

Sept. 23, 2023

Hello Coach Delegates to the HOD!

Today's the Day! **Be sure to log into the HOD meeting at 12:00 MTN/2:00PM EST/11:00AM PST. We are counting you to VOTE!**

In addition to ASCA's voting recommendations (see below), we support the following amendment that will be offered today for R9:

102.10 OFFICIALS

.1 [no changes]

.2 All officials acting in the capacity of Referee, Starter, Stroke and Turn Judge, or Administrative Official, ~~or Stroke and Turn Judge~~ at a sanctioned or approved USA ~~S~~swimming meet shall be certified and trained in such position by their LSC to the uniform and consistent standards set by USA Swimming with recommendation from the National Officials Committee in conjunction with the Coaches Advisory Council prior to being assigned to officiate in that capacity. LSCs and clubs shall not cannot require any additional certifications. Uncertified trainees may perform the duties of such positions when they are under the direct supervision of a certified official in said position. See Article 202 and the Corporate Bylaws for USA Swimming membership requirements.

.3-.5 [no changes]

FOLLOWING ARE THE ASCA VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS:

YES on R-9 102.10.2 Officials

This change ensures a standard by which all officials are certified and trained and should allow increased access and entry/participation with officials, which in turn means more opportunities for competition, specifically lower-level meets. ASCA supports this. The Coaches Advisory Council also supports this.

YES on R-4 205.11 Development Competition Program

ASCA agrees with the changes being suggested to create greater flexibility for these meets, however the rule continues to define Development Competitions as 12 and under. Many clubs have athletes that are developmental level/first time swimmers, and are not allowed within Development Competitions. Multiple LSC's are required to offer Development Competitions, but must follow USAS definitions, and therefore cannot offer meets to a large demographic. ASCA supports this proposal but would like to see the age group broadened to be more inclusive.

YES on all other legislation as proposed

All proposed legislation can be viewed here: [2023-proposed-legislative.pdf \(usaswimming.org\)](https://usaswimming.org/2023-proposed-legislative.pdf)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: While ASCA not taking a position on the candidates for the USA Swimming Board of Directors, we urge you will take the time to learn about them and make an informed

vote in the election. For information on the candidates for the USA Swimming Board of Directors, [click here.](#)

To watch the USA Swimming candidate forums, check out this links:

[USA Swimming Meet the Candidates](#)

[ZDC Meet the Candidates](#)

THANK YOU FOR VOTING AND REPRESENTING ALL USA SWIMMING COACHES!



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