



AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: June 9, 2026

Respectfully Submitted by Mikaela Bagley

CALL TO ORDER 12:00 pm EST (Quorum)

MAY MINUTES MSA (Mikaela, Rhi)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Michael Hamann - Committee Chair **(Absent)**
- Mikaela Bagley - Coach
- Rhi Jeffrey - Coach
- 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
- David Berkoff - SRDC Rep
- Michael Lawerance - CAC Rep **(Absent)**
- Beth Winkowski - Staff
- Mariah Carnahan - Staff **(Absent)**

Guests: Dan Jimar

MISSION STATEMENT

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

RESPONSIBILITIES

To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.
To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.
To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.
To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.
To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.
To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.
To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

No conflicts of interest were reported.

UPDATE FROM DEI, CAC AND SRDC

- Greensboro has been secured as the host site for U.S. Open and Winter Juniors in 2027, 2029, and 2031.
- Summer Juniors 2027 will be held in Huntsville.
- The 2028 National Championships location remains unresolved. The committee is revisiting options due to scheduling conflicts related to the Olympics.
- The 2027 Club Excellence program has been posted to the website. The 50-event format will not yet be included in point calculations, though it may be considered for inclusion after the current quadrennial pending additional data.

- A recommendation was made that future quad plans include Futures dates and locations to assist LSC planning. Follow-up will occur, though the information may not yet be publicly available.

AGE GROUP DEEP DIVE UPDATE

- The June Deep Dive has been moved to Tuesday, June 23 at noon and will focus on recruiting and hiring new coaches.
- Discussion continues regarding whether Deep Dive content should be presented directly to coaches or first shared with Age Group Chairs and Coach Representatives for distribution within their LSCs.
- The July Deep Dive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at noon. The topic will be “Making Meets Fun,” with agenda and discussion materials already prepared.
- No Deep Dive session is planned for August. Programming will resume in September.
- A suggestion was made to begin each call by asking participants what actions were taken in their LSCs following the previous topic to encourage broader dissemination of information.

AG CLUB EXCELLENCE UPDATE

- Club size categories (Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large) have been established.
- SWIMS is accelerating simulation work over the coming weeks, including:
 - One unweighted model using equal weighting across all five metrics.
 - Two to three weighted models to evaluate how rankings change under different methodologies.
- A final draft is targeted for presentation to the committee in July for review and approval.
- No logo or branding has been developed yet. Work with Creative and Communications on branding is expected to begin prior to final approval of the scoring model.

MOBILE APP UPDATE

- The official launch of the new USA Swimming app was previously targeted for June 15. No additional updates have been provided.
- Concerns continue to be raised during beta testing regarding credential visibility. Credentials now appear as plain black text without color indicators, making it more difficult to quickly verify good-standing status.
- USA Swimming staff remain confident in the launch and have cited stronger stakeholder engagement throughout the development process compared to the SWIMS rollout.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

- Progress on parent engagement resources has slowed due to staffing turnover, including the departure of key personnel in Team Services and Creative/Communications, as well as an extended absence by the head of the Creative Department.
- Beth will personally work through the four documents provided by Amy to identify required steps, determine ownership, and better understand the publication process.

IMR/IMX PROGRAM UPDATE

- In a holding pattern

NEW PROJECT IDEAS

No items were discussed.

OPEN FLOOR

Nothing was discussed.

USA SWIMMING SUMMIT ATTENDEES

- Will be revisited with Michael

PLANNED MEETING SCHEDULE

- July 21, 2026 @ 12:00 PM EST
- August- Off, unless needed

ADJOURNMENT 12:26pm MSA (Mikaela, Amy)