Motion 1602DRC1: The committee moves to make the corrections to the Rules and Regulations in Sections 1B1 a-c, Section 2B1 and the Meet fee table, Section 3B3a(3) and Section 4 A and B. The corrections define the use of “class” and reword items when the word class, classified and classification were used improperly.

**SECTION 1**

# ADMINISTRATION OF THE SWIMMING PROGRAM

B. Classes and Time Standards

### 1. Classes of Swimming Competition

#### a. Swimming competition shall be conducted by various classes of swim meets:

##### (1) Senior

##### (2) Age-Group — 18 years of age and younger, grouped by ages

#### a. ~~Classified~~ A~~a~~ge-group meets ,~~(those~~ with time standards,~~)~~ may offer events grouped by ages or by any combination of ages. Athletes shall qualify at the time standards for their own age group, or if no standards exist for their age group, at the standard for the next oldest age group for their gender where the event is included. Athletes 19 and over shall qualify at 17-18 age-group time standards.

#### b. ~~Unclassified~~ A~~a~~ge group meets,~~(those~~ without time standards, ~~such as invitational and league meets)~~ may offer events grouped by age or by any combination of ages.

##### (3) Open Water ~~Open events: In order to enter open events at an age-group meet, an athlete shall have met the listed qualifying time or have coach verification for the following events; 200 Backstroke, 200 Breaststroke, 200 Butterfly, 400 Individual Medley, 400/500 Freestyle, 800/1000 Freestyle, 1500/1650 Freestyle.~~

#### b. ~~Classified age-group meets ,(those with time standards,) may offer events grouped by ages or by any combination of ages. Athletes shall qualify at the time standards for their own age group, or if no standards exist for their age group, at the standard for the next oldest age group for their gender where the event is included. Athletes 19 and over shall qualify at 17-18 age-group time standards.~~

#### ~~c. Unclassified age group meets (those without time standards, such as invitational and league meets) may offer events grouped by age or by any combination of ages.~~

**SECTION 2**

# SWIM MEET PREPARATION

## B. Entry Fees

### 1. Entry fees shall be charged for each ~~class of~~ meetcategory. The meet host is not required to accept entries that do not include applicable fees. Participation fees cannot be charged unless entry fees are charged.

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| ~~Class of~~ Meet Category | Individual Entry Fees | | | Relay Entry Fees | | |
|  | Total Fee | To Host | Due PC | Total Fee | To Host | Due PC |
|  | LSC MEETS | | | | | |
| Senior Circuit | $7.50 | $5.25 | $2.25 | $20.00 | $14.00 | $6.00 |
| Senior Open and Senior 2 | $6.50 | $4.55 | $1.95 | $20.00 | $14.00 | $6.00 |
| JO Championships | $7.50 | $5.25 | $2.25 | $20.00 | $14.00 | $6.00 |
| FW Championships | $10.00 | $7.00 | $3.00 | $20.00 | $14.00 | $6.00 |
|  | AGE GROUP MEETS | | | | | |
| Other Preliminaries and Finals Meets | $5.50 | $3.85 | $1.65 | $16.00 | $11.20 | $4.80 |
| Age Group Meets | $4.00 | $2.80 | $1.20 | $9.00 | $6.30 | $2.70 |
|  | “OTHER” | | | | | |
| Time Trials | $50.00 flat fee (includes sanction fee) | | | | | |

NOTES:

#### a. Multi-class meets – applicable fee will be that of the highest category ~~class~~ included in the meet.

#### b. Host clubs may impose a participation fee not to exceed $8.00 for short course meets and $10.00 for long course meets per athlete to help defray meet expenses. Host clubs of meets scheduled by Zone 4 may increase the foregoing participation fee amounts by $1.00 per athlete to help defray expenses of the Zone. Relay-Only athletes are exempt from this surcharge, except in relay-only meets.

#### c. Leagues charging entry fees shall pay the Pacific Swimming portion applicable to amount of entry fee as listed above.

#### d. Alternative entry fee formats for Dual, Tri, Quad, Closed Invitational and Super League are found in the Policies and Procedures.

#### e. The Pacific Swimming fee does not apply to Disability Swimming Meets.

# SECTION 3

# CONDUCT OF MEETS

## B. Meet Operations

### 3. Scratch Down Procedures

#### a. Mandatory Scratch-down — If conditions warrant, the referee, with the concurrence of the meet director, may require athletes to scratch an event or events in order to regulate and control the length of time for competition in a sanctioned meet.

##### (1) Meet announcements shall include the following statement “If local conditions warrant it, the meet referee, with the concurrence of the meet director, may require a mandatory scratch down, subject to the provisions of Pacific Swimming Rules and Regulations.”

##### (2) The mandatory scratch procedure shall be applicable to timed final events only.

##### (3) To the maximum extent possible, the mandatory scratch requirement shall be applied uniformly to all age groups, ~~sexes~~ and all ~~classes of~~ athletes.

##### (4) The entry fee for each event scratched pursuant to the mandatory scratch procedure shall be refunded in full to athletes in cash prior to the close of the meet.

**SECTION 4**

# AGE GROUP COMPETITION

## A. Qualifying Times For Age Group Meets ~~Classes~~

### 1. Athletes shall be qualified for a specific ~~class~~ meet in a given stroke and distance when they have equaled or bettered the time standard for that event.

### 2. Only times in the USA Swimming SWIMS database shall be acceptable to qualify for Junior Olympics and Far Westerns level competition and LSC Championship meets. In all other Age Group competition, coach-verified entry times may also be accepted.

### 3. Athletes who compete in a ~~classified~~ meet event at or better than the minimum standard shall thereafter be considered to be qualified in that particular event ~~class~~ in all courses and may not again compete in the same event in a lower standard ~~class~~ meet, even if they have not actually performed at or better than the time standard.

### 4. Qualifying By Stroke and Distance

#### a. An athlete who achieves any Pacific Swimming age-group qualifying standard in one course (SCY, SCM, or LCM) shall be considered qualified at that same standard in the equivalent stroke and distance in all courses.

#### b. Athletes maintain their time standard level ~~classification~~ for the duration of a meet even if they qualify for the next level ~~class~~ during the meet. This rule also applies to relay events.

#### c. Any athlete, upon changing age groups, who has already met any standard in an event offered in the new age group shall be considered qualified at that level for that event in the new age group, as long as the time has been achieved in the qualifying period (if any) for entry into the meet.

#### d. Athletes, who enter an event for which they are not qualified, or who have met the next higher time standard, shall scratch the event.

## B. Eligibility

### 1. Individual Eligibility

#### a. Registered athletes, up to and including age 18, are eligible to compete in the Age Group program in those events scheduled for their age group and shall swim in events offered for that age or age group for an entire meet. Age on the first day of the meet governs for the entire meet.

#### b. Athletes are eligible to compete only in the individual events for which they qualify in any ~~classified~~ meet unless provisions in the meet announcement allow for bonus events.

#### c. In multi-classed meets, the zone may further restrict an event to a specific time standard.

#### d. Invitational meets are open only to athletes from invited clubs. Invited clubs shall be named in the sanction.

#### e. Athletes registered in other LSCs may swim in Pacific meets for which they qualify with the exception of Junior Olympics and Age Group Championships.

#### f. To be eligible for a Pacific All Star team, an athlete shall be a lawful resident of the United States and a member of Pacific Swimming.

~~2. Relay Eligibility~~

#### ~~a. Athletes may compete in relays in meets of higher classification than that for which they qualify in individual events.~~

#### ~~b. Athletes may not compete in relays in meets of lower classification than that for which they qualify in the like individual event.~~