

Rules/Legislation Coordinator Report

April 22, 2015

- VSI By-Laws, as amended at the previous two HOD meetings, have been reviewed and approved by USA-S. We have also received an approval letter for use with the LEAP program. We were not required to make the Safety Chair/Coordinator a required BOD position.
- Proposed amendments to the VSI By-Laws to be acted on by the HOD

Remove the Membership/Registration Coordinator as an elected and voting member of the BOD

Articles: 605.1.9, 605.3.4, 605.6.2, 606.1, 606.2, and 607.2.1.A

Proposed by: Steve Hennessy

Summary: The proposed changes remove the Membership/Registration Coordinator as an elected, regular member of the BOD and the Executive Committee, and they make the position an ex-officio member of the BOD. These changes will allow the Membership/Registration Coordinator to also serve as the VSI Administrator and to advise the BOD in that capacity.

Establish an Administrative Review Board

Article: 604.4.4, 604.8.3, 610

Proposed by: Kevin Hogan

Summary: This amendment establishes a VSI Administrative Review Board (ARB). The ARB is meant to hear complaints and appeals regarding administrative matters within VSI, which do not rise to the level of Code of Conduct violations and are not appeals of sanction decisions.

- Proposed amendments to the VSI Policies to be acted on by the HOD

Housekeeping

Policies and Procedures Section: Changes are made throughout both sections

Proposed by: Kevin Hogan

Summary: Changes have been made throughout to reconcile position titles with the titles used in the by-laws, to otherwise replace “Chairman” or Chairperson” with “Chair,” to replace reference to the VSI Board of Review with the Zone Board of Review, to update USA Swimming Rules and Regulations citations, and to bring consistency throughout the document.

Link the Membership/Registration Coordinator Position to the Administrator Position

Polices Section: C.1

Proposed by: Steve Hennessy

Summary: The proposed bylaw amendments make the Membership/Registration Coordinator an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board of Directors. This amendment to the policies would link the Membership/Registration Coordinator position to the Administrator position.

Appeal of Fines to the Administrative Review Board

Policies Section: J.7.d (page 9)

Proposed by: Kevin Hogan

Summary: This amendment first requires an amendment to the by-laws to establish a VSI Administrative Review Board (ARB). The purpose of the amendment is to have the ARB, rather than the BOD, handle the appeals process for fines.

Sanction/Approval Requests Approval Process

Policies Section: L.6 and L.7 (page 10-11)

Proposed by: Lisa Liston, Terry Randolph, Kevin Hogan

Summary: The Eastern Zone has established a Zone Sanction Appeal Panel to adjudicate instances where a meet sanction or approval has been denied and the applicant feels that it was an unfair decision. The amendment adds language to clarify the sanctioning/approval process so that it meets the requirements of the zone sanction appeals process.

Meet Results and Financial Reports

Policies Section: O.1 (page 12)

Proposed by: Lisa Liston

Summary: The amendment is meant to clarify that a complete meet report includes both the report itself as well as the associated fees.

- Proposed amendments to the VSI Procedures to be acted on by the BOD

Housekeeping

Policies and Procedures Section: Changes are made throughout both sections

Proposed by: Kevin Hogan

Summary: Changes have been made throughout to reconcile position titles with the titles used in the by-laws, to otherwise replace “Chairman” or Chairperson” with “Chair,” to replace reference to the VSI Board of Review with the Zone Board of Review, to update USA Swimming Rules and Regulations citations, and to bring consistency throughout the document.

Outreach Athlete Reimbursement Decision Appeal Process

Procedures Section: E.4.b(9) (page 29)

Proposed by: Kevin Hogan

Summary: This amendment first requires an amendment to the by-laws to establish a VSI Administrative Review Board (ARB). The purpose of the amendment is to have the ARB, rather than the BOD, handle the appeals process for decisions regarding the reimbursement of fees for Outreach Athletes.

Annual Swimmer Recognition

Procedures Section: H (page 34-36)

Proposed by: Lisa Liston

Summary: To clarify the process by which all-state awards, swimmers of the year, open water swimmers of the year, and disable swimmers of the year are recognized.

Respectfully submitted,

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