

DATE: May 25, 2006

TO: Members, House of Delegates
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

FROM: Patty Kramer, Chair, Rules Committee
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

SUBJECT: ***Rule 13.0 Athlete Representatives***

At its May 24, 2006, meeting, based on the Committee's recognition that Rule 13 needed updating and with the concurrence of the LSC Athlete Representative, Rules Committee recommended revisions to this Policy as follows:

Scope: This Policy is written ~~by and only~~ for Athlete Members for the sole purpose of providing the procedure for electing their Athlete Representatives. ~~Changes to this policy may be made only by the Athlete members and does not require approval by the LSC House of Delegates.~~

13.1 Athlete Representative Responsibilities:

13.1.1 Both Athlete Representatives:

- A. Serve as liaison between the athletes who are members of WSI and the Board of Directors and House of Delegates; and
- B. Must participate in at least two (2) of the regularly conducted LSC House of Delegates Meetings to acquire eligibility to represent the LSC at the annual USA Swimming Convention.

13.1.2 The Senior Athlete Representative, i.e., the Athlete Representative serving in the second year of his/her term:

- A. Chairs the Athlete Committee that consists of Athlete members interested in so serving;
- B. Conducts at least one (1) meeting annually usually in conjunction with the LSC Short Course Championships for Swimmers 13 and Over or the Long Course Championships to for Swimmers 13 and Over to assess the needs and interests of LSC athletes; and
- C. Conducts the election for the Junior Athlete Representative, i.e., the Athlete Representative serving in the first year of his/her term.

RATIONAL: DUTIES ARE THOSE SPECIFIED IN THE LSC BYLAWS. INCORPORATING THEM IN THIS RULE FACILITATES DESSIMINATING THIS INFORMATION.

13.2 ~~*Voting Procedures*~~ ***Eligibility for Athlete Representatives*** Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year, each for a two (2) year term or until his/her respective successor is elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must be:

13.2.1 An Athlete Member or Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing;

13.2.2 At least sixteen (16) years of age and have junior status in high school;

13.2.3 Competing currently, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by WSI or another LSC; and

13.2.4 Reside in the Territory and expect to reside therein through at least the first half of the term.

13.3 Election Procedure

13.3.1 The election of the Athlete Representative shall be conducted annually by the Senior Athlete Representative at the LSC ~~long~~ Short Course swimming Championships or other regularly scheduled Meet designated by the Board of Directors, if the Senior Athlete Representative does not conduct such election at the LSC Short Course Championships. The election shall be conducted as follows:

13.3.2 Nominees shall send a paragraph explaining why they wish to become an Athlete Representative to the current ~~Junior~~ Senior Athlete Representative.

13.3.3 The ~~Junior~~ Senior Athlete Representative shall make a ballot with all the nominees' names and the paragraphs to send to the respective Meet Director.

13.3.4 The Meet Director then shall make enough copies of nominations and paragraphs and ~~for~~ one (1) ballot to be supplied in each ~~of the coaches'~~ packets;

13.3.5 Each coach shall obtain a numerical count of his/her Athlete Members on whom each would like to represent them.

13.3.6 Each Coach shall submit the numeric count for each nominee on a marked ballot to the ~~Junior~~ Senior Athlete Representative by the beginning of the final session of the Meet.

13.3.7 The nominee with the most votes shall be declared the "new" Junior Athlete Representative before the conclusion of the Meet.

13.3.8 The term of office for the Senior Athlete Representative shall terminate with the declaration of the new Junior Athlete Representative.

13.4 ***Voter Requirements:*** The Athlete Members eligible to vote shall be:

13.4.1 An Athlete Member or Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing;

13.4.2 At least thirteen (13) years of age or older at the time the election takes place;

13.4.3 Swimming in the respective Meet in which the election is taking place

13.5 ***Early Termination:*** In the event of a vacancy in ~~early termination of~~ one Athlete Representative position before completing his/her term, two Athlete Representatives shall be chosen at the next election, ~~with the older Athlete Representative becoming the Senior Athlete Representative, and shall serve the remaining term for the leaving Athlete Representative.~~ The remaining Athlete Representative assumes the duties of the vacant Athlete Representative position. The General Chairperson may appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, an Athlete Member to serve the remainder of the term of office.

RATIONAL: CHNAGES TO MAKE RULE CONSISTENT WITH THE LSC BYLAWS.