

## SECTION 6

### ZONE AUTONOMY

#### A. Rules

1. Zone Bylaws - Each zone shall establish its own Bylaws in addition to the LSC Bylaws to better describe or address specific Zone needs. The Zone bylaws shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws of Pacific Swimming and USA Swimming.
2. Each Zone will establish a Board of Directors and conduct meetings. The minutes of these meetings will be reported to the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors and posted to the Pacific Swimming website. The Zone Chairs and Zone Athlete Representative are members of Pacific Swimming Board of Directors.
3. Elections - Each Zone will establish rules for the election of the Zone Officers and the terms for the Zone Officers.
4. Budget – Each Zone shall establish an annual budget to guide the operation of the Zone. Financial practices by the Zone shall follow generally accepted accounting principles.
5. Meets and Sanctions - Each Zone shall define its Zone Meet formats and establish a Zone meet schedule with a defined host assignment process. The Zone shall be responsible for team assignment to meets, team priority for meets, and the meet Sanction requirements that are specific to the Zone.
6. Scheduling - Zones shall facilitate the scheduling and awarding of meets within their geographical boundaries except:
  - a. on days that are reserved by the LSC for the purpose of holding essential functions.
  - b. Zone meets scheduled on the same weekend as LSC Far Western and JO meets must have a lower time standards (i.e. FW (-) and JO (-) time)
7. Eligibility of athletes and conduct of meets shall conform to Pacific Swimming Rules and Regulations except as follows:
  - a. Zones may restrict entry to residents of the zones in certain meets.
  - b. Meet time standards may be set by the Zone
  - c. Meet format may be set by the Zone
  - d. Zone meets shall be reviewed and approved by the meet referee and Zone Sanction Chair prior to submission to Pacific Swimming Sanction Chair for final approval.
  - e. Zones may make their own policies regarding restrictions to be applied to their athletes.
8. Each Zone may set its own requirements for minimum number of officials required per club for Zone meets except that this requirement must meet or exceed the requirement set by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Each Zone may determine and enforce a penalty for noncompliance with this policy.
9. Zone Representatives - Each Zone is responsible for appointing and/or electing Zone representatives to LSC committees such as the Nominating Committee, Zone Officials Chair(s), Scheduling Committee, Athlete Committees and other standing or ad hoc LSC committees when Zone representation is required or desired. Zone athlete representatives also shall be nominated and approved by the Zone. Zone Officials Chairs shall be appointed by the respective Zone Chairs with the approval of the Zone Board and the concurrence of the General Chair and the LSC Officials Chair.

10. Meet and Office Equipment - Each Zone may purchase and maintain office equipment to support Zone functions plus Meet Equipment to support Zone Teams in hosting swim meets.
11. Fines and Penalties - Each Zone may determine and levy penalties or fines on Zone Teams and/or members who violate Zone Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and/or agreed upon processes and procedures. Such fines or penalty shall be clearly established and agreed to by a majority vote of the Zone Board.