

USA Swimming Senior Development Committee Minutes

September 26, 2025. In-Person Meeting

Present: Jaime Lewis (Chair), Todd Capen, Paul Donovan, Paul Silver, John Morse, Billy Doughty, Kieran Smith, Evan Steffy, Kathleen Scandary, Shawn Smith, Brendan Hansen (Staff Lead), Kristin Alfano (Staff Liaison), Mike Parrato (virtual), Kevin Zacher (virtual), Brooke Forde (virtual).

Absent: Caitlyn Friebe

Guests: Macie McNichols

Call to Order: Jaime called the September 25 meeting of the Senior Development Committee to order at 12pm MT.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: n/a

During the course of the meeting, Billy Doughty announced his resignation from the Committee. He did not participate in any votes.

Agenda:

- Summer 2026 Time Standards
- Futures Site Selection
- Futures Event Order & Entry Dates

Discussion:

Time Standards for Summer 2026

- Todd Capen
 - Sectionals 2026, 2027 through Summer 2028 as presented in excel document.
 - Motion: Add 50s of stroke maximum standards for Speedo Sectionals **M/S/A**
 - Max not a minimum.
 - PM: recommendation is to reassess for 2028-32 Quad.
 - Summer Juniors
 - Even number of M/W.
 - SDC Recommended Changes for 2026:
 - **Motion:** To update the Summer Junior Bonus Time Standards to Futures 18U Time Standards through summer of 2028. **M/S/A.**
 - 50s of Stroke Qualification Standards.
 - Discussion: independent standards for 50s of stroke v. using 50s of stroke AND the 100s of stroke as non-conforming time standards.

- Discussion: adding 50s of stroke and its impact on distance events.
- **Motion:** To approve the summer juniors 2026 standards, including the 50s of stroke standards, AND: Athletes entered in the competition may enter the 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, and/or 50m Breaststroke provided they have achieved the 50 of stroke Qualifying Standard or have the corresponding 100 of stroke Qualifying Standard. Athletes may qualify for the 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, and/or 50m Breaststroke as a bonus event provided they have the corresponding 50 of stroke Bonus Event Time Standard or 100 of stroke Bonus Event Time Standard. **M/S/A**
- Futures
 - SDC Recommended Changes for 2026:
 - **Motion:** Approve time standards as presented, including 50s of stroke to mirror Summer Juniors, excluding bonus events, and 190 time standard will reflect Summer Juniors. **M/S/A**
- Nationals
 - SDC Recommended Changes for 2026:
 - **Motion:** Accept time standards for 18U 2026 Toyota National Championships as presented Option 1. **Withdrawn.**
 - Discussion: What are the unintended consequences? Is changing the Junior Pan Pacs selection needed for 2026?
 - **Motion:** Accept time standards for 18U 2026 Toyota National Championships as presented Option 2. **M/S/A**

Futures Site Selection

- **Discussion:**
 - KS: Protect the integrity of the competition for 18U swimmers.
 - PS: What is this doing to the top end of the sport?
 - MP: Best athletes should go to their top competition. Encourage best swimmers go to Nationals.
 - **Motion:** Cap Futures at 700 athletes per site and to change LE and NQS entry deadline to 10:00 am local time Monday before competition begins. **M/S/A**
 - **Motion:** Approve five sites based on site selection, with the caveat that four sites can be used if addition of fifth site is not approved. Athlete cap to be revisited if four sites are approved. **M/S/A.**

- **Motion:** Approve selection of three sites as 2026 Futures locations- Knoxville, Sacramento, and Greensboro. **M/S/A.**

Futures Event Order & Entry Dates

- Further discussion required.

Adjournment: Jaime adjourned the September 25 meeting of the Senior Development Committee at 2:30pm.