USA Swimming Senior Development Committee Minutes

August 26, 2026. Virtual Meeting. 10AM MT.

Present: Todd Capen (Chair), Brendan Hansen (Staff Lead), Kristin Alfano (Staff Liaison), John Bruenning (ex-officio), Kevin Zacher, Evan Steffy, Jamie Cahn, Paul Donovan, Mike Parratto, Rachel Stratton-Mills, Addie Robillard, Peter Verhoef, David Berkoff, Paul Silver.

Absent: Kieran Smith, Eloise Gerlach

Guests: Joel Shinofield, Macie McNichols, Trey Freeman, Beth Winkowski, Ty Gibbs, Shawn Smith, Jake Grosser, Patrick Murphy

Call to Order: Todd called the June meeting of the Senior Development Committee to order at 10:01am MT.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: n/a

Agenda:

Discussion:

2026 Winter Juniors- requesting review / feedback from committee to post meet information next week.

Vote requested for Austin, TX for **2027 West Winter Juniors** site. Discussion on time trials opportunities at **2027 Winter Juniors**. Consistency across both sites is the goal. Long Course time trials ask for the Tuesday before the meet. Motion to approve Austin as the 2027 host of the West Junior Championships. Second. Motion passes.

2027 Summer Juniors. Discussion on bonus events standards and adding breaks before post-prelims distance events. The bonus event standards were decreased from Winter Juniors to Futures. High participation across all championship meets (Futures and above).

Discussion on **Futures** bonus cuts to allow athletes a minimum of 4 individual events to minimize time trial needs. Discussion included standardizing a 2-bonus events, regardless of total number of cuts, for 18 & under athletes and how that would impact the timeline. Continued discussion on changes to 2027 meet participation based on a) a June Trials and b) new Summer JR location of Huntsville. Additional comment on ticket pricing for Summer JR spectators. Consider families of swimmers make up most spectators. Motion to start Summer JRS finals sessions at 5:30pm in Huntsville. Second. Passes.

Road to Indy Series update. Dates and locations selected for each zone. Standards are Futures. A-D finals. 50's of stroke timed final all on night 1. Bonus structure- 1+3, 2+2, 3+1 for all athletes.

Club Excellence- Committee received feedback from coaches regarding not including 50's of stroke into the 2027 Club Excellence program. The committee agrees its best to keep them out through the end of the quad. Discussion continues regarding the impact of adding 50's, total number of eligible events per athlete, and alignment through the 2028 quad.

Adjournment: Todd adjourned the June meeting of the Senior Development Committee at 11:11AM MT.