

SECTION IX

TIME STANDARDS

A. Time Standards

1. Duties and Responsibilities
 - a. Age Group and Senior Committees: The Age Group and Senior Committees shall each year provide any proposed changes to the time standards criteria, including information about the effects of the changes, to the Board of Directors at or before the September meeting prior to the next meet bid season
 - b. Designated staff shall each year present to the Board of Directors by the October meeting for adoption at the November meeting the Age Group and Senior time standards calculated using the approved criteria.
 - c. Any committee or individual who wishes to recommend changes to the criteria or time standards shall present their recommendations on a timely basis to permit compliance with the above dates to the Age Group or Senior Committee which, upon acceptance or modification, shall provide their recommendation to the Board of Directors.
 - d. Should the Age Group or Senior Committee not present a recommendation on the criteria to the Board of Directors by the September meeting, the designated staff shall prepare the time standards based upon the currently approved criteria. The designated staff may, in addition, present recommended changes at the October Board of Directors meeting if it appears the existing guidelines do not meet the stated purposes.
2. The Far Western time standards shall be established as follows:
 - a. Athletes' qualifying times shall be considered valid for 18 months.
 - b. Time standards shall be set to control each meet size based on the daily time line and accommodate a proportional number of athletes in each age group based on a five year rolling average of year round athletes registered in Pacific Swimming.
3. The Junior Olympic time standards shall be established as follows:
 - a. Athletes' qualifying times shall be considered valid for 18 months.
 - b. Time standards shall be set to control each meet size based on the daily time line and accommodate a proportional number of athletes in each age group based on a five year rolling average of year round athletes registered in Pacific Swimming.
4. Other Pacific Swimming Age Group time standards shall be established as follows:
 - a. The USA Swimming Motivational time standards shall be used.
 - b. 8 and under time standards shall be established by the Age Group Committee
5. Pacific Swimming Senior time standards shall be as follows:
 - a. Senior Circuit

- (1) Senior Circuit qualifying shall be set in accordance with the needs of the Pacific Swimming Athletes by the Senior Committee. Qualifying time standards shall be specified in hundredths of a second, with nine one-hundredths being the constant.
 - (2) Minimum time standards for bonus events shall be the current, USA Swimming National Age- Group Motivational Time Standard Level A Minimum for 15-16. Bonus events per meet shall be as follows: one qualified event allows three bonus events, two qualified events allows two bonus events, and three or more qualified events allows one bonus event.
- b. Senior 2
- (1) Senior 2 qualifying shall be the applicable year's USA Swimming National-Age Group Time Motivational Time Standard Level A for 15-16. For bonus events, USA Swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time Standard Level BB Minimum for 15-16 shall apply.
 - (2) Bonus events per meet shall be as follows: qualified thirteen year-old and older athletes are allowed two bonus events. Twelve year-old athletes are not eligible for bonus events.
3. Senior Open
- (1) For Senior Open meets, thirteen year-old and older athletes shall be automatically qualified. Eleven and twelve year-old athletes shall meet the applicable year's USA Swimming National Age-Group Motivational Time Standard Level BB Minimum for 15-16.
 - (2) No bonus events at this meet .
6. Any meet having qualifying time standards not in accordance with those published by Pacific Swimming shall be approved by the Board of Directors prior to being sanctioned.