

## USA Swimming Senior Development Committee Minutes

**May 13, 2026. Virtual Meeting. 10AM MT.**

**Present:** Todd Capen (Chair), Kristin Alfano (staff liaison), Brendan Hansen (staff lead), Mike Parrato, Paul Donovan, Peter Verhoef, John Bruenning (ex-officio), David Berkoff, Evan Steffy, Kevin Zacher, Paul Silver, Jamie Cahn

**Absent:** Kieran Smith, Eloise Gerlach.

**Guests:** Macie McNichols, Trey Freeman, Lucas Currto-Ferreira, Daniel Jimar, Patrick Murphy

**Call to Order:** Todd called the May meeting of the Senior Development Committee to order at 10:03am MT.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** n/a

### **Agenda:**

- '27, '29, and '31 US Open
- Summer 2028 Championship Meets
- Road to Indy Series
- 2027 Club Excellence

### **Discussion:**

The meeting started with MM sharing that the **'27 '29 and '31 US Open** is scheduled to be in Greensboro. MM proposes the typical Juniors combo location with the US Open. We will vote on the Winter Jrs locations in the next meeting, when the Technical Events team can propose a Winter Jrs West location at the same time for 2027.

The discussion then moved to **Summer 2028** Championship Meet layouts. BH shares his perspective following conversations with the National Team, other coaches, and committee members surrounding Summer Juniors and Futures scheduled around the same dates as the home Olympic and Paralympic Games. Recommends that Summer Junior Nationals in 2028 should be held, and not at the same time as Futures, and reminds the committee that they have the authority to select and approve the competition dates. The committee discussed the overall opportunity the meet consistently provides for over 900 athletes, including high-performance racing and college recruiting visibility. Some challenges discussed include varying academic calendars across the country, the cost and travel burden for teams from the opposite side of the country, and lower attendance for club teams who could travel elsewhere with a larger group of athletes. The conversation includes how Futures has shifted from a stepping-stone meet for Summer Juniors, and is now viewed as more of a team-oriented regional championship for all ages. Although no decisions were made, the Technical Events team and SDC leadership will meet later this summer to bring a more structured proposal to the committee.

The **Road to Indy** series update shared two locations are confirmed, and one is close. A west coast host has not been solidified but calls have been made at several locations.

The committee then discussed the 2027 **Club Excellence Program** and ultimately decided to keep the program requirements unchanged for 2027. Discussion involved the impact of adding 50s, and how that could change the competitive balance mid-quad, leading to an impact on funding outcomes. Adding the 50's post 2028 would allow for ample time to refine the time standards. It was also recommended to communicate with clubs about the addition of 50's coming for the 2029 program, and it will not be implemented before.

**Adjournment:** Todd adjourned the May meeting of the Senior Development Committee at 11:20AM MT.