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To: General Chairs
LSC Permanent Offices
Rules & Regulations Committee
Board of Directors, USA Swimming

From: Bruce W. Stratton, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Subject: Amendment to LSC Bylaws

The USA Swimming House of Delegates, at its annual meeting on September 29, 2007, passed the attached amendment to the LSC Model Bylaws that are in Part Six of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations. The amendment was required in order to bring the LSC Bylaws into compliance with the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act which requires that athletes comprise at least twenty percent of the membership of any and all LSC Boards of Review or panels.

The attached amendment is effective immediately. It is mandatory and, with its passage, the Bylaws of each LSC are deemed to have been amended without any further action on the part of the LSC. Each LSC should reflect the new provision in their separate Bylaws.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce W. Stratton", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce W. Stratton
Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee



LEGISLATIVE ITEM R-29

As adopted by the USA Swimming House of Delegates on September 29, 2007

R-29 ACTION: Adopted Effective immediately without further action on the part of any LSC. This legislation shall be mandatory and the Bylaws of each LSC shall be deemed amended by the adoption of this legislation, notwithstanding any requirement whatsoever for passage of legislation by the LSC itself.

Location: LSC Bylaws Template, Article 610 Board of Review

610.3 BOARD OF REVIEW ORGANIZATION -

- .1 ESTABLISHMENT - The Board of Review of XXSI shall be independent and impartial.
- .2 MEMBERS - The Board of Review shall have *at least five (5) regular members and at least three (3) alternate members*. The Board of Review, and any panel hearing a case, shall have a sufficient number of athlete members to constitute at least 20% of its membership. The House of Delegates may increase the number of *regular or alternate* members by resolution but subsequent to the adoption of these Bylaws may only decrease the number of *regular or alternate* members upon the expiration of the term of office of any incumbent members. When a matter is being heard by less than the full Board of Review, the panel hearing the case shall include a sufficient number of athlete members so as to constitute at least 20% of the hearing panel. No hearing shall proceed without the required athlete representation.