfeit all points scored and relinquish the finish position of all individual and relay events in which said person participated. In the event said swimmer enters the water more than five (5) times he or she

will be eliminated from future competition in said dual meet. The intent of this section is that no swimmer shall enter the water more than five (5) times, excluding exhibition events.

4. Each team shall be allowed to list three (3) swimmers per individual event to swim officially in scoring competition, however, only the scores of the top two official swimmers from each team will be recorded.
5. Each team will be allowed to list one (1) alternate swimmer per individual event and two (2) alternate swimmers per relay event. Alternate swimmers will be listed on the entry line-up in column order, following the listing of the official swimmers and should be designated as alternate swimmers.
6. If the listed alternate is to swim as an official swimmer, the alternate must be declared to the scorer's table before the beginning of the preceding event. The penalty for failing to declare an alternate swimmer as an official swimmer will be the disqualification of the relay team swimming the undeclared alternate or the disqualification of the undeclared swimmer swimming in an individual event. If a meet is postponed after an alternate has been declared as the official swimmer in any event, but such event has not been swum prior to the postponement, such declaration may be revised, using the original line up; provided such declaration is made prior to the start of the make-up session.
7. Dual meets will be conducted by a League standardized order of events. Minor changes in the order of events may be authorized by the meet referee with the consent of both coaches to expedite changing of lane ropes, to accommodate weather conditions affecting diving events or other intricacies of local pool conditions.
8. June 1<sup>st</sup> shall determine a swimmer's age for the season. Swimmers will compete within their own age grouping and only in competition with swimmers of their own sex. Age groups shall consist of: (a) 8 years of age and under; (b) 9 and 10 year ages, (c) 11 and 12 year ages; (d) 13 and 14 year ages, and (e) 15 and up year ages. Graduating high school seniors who have not attained 20 years of age by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be allowed to compete. Students attending college on a full-time basis will not be able to compete.
9. A swimmer may swim in the next higher age group in relay events only. A relay team may swim only one swimmer moved up from a younger age group per relay event.
10. Placement of a swimmer into an age group is determined by the swimmer's age as specified in (8). A swimmer must swim the entire season in his or her age group.
11. The same age group male and female relay events may be conducted simultaneously by agreement between the competing coaches and meet referee to expedite the progression of the meet.
12. Swimmers will be required to stay in their respective team areas during the progress of the meet and shall not cause distractions during the diving events. Failure to obey warnings of the meet referee shall result in the removal of the offender or group of offenders from the meet.
13. When an official believes a swimmer to be inappropriately dressed, the official shall warn the swimmer and register the warning with the scorekeeper. When a swimmer is warned more than once, the swimmer may not swim in the offending suit.
14. A regulation dual meet shall consist of one (1) competitive event for each of the four strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly), plus a medley of strokes event, plus relay events (one each) of freestyle and a medley of strokes, plus diving (when such events are held in conjunction with swimming events), each per age group and each with separate male and female competitive events.

15. A regulation meet may be abbreviated or declared a complete meet by the referee only by agreement with the pool representatives of both teams.
16. A regulation meet may be postponed by the meet referee upon the agreement of the pool representatives involved because of rain, lightning, power failure and safety hazards, to be swum at a later date and time agreeable to the pool representatives of both teams. If no swimmer entered the water (i.e., the first event had not officially begun), coaches may change their line-up as they choose for the rescheduled meet; however, a meet in progress shall continue from the last event completed prior to the postponement and the same entry line-up shall be used for the rescheduled meet. If the pool representatives cannot agree on a date to swim a postponed meet, the meet shall be swum on any free date scheduled by the League at the end of the season. If the pool representatives still cannot agree and a scheduled free date is not available, the visiting team shall offer two (2) days, other than normal meet days, on which it can swim and on which its pool is available. The home team will then have the choice of those days and the option to swim at home or away. If the visiting team cannot offer two (2) days and cannot swim at times offered by the home team, it shall forfeit the meet. If the visiting team offers two (2) days and the home team cannot swim on either of those dates, it shall forfeit the meet.
17. A forfeited meet may be declared by the referee if:
  - (a) a team fails to appear at the meet location, or refuses to begin competition within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of the meet;
  - (b) after the meet has begun, one team refuses to continue competition, unless the meet referee has suspended or postponed competition,
  - (c) a team employs tactics unduly designed to delay or hasten the meet;
  - (d) the referee, or any team member, coach or other official is physically or verbally attacked by any opposing team member(s) or spectator(s); or
  - (e) after proper warning by the meet referee, any one of the meet rules is willfully violated in contempt or mockery.
18. If any person, spectator, coach, swimmer or member of a team performs or acts, in the opinion of the referee, in an offensive or unsportsmanlike manner, the meet referee shall have the power to remove the person from further competition or to require the person to leave the site of the meet. In the event the person refuses to follow the referee's ruling, the referee shall have the authority to forfeit the meet for the team with which the person is affiliated.
19. A forfeited meet shall be recommended by the Registration Secretary against a team found in violation of the rules while on probation for a prior offense. This recommendation shall be presented to the Board at a specially called meeting. A simple majority of a quorum will validate the forfeiture.
20. In backstroke events, all swimmers shall enter the water feet first. A swimmer who enters head first shall be disqualified.
21. During pre-meet warm-up, no swimmer shall dive in a lane while other swimmers are swimming towards him or her in the same lane. Where possible, one lane shall be dedicated to each team for practice starts. Swimmers in those lanes shall swim in one direction only, away from the start. In all other lanes, swimmers must enter the water feet first and may swim in both directions. Violation of this rule shall result in one warning. A second violation shall result in the prohibition of diving for that team for the remainder of the warm-up. Any further violation shall result in the team being banned from further warm-up.
22. At the conclusion of each relay event, the place judges shall provide the recorder with the names of each swimmer who actually swam the relay. The recorder will enter the names on the result sheet for the event.

23. Visiting teams shall have the choice of competitive lanes provided that all lanes for the visiting and home teams are contiguous. Either team may request to change lanes after the individual medley events, if the officials have not changed sides of the pool.
24. Either team or both teams may swim heats of exhibition swimmers. Exhibition heats in all events other than freestyle can be swum only upon the agreement of both teams. The pool representatives shall decide before the meet whether exhibition heats shall be swum before the official event in the stroke and age group or before the first official event.

## **G. DIVING**

1. The diving events (when such events are held in conjunction with swimming events), may be held at a time mutually agreed upon by the pool reps, provided that the times are scheduled by the pool reps and submitted to the League on a date set by the Board of Directors, a minimum of five (5) days before the first scheduled meet of the season.
2. For the diving events, the head referee will be the home diving coach. In the event that the home diving coach is unavailable, the head diving referee may be any United States Diving certified diving coach as mutually agreed upon by the pool reps.
3. Diving competition shall consist of three (3) age groups: 10-Under, 11-13, and 14 and up. Each team may list two (2) divers in each of the male and female events for each age group. One (1) alternate diver may be listed for each event. No exhibition diving will be allowed.
4. Each diver in the 11-13 and 14 and up age groups shall attempt four (4) dives to obtain an individual score and a position of finish for team scoring. The first of the four (4) dives shall be a required dive to be rotated on a week-to-week basis as set by the pool representatives during the last regularly scheduled meeting prior to the beginning of the summer season. Each of the three (3) optional dives must be from separate categories. A diver may perform one (1) optional dive from the same category as the required dive; provided, however, this optional dive must be a different dive and may not be the required dive merely performed in a different position. Reverse dives will not be required by any age groups. Divers in the 10 and under age group will be required to perform one (1) required dive and two (2) optional dives. For 10 and under, the required dive is always a front dive.
5. The intent of this policy is to: (a) eliminate the element of surprise; (b) provide ample time for coaches and/or divers to complete the diving forms; (c) lessen the chance of error, (d) thereby maximize the opportunities for divers to dive and minimize the diver-clerical errors.
6. Diving competition shall not be considered as an individual swimming event for a participant. Team scoring shall include the diving results (when such events are held in conjunction with swimming events) based on final ranking order of judged individual scores.
7. A minimum of five (5) judges, as appointed by the meet diving referee, shall be required to judge diving events. The five diving judges shall include at least 2 from each team, at all dual meets with high and low scores being discarded. Meet officials may be, but are not required to be diving judges.
8. The required dive as described in Paragraph 3 above shall be one of the following:
  - Category #1 101 Forward dive
  - Category #2 201 Back dive
  - Category #3 301 Reverse dive
  - Category #4 401 Inward dive
  - Category #5 5111 Forward dive with 1/2 twist

The diving form will be filled out in triplicate. The announcer will use the official copy, and the other two (2) copies will be used by the scorer's table.

9. Diving sheets, as described in Paragraph 7, are to be turned in thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start of each dual meet. In the event line-up forms are submitted after the designated deadline, the head official shall have the sole authority and discretion to penalize that team(s) five (5) points per each five (5) minute delay. The imposition of this penalty will be at the sole discretion of the head of official.
10. After announcing the order of diving and the team affiliations of each diver, the announcer shall use the following procedure when announcing competition: (1) name of the competitor (no titles or affiliation); and (b) description of the dive, including the degree of difficulty.
11. It is the responsibility of the meet diving referee to check and initial the top copy of the diving sheets prior to the diving event. Should the statement in the list be incorrect, or not in accordance with the rules, the diving referee shall note all discrepancies and shall publicly announce all the diving sheets that are in error. Competitors will be allowed ten (10) minutes to correct all errors.
12. The recorded dive number and position are the official description of the dive and take precedence over written descriptions and degrees of difficulty. If the diver listed a proper dive, but not the one he or she wanted to perform, the diver may: (a) perform the dive as listed; (b) perform the dive in a different position, receiving no more than two (2) points per judge; or (c) perform an incorrect dive and receive zero (0) points.
13. During the contest, it is the responsibility of the diver and/or the coach to immediately correct the announcer if the dive or position is announced incorrectly. If a dive is executed other than that which was announced and is properly listed on the diving form, it will be judged a correct dive and considered an announcer error. If the diver executed a dive as announced and it is determined that the announcer was in error, the diver will be allowed to immediately perform the correct dive.
14. The scoring range for judging dives is 0-10 according to the following table:

Incorrect dive	0	Satisfactory dive	5 - 6
Completely failed	0	Good dive	6½ - 8
Unsatisfactory dive	½ - 2	Very good dive	8½ - 10
Deficient dive	2½ - 4½		

Two (2) zeros result in automatic disqualification. Disregard for safety of self or others or mockery of diving result in immediate disqualification.

## H. OFFICIALS

1. Each team shall be responsible for having at least one trained meet official available to officiate their dual meets (both home and away) and to work at least one session of the City Meet. Such meet officials must have completed the League-sponsored officials clinic not more than 2 years prior to the start of the season, or be a USS qualified meet official.
2. Meet officials will be allowed to work at meets in which they have a child competing.
3. In the event League-assigned meet official(s) fail to show at a dual meet, then the visiting team representative shall have the initial option to provide a trained meet official. If such team does not have a trained meet official available, the host team representative shall have such option. The team representatives shall mutually agree if more than one substitute meet official is recommended from the same team.



4. Each team participating in diving during a season shall be responsible for having at least two trained diving judges available to judge diving at their dual meets (both home and away), and at least one judge for at least one session of the City Diving Meet. Meet officials, as well as coaches, are eligible, but are not required, to judge diving.
5. The League shall pay the USS registration and test fees for any meet officials who desire to be qualified by USS and who work at least four dual meets for any season.

## **I. MEET SCORING**

1. The winning team of a dual meet shall be that team which (a) scores the most points at the completion of all scheduled competitive events of the meet; or (b) scores the most points at the conclusion of the last complete event of the meet called by the meet referee; or (c) is not at fault or the cause of a declared forfeited meet.
2. Scoring for dual meets shall be accredited to each team in the following manner:

### **Individual swimming and diving events**

1 <sup>st</sup> place finish	5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place finish	3 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place finish	2 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place finish	1 point

### **Relay events**

1 <sup>st</sup> place finish	8 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place finish	4 points

3. An official swimmer or relay team must successfully swim and complete the full length of its swimming event to gain points for the team scoring. Disqualification, no participation or failure to complete a swim event to its finish will result in zero (0) points scored.
4. For the purpose of awarding trophies at the end of the season, the won/loss records will be binding in declaring division champions, or in the event of a tie, co-champions. For the purpose of changing divisions, if two (2) or more teams end the season with identical won/loss records, the scores from the dual meets between the teams involved will be tallied and the team to be moved will be determined on the basis of the point spread of those meets in which the teams involved swam against each other. Division changes for the next competitive season will be accomplished as follows:
  - a) The champions of the Red and White divisions will be moved to the Blue and Red divisions, respectively; the Blue division champion will remain in the Blue division.
  - b) The last place finishers of the Blue and Red divisions will be moved to the Red and White divisions, respectively; the White division last place finisher will remain in the White division.

## **J. CITY MEET**

1. In order to compete in the City Meet as a swimmer or diver, the participant must be a resident of the Chattanooga area as defined in the Eligibility section. To compete in the City Meet, a swimmer or a diver must be registered with a CASL team in such capacity (and if as a diver, such CASL team must also meet all CASL requirements for registering divers) and must have participated in the minimum number of dual meets, for points or for exhibition, or any other CASL approved swimming and/or diving meets. Divers must have competed in at least one (1) of such meets. Swimmers must have swum in at least two (2) of the regular season dual meets. .

2. Swimmers/divers compete in the age group in which they competed during the regular season.
3. The League's Head Official (or his/her designee) shall be the Meet Referee for the City Meet. The Meet Referee shall have absolute authority to disqualify and/or eject any swimmer, coach or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike conduct, which in the opinion of such Meet Referee tends to disrupt the progree of the meet or is disrespectful of any of the officials or volunteer workers.

## K. CITY MEET SCORING

1. The winning team of the City Meet shall be that team which (a) scores the most points at the completion of all scheduled competitive events of the meet; or (b) scores the most points at the conclusion of the last complete event of the meet called by the meet referee.
2. City Meet scoring shall be accredited to each team in the following manner:

### Individual swimming and diving events

1 <sup>st</sup> place finish	20 points	9 <sup>th</sup> place finish	9 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place finish	17 points	10 <sup>th</sup> place finish	7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place finish	16 points	11 <sup>th</sup> place finish	6 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place finish	15 points	12 <sup>th</sup> place finish	5 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place finish	14 points	13 <sup>th</sup> place finish	4 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place finish	13 points	14 <sup>th</sup> place finish	3 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place finish	12 points	15 <sup>th</sup> place finish	2 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place finish	11 points	16 <sup>th</sup> place finish	1 points

### Relay events

1 <sup>st</sup> place finish	32 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place finish	28 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place finish	24 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place finish	20 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place finish	16 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place finish	12 points
7 <sup>th</sup> place finish	8 points
8 <sup>th</sup> place finish	4 points

3. For the purpose of awarding place trophies at the end of the City Meet, the combined swimming and diving competition scores for each team will be binding in declaring the order of finish. When diving events are not held in conjunction with swimming events, the swimming scores will determine the order of finish. In the event of a tie, co-champions will be declared. Place trophies will be awarded in the following manner.

### Overall Champions

Overall Champion	Highest overall team score
Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> highest overall team score
Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> highest overall team score

### Division Champions

Red Division Champion	Highest team score of Red Division teams, not represented by Overall Winner
White Division Champion	Highest team score of White Division teams, not represented by Overall Winner

## **L. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the pool deck and scorer's table during the course of each meet sanctioned by the league. This rule is particularly relevant to announcers, timers, recorder, officials, scorers and other persons directly involved in the operation of the meet.

## **M. AMATEUR STATUS**

It is the policy of the League to encourage amateur competition in the sport of swimming and to follow USS rules relative to eligibility. Any swimmer competing for a League team who is also employed, full-time or part-time, by such team, or by a sponsor of such team, must abide by the USS rules. In general, such rules require that any job held by the swimmer must be available to individuals who do not compete for such team and have a written job description that does not require competing for any swim team. The League's policy is intended to warn swimmers, parents, team representatives and team sponsors of the consequences to our swimmers of the loss of their "amateur" status, relative to opportunities in college, national team and olympic team competition. Any pool representative may file a protest with the Registration Secretary relative to any swimmer deemed to be violating such eligibility rules. Such protest will be investigated by the League's By-Laws Committee, which will include a request from the team on which such swimmer competes for documentation of the job description and method of soliciting qualified personnel for such position. If the By-Laws Committee determines that such swimmer is in violation of the USS eligibility rules, it shall advise the swimmer, the parents and the pool representative that such swimmer is no longer eligible to compete in League events."

## **N. AMENDMENT**

1. These rules, regulations and policies may be amended or changed by a majority vote of pool representatives in good standing. Any pool representative may, by motion before the Board, propose such amendment. The President of the League shall refer the proposed amendment to the By-Laws Committee for wording to accomplish the desired change and to study the possible conflicts with other provisions of these rules, regulations and policies. The By-Laws Committee shall report back to the Board at the next regularly scheduled or called meeting at which time the Board shall make final disposition of the proposed amendment.
2. Any requests for exceptions from any provisions of these rules, regulations and policies and justification supporting requests for such exceptions shall be submitted in writing to the Registration Secretary, who shall forward the request to the Board for their consideration.

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