



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to boardmeeting@pacswim.org the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

Pacific Swimming Senior Committee Report for Pacific Swimming House of Delegates Spring 2024

Active Committee Members:

Asher Green
Ben Chung
Jon Hiett
Ellie Burkhardt
Kevin Zacher
Brooke Bennett
Don Heidary
Kat Matheson
Erik Scalise
Justin Ely
Annie Stein

Guests: Tyler Long, Kent Yoshiwara

Liaison to the Board: Asher Green

Dates of meetings: 8Jan24, 12FEB24, 26MAR24, 23APR24

Date of next meeting: 26MAY24

Action items completed:

- I. Approved the Senior Committee Policies and Procedures after amending it to include “at least two and not more than seven athlete members with no more than two athlete members per zone.”
- II. Passed a proposed Senior Budget.
 - a. Submitted and got passed a motion to create a line item for Senior Meet Host Incentive Stipend.
- III. Made recommendations regarding Travel Support policies.
- IV. Discussed and agreed in principle to the proposed surcharge for Senior meets pending more information regarding impact.

Action items in progress/pending:

- I. Ongoing discussion of possible causes and solutions regarding overcrowding of some Senior Meets.
 - a. Considering setting and enforcing time standards.

- II. Clarifying the purposes and characteristics of our Senior meets.
- III. Upcoming dedicated in-person meeting to hammer out an “ideal” Senior meet schedule.
- IV. Finalizing a definition for Pacific Swimming Senior Swimming from which to derive a committee mission statement.
 - a. Working definition: “Senior Swimming is the program by which Pacific Swimming serves its older swimmers, predominately those of high school age who regularly participate in Pacific Swimming meets, by ensuring that local competitive opportunities exist for all ability levels and supporting those swimmers who aspire to compete at the highest levels of regional, national, and international swimming.”
- V. Naming a Senior Committee representative to the DDEI Committee.
- VI. Figuring out how to ensure a Pacific Swimming Senior Championship meet for both short course and long course seasons.

Announcements: none.

Questions for the Board/Larger Group: none.

Notes/other: Despite having an abundance of high performing Senior teams and individuals in Pacific Swimming, we could much better serve the majority of our Senior swimmers at the LSC level:

1. Some Senior meets fill up almost immediately, excluding many qualified swimmers, and are often too long and crowded to provide a quality experience.
2. Pacific Swimming offers no end-of-season Senior prelims/finals meet into which qualifiers are guaranteed to be admitted, i.e. a championship that can be put on the calendar and for which swimmers and teams can plan a season. We rely on meets beyond the LSC level (Sectionals, Futures, Junior Nationals, Nationals, US Open, etc), age group meets (Far Westerns), or high school meets to fulfill this role.