

# USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Championship	<b>Session</b>	#2
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Jeff Roddin	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Jim Clemmons
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Erin Moro	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	9/28/2018, 8:00am

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. Approve NQT computation procedures (same as has been done in the past several years but times will be updated to include 2018 data coming in and 2015 data rolling off)

## Motions Passed:

1. Option to deck seed 200s for Mesa depending on projected timelines after entries close.
2. Announce deck seeding 200s at Mission Viejo with the meet information.

**Number of committee members present: 19**

**Absent: 2**

**Number of other delegates present: 26**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Jeff Roddin (Chair), Jim Clemmons (Vice Chair), Nicole Christensen-Rembach, Barry Fasbender, Ken Halbrecht, Robert Heath, Linda Irish Bostic, Cheryl Kupan, Krisie Melsen, Mark Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Natalie Taylor, Charlie Tupitza, Erin Moro, Jay Eckert (NO), Casey Keiber (NO), Peter Guadagni (ExO)

**Committee Members Absent:** Ali Hall (ExO), Peter Tarnapoll

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am EST.

1. 2020/2021 National Championship Bids
  - a. Received 2 bids for Spring 2020: Federal Way and San Antonio. Awarded to San Antonio. Once selected, the National office started working on the contract with San Antonio. The formal contract was signed prior to publicly announcing who won the bid. This was a change in procedure. The contract was signed with San Antonio approximately 2 weeks ago. Federal Way was notified after the committee made the decision to negotiate a contract with San Antonio that they were not selected, however, we would go back to Federal Way if negotiations with San Antonio stalled.
  - b. Received 2 Summer National 2021 bids: Sarasota and Greensboro. Deferred awarding a bid for 2021 Summer Nationals.
  - c. June 1 is the current bid deadline. Announcements of hosts are made at Convention, which means the contract must be signed prior to convention. Should we consider moving the bid deadline earlier to give more time for this process?
  - d. Jillian Wilkins, Florida - Concern that the time to sign the contract may not be long enough for some organizations (e.g. YMCAs). Jay Eckert clarified that the bid packet contains a sample contract. Therefore, the contract can be reviewed throughout the bid process (i.e. as early as January).
2. Nationals Procedures/activities:
  - a. Deck Seeding
    - i. Online check-in system (scratches, confirmation) - Several protests of people that missed 200s check-in. Some people were convinced that they checked in. We are going to add a confirmation page because believe that some swimmers moved the radio button but did not click on the submit button. Club Assistant is working on a potential app to allow notifications of check-ins, status, etc. We also suggested only

allowing swimmers to move the button from Undeclared to Check-In, remove the Scratch option and once a swimmer Checks-in they may not move it back to Undeclared.

- ii. Time savings - By age group at Spring Nationals (i.e. two courses) it does not save that much time. However, it does save more time when seeded by time and/or at Summer Nationals.
  - iii. Proposal by Mark Moore to consider changing the relay deadline from 3 pm the day before to 7 am the day of the event. The 3pm deadline allows the relays to be posted that evening, which is helpful.
  - iv. Committee can make a blanket determination that 200s are deck seeded (by age group or time) or that they will be pre-seeded.
  - v. Motion by Ed Saltzman to have the option to deck seed 200s for Mesa. Seconded by Cheryl Kupan. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
  - vi. Motion to deck seed 200s at Mission Viejo by Jim Clemmons. This would be listed in the meet information. Seconded by Cheryl Kupan. Discussion. All voted in favor, none opposed. Motion carries.
- b. Sixth Event Refunds - Policy has been not to refund. Mission Viejo gave a snack bar credit as good will when the sixth event was cancelled at their last meet.
- i. Question from attendee of whether there could be a USMS credit toward registration. This would be a lot of bookkeeping.
  - ii. Scott Bay - Florida - Becomes a lot of work for the host if refunds would be required.
  - iii. Jay Eckert - National Office - Potential of taking out the dollar amount for each event. For 1-3 events you pay a certain fee. Then another fee for 4-6 events.
  - iv. Raise cost of first 5 events and make 6th event free.
  - v. Jeff Strahota - Doubling cost of events 1-3 and then have 4-6 free.
  - vi. Sandi Rousseau - Does not see any reason that we need to refund the 6th event.
  - vii. Consensus was to leave the policy as-is (no refunds if the 6th event is dropped), but to encourage hosts to make a good-will gesture such as what Mission Viejo did (food concessions coupon)
- c. Award Presentations at Nationals - Ransom J. Arthur award has historically been given at Short Course Nationals. Most hosts have struggled with where to place a break to allow this presentation. Awards and Recognitions Committee determined yesterday to take this out of Short Course Nationals. Jeff Roddin would still like to recognize the past winners that are at the meet but it need not be a lengthy presentation.
- d. Meet Programs - Subcommittee to review the meet program to see where we can trim pages. Many of the committee were in favor of this and we can do this in the fall.
- i. Robert Mitchell - Southern Pacific - Asked if there could be an option to opt out of the meet program. Jay Eckert - In sponsorship program. We may be able to move to digital options.
  - ii. Meet hosts in audience commented that doing something to reduce/get rid of meet programs would be a big help. They are hard to put together, a big expense, and may be wasteful.
- e. Relays
- i. Administrative DQs - Not swimming in the appropriate order of the relay card. The primary issue is the lead off split. The order and name registered with USMS must be correct before the swim. There has not been consistency enforcing the rules. Emergency legislation has been submitted on the exact name listing on the relay card. Rule 102.96 indicates that they must swim in the order on the card once the race starts.
    1. Idea to potentially hand out a card with instructions when the relay cards are handed out. This card could include Do's and Don'ts.
  - ii. Online entries - working great! There was a loophole in Indy where a few relays were accepted after the entry deadline, so we will work to close that loophole
- f. Warm-up Periods
- i. "Salmon run" sprint lanes - need plan in advance - first did this in Greensboro 2016. This way the lines to use the blocks are short, since using the blocks is a primary objective for many during the 30 minute warm-up period. All 10 lanes going one way sprints on one course. General warm-up on other course. Would like to tweak such that there were a couple lanes to at least swim back to the start end. Most

importantly, the plan needs to be in place in advance with On deck coaches and officials all being on the same page.

1. Scott Bay - Florida - Need someone to be a liaison with the Coaches Committee on this. Mark Moore volunteered.
  - ii. Final 30 minute session - Can we reduce the amount of time after the last event at least on the last day of the meet? This could allow EMTs to leave earlier.
  - iii. Day before the meet - Contractual requirement is to have EMTs available for the warm-up. We would have to run this past Legal Counsel and Sports Medicine and Science to eliminate.
  - iv. Jillian Wilkins - Florida - 2 ambulances onsite was a requirement at Pan Ams to cover an instance of one ambulance leaving for a transport and always having at least one at the facility. This was a \$41,000 expense at Pan Ams for their 3 week event.
3. Goals/Tasks for 2019

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Potential rules proposals to remove items from Article 104 and shift to policy (or even look at Article 104 and highlight only what needs to stay)
2. USMS 50th Anniversary/2020 Nationals
3. NQT policy -
  - a. Discussions on 400 and above you have to make the time to swim but to make the times slower than they currently are. 50/100/maybe 200 no qualifying time.
  - b. How many people do we have not making the qualifying time but still earn a medal?
  - c. Worlds does not allow people that do not reach the qualifying time to medal or get an official time.
  - d. Could we have a penalty for not meeting and not being able to prove that you have achieved the time.
  - e. NQTs are motivational to many people, so having them for all events is nice.
  - f. Charlie Tupitza - Electronic badge/image to send out to those that meet the NQTs. This would allow them to share on social media.
  - g. Jeff Strahota - have times in the Event Rankings Database be highlighted on the swimmer's page if the time makes the current NQT.
  - h. The HOD must approve any changes to the NQT computation procedures, so since we didn't make any changes this weekend the times for 2019 will follow our current methods outlined in the published [NQT FAQ](#). Times for Mesa are expected to be available in the coming weeks and times for Mission Viejo are expected to be available in January.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am EST.