

# 2024 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Championship Committee</b>	<b>Session #:</b>	
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Erin Sizelove	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Jim Clemmons
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Cheryl Kupan	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	September 4, 2024/8 pm EDT

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the House of Delegates:

1. None.

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## Motions Passed:

1. None.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 9	<b>Absent:</b> 1	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 35
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Erin Sizelove, Jim Clemmons, Britta O’Leary, Cheryl Kupan, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Roddin, Rob Heath, Sonny Nguyen, Teri White		
<b>Ex Officio:</b> Robin Smith, Jay Eckert, Onshalee Promchitmart		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Sandi Rousseau		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 pm EDT.

1. **Brief Committee Introductions.**
2. **Review/discuss 2024 Spring Nationals (Indianapolis).**

Mel Goldstein provided the summary. 2,300+ swimmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> largest USMS Spring Nationals ever. 5 day meet and might want to consider adding another day in the future. Tremendous volunteers support: 621 6 hour shifts. Order of events could use some work as the 50 and 200 free should not be on the same day. Otherwise, pretty much kept to the timeline. Locker rooms were out of our control – we were told they were to be renovated, but sadly they were not. Suggestion for Coaches on deck any time the competition pool is open for warm ups/downs to allow for starts.
3. **Review/discuss 2024 Summer Nationals (Mission Viejo).** Mark Moore provided the summary. Of the dates we proposed, the final dates were not our first choice as the kids were back to school which made it tough to get volunteers. I like to keep the timers to 2 hour shifts, but had to schedule 3-4 hours shifts to have all lanes covered; total 3,000+ total volunteer hours. We always like to do something special for the volunteers and officials, with shirts, food, etc... Same group of 12 individuals who have been a part of all the USMS Nationals held at Mission Viejo. Timeline: everyone was able to swim all 6 events and we kept all days on/around 10 hours or less. Two medical events and both individuals were fine. Hospitality: the 3-day VIP passes for \$100 were popular. Goals: enforce rules, safety first, good sportsmanship and have fun. Two days were affected by the heatwave; tried to keep the pool temperature steady at 78 degrees. Parking is what it is, nothing we can do about it. The City was very supportive of the meet; marketing and advertising were great. They did all the signage. Comment from Teri White, Official – all but 1 day ended with a freestyle event which means we can send officials home earlier as less are needed. Kenny Brisbin: a couple of complaints that there weren’t enough vegan options at hospitality. Jeff Roddin: Order of Events – It may have been a mistake having the meet end with the women’s 800 free followed by the men’s 200 free (approximately 40 no shows) on Saturday (i.e., those last two events should have been reversed).
4. **2025 Spring Nationals Preview (San Antonio).** Dates: April 24-27, 2025
5. **2025 Summer Nationals Preview (Federal Way).** Dates: August 6-10, 2025. 8 lane long course pool.

6. **Discussion on rules proposal to limit National event timelines that will be presented to the house of delegates.** At Rules Committee’s suggestion, change the wording and they now have supported the proposal to “adopt as amended.”

Q: Diana LaMar: How are the caps determined? How does the wait list work?

A: Erin Sizelove: First come, first served for the wait list. Jeff Roddin described his way of calculating the caps based on historical timelines and as entries come in, how close are we to the 10 hour maximum day?

Q: Judy Gilles, Rules Committee member (comments on the original proposal prior to modifications by the rules committee and championship committee) – I can see both sides to the argument, but it seems that people that have not achieved NQTs for 200s or above that are middle distance and/or long distance swimmers won’t be able to swim their preferred events at Nationals.

Q: Ben Wycoff, Rules Committee member (comments on the original proposal prior to modifications by the rules committee and championship committee) – I think you need to look for better ways to limit the timelines. Ben also mentioned he hopes to be able to assist with a small sub-committee of Rules/Champ members with looking at a proposal for next submission timeframe to meet the goal of a “better way.”

Q: Teri White – having listened to a number of swimmers who had questions about the wait list, is there a way to publish who is on the waiting list and where they stand. Maybe list the top 10 on the wait list; think of better ways to manage the list so swimmers know where they stand. Teri also mentioned as a meet/ref/head starter, she would like the format to consider having swimmers on the wait list be able to step up at the last minute when there are empty lanes so they could still compete. This presents a challenge with the six event limit that would need to be solved though.

7. Anything missed, questions, comments. - none

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## **Tasks for the Upcoming Year**

1. Solicit bids for 2026 National events and select locations.
2. Develop NQTs for 2025 Spring and Summer Nationals.
3. Determine order of events for 2025 Spring and Summer Nationals.
4. Continue to look for ways to limit timelines on National Championship meets by working with the Rules Committee for 2025 proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm EDT

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