



USA Swimming Age Group Development Committee Minutes

Date: May 12, 2026

Time: Noon Eastern

Attendance:

Michael Hamann Committee Chair

Mikaela Bagley Coach **(Absent)**

Rhi Jeffrey Coach **(Absent)**

Marci Callan Coach

Alexis Mendenhall Coach

Ian Murray Coach **(Absent)**

Amy Parrato Coach

John Bruenning Coach

Jake Mitchell Athlete **(Absent)**

Violet Schwartz Athlete **(Absent)**

Sara Mendoza Athlete

Angelina MacLeod Athlete

Dave Berkoff - SRDC Rep

Michael Lawerance - CAC Rep **(Absent)**

Dana Skelton - Staff

Mariah Carnahan – Staff **(Absent)**

Guests:

Donna B. and Dan J.

Call to Order

Michael Hamann called the meeting of the Age Group Development Committee to order at 12:02 PM ET. Quorum was established.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No conflicts of interest were reported.

Agenda

The agenda was distributed in advance and followed as presented.

Discussion

- **Approval of Prior Minutes**
 - The April meeting minutes were approved. Motion approved.
- **Senior Development Update**
 - The committee discussed sites for the Futures meet and the impact that LA28 will have on other meets.
 - Big discussion around SCM standards and adding 50's of stroke to Club Excellence for the next quad
- **Age Group Deep Dive Update**
 - The group has the topics through early next year. The group developed topics they feel will be helpful for coaches around the country and discussed how the AG Chair plays a role in that
 - Decided May 27th would be the date for the next session and who the leads for the call will be. Staff will work on getting the Zoom link out to the AG Chairs.
- **Age Group Excellence Update**
 - Rhi, Michael, and Dana met with the SWIMS group to go through questions they had and start to finalize the program build out for the fall.
 - They will begin working on simulations to help determine if we should weight metrics and if club size impacts results.
 - The goal is still to announce the program and winners in the fall of 2026. SWIMS agreed this will be doable.
- **Mobile App Update**
 - The Committee reviewed proposed primary metrics including performance, retention, meet participation, exposure, and IMX participation.
 - Secondary metrics may be introduced in future years.
- **Mobile App Update**

- No big updates- They have sent a survey before the next phase
- **Parent Engagement Update**
 - Working with staff to determine how to build out and turn in for posting
- **IMR / IMX Program Update**
 - The athletes worked on a name for the overall program, since IMX will not work with having 3 categories now. Two names they brought: IM Pathway and IM Excellence Program. The group mentioned that they liked IM Excellence, but that sounded too similar to IMX and might be confusing.
 - After discussion, the group decided on IM Development Pathways.
 - Staff will start to work on logos for the overall program name and individual logos IMS, IMR, and IMX.
 - Michael will reach out to Michael White and make sure he is ok if we use the name IMS (IM Starting), he was the one that brought the name to the committee.
- **Membership Update**
 - The work for our group has wrapped up and has been passed on to the BOD working group.
 - We presented 3 tiers for athletes.
 - The BOD group liked a few things we presented, example is having a cap on the LSC surcharge.
 - We requested that whatever the BOD group determines be brought back to our working group for review
- **USA Swimming Summit**
 - The committee is starting to determine who has a vote for their LSC and who will get a vote from the committee.
 - Also determining who will be in person for the Summit and if the committee is about to meet there or it will need to be virtual.
 - Requested to let us know by the next meeting if they will have an LSC vote and if they are able to attend the Summit.
 - Michael will check in with others that were absent today.

- **12&U Backstroke Turn Discussion**

- There was a small group that met to discuss the turn rule. They sent out a quick survey to Official Chairs, Coach Reps, and AG Chairs. They did receive a response from over half of the people that got the email
- 45.6% were Official Chairs and 32.9% were Coach Rep
- 46.8% agreed there should be some change and 39.2% voted for no change
- Michael spoke with legal and said that elimination of the rule might be hard because of World Aquatics and did not know if Rules & Regs would recommend the change.
- We can recommend a rule change that comes from the committee or Marci could do it as an individual.
- Questions raised by the committee:
 - Which events would it apply to, LSC and below, would LSC Champs be included?
 - How would the rule read, we would like to see how it is written and get clarity on the exact rule.
 - How would it work for open sessions and 12&U sessions?
- Discussion also included if there should just be a warning system that we work with the National Officials committee on. This could be a good place to start before submitting a rule change. This would also be an opportunity to discuss it with Officials and coaches.
- Marci will work with Sara to write up the rule and share with the committee for a virtual vote, since we would need to submit by the 15th.

Adjournment

Michael Hamann adjourned the May 12, 2026 meeting of the Age Group Development Committee at 1:03 PM ET.