

Pacific Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting

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Purpose: To allow for gradual introduction of entry-level swimmers to Pacific Swimming scratch rules and no-show penalties while minimizing disruptions and maintaining fair and equitable conditions of competition.

Motion: Amend Pacific Swimming Rules & Regulations 3(B)(5)(b)(5) to **add exception (v)** as shown below:

(5) Exceptions — No penalty shall apply for failure to withdraw or compete in an individual event if:

- (i) The referee is notified in the event of illness or injury and accepts the proof thereof.
- (ii) It is determined by the referee that the No-Show is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the swimmer.
- (iii) The swimmer qualified for any level of finals due to scratches of one or more original finalists.
- (iv) The swimmer is an alternate for any level of finals.
- (v) The swimmer was seeded into the event with no time (NT).**

NOTES:

Specifically targets entry-level swimmers with minimal impact to more experienced athletes.

The swimmer still fails to achieve a time in the missed event (“penalty”).

Administratively very easy to implement.

Allows one free pass per event in a swimmer’s (Pacific) career.

Minimal impact on the competition in an event since NT seeded first (or last).

Coaches/swimmers with times not likely to enter NT to avoid possible penalty (not in their best interests).

Swimmers with times have successfully shown up at least once.