

USA Swimming Open Water Committee Minutes

7/15/2026 - Virtual

Present: Ron Aitken, Sid Cassidy, Cory Chitwood, Bruce Gemmell, Brennan Gravley, Catherine Kase, Mohammad Khadembashi, John Payne, Mike Murphy, Adriana Quirke, Yuri Suguiyama

Absent: Taylor Abbott, Brendan Casey, Marissa DelGado

Guests: Erin Cameron

Call to Order: Mohammad Khadembashi called the 7/15 meeting of the Open Water Committee to order at 12:02 PM Mountain Time.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Disclosure
3. National and Junior National Time Standards
4. Potential introduction of 4x1500 Mixed Relay
5. World Championship qualifying criteria
6. Calendar Discussion
 - a. Potential to host an AQUA World Cup or a PAQ OW Series event
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment

Discussion:

- Update National Time Standards for 2027 – anticipate additional entries
- Junior National Time Standards for 2027
- Introduction of 4x1500 Mixed Relay at 2027 Open Water Nationals and where to put it in the format - further discussion will come via email in coming months.
- World Championship qualifying criteria
 - o 10K & 5K
 - o 3K Knockout
- Potential of an October 2027 event?
- Call for nominations for the Open Water Achievement Award

Adjournment: Mohammad Khadembashi adjourned the 7/15 meeting of the Open Water Committee at 1:00 PM Mountain Time.