

Motion 2411ATH01 – Minimum Athlete Representative Age

Motion to amend the Policies and Procedures to set the minimum age requirement for Athlete Representatives as 13 years of age and enrolled in at least 8th grade, and to introduce a new requirement for Athlete Representatives to complete the USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training course applicable to their age category.

Purpose: To formalize the minimum age requirement of 13 years and enrollment in at least the 8th grade, which has been the standard practice though not explicitly documented. Athletes aged 12 and under may be considered for an Athlete Representative position if they are mentored by an established Athlete Representative from their club until they are of age. The Athlete Committee feels it is important for Athlete Representatives to be educated on MAAPP and Athlete Protection, so they can be empowered to protect themselves and their peers.

SECTION XVIII COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

C. Athlete Committee

1. Definitions

- a. An athlete is any swimmer registered as an athlete member of USA Swimming. Athlete members shall be eligible pursuant to USA Swimming and LSC Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.
- b. An Athlete Representative is any athlete elected or appointed to serve as a representative to the LSC, and who is eligible as defined in Article 14 of the Pacific Swimming Bylaws. Athletes shall be at least 13 years of age and enrolled in 8th grade or above and must complete the USA Swimming Athlete Protection course applicable to their age category to become a representative.
- c. The Athlete Committee is made up of the athlete representatives elected or appointed to serve as a representative for all athletes competing with the LSC.