No.	Description	Recommendation	Quick Facts
R-	Clarify definition of “closed competition”	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Clarification of Closed Competition in the glossary. The glossary is where words are defined that are not already defined somewhere else in the rulebook • **Key terms?** Closed Competition • **Why is this being proposed?** Clarification • **How does this affect athletes?** Does not explicitly, although closed competitions pertain to athletes who participate in YMCA, summer leagues, and conferences
R-	Define “Administrative Official,” “Administrative Referee” and “Meet Referee”	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Further dispel the difference between administrative official, administrative referee, and meet referee • **Why is this being proposed?** the differences between these different officials has been extremely confusing, thus requiring further clarification
R-	Define “notice”	Not yet reviewed	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Specifying what constitutes a "notice" • **Why is this being proposed?** There is much discussion about what is considered a notice. This would relate to coaches meetings, LSC HOD meetings, etc. • **How does this affect athletes?** It would make sure athletes have given their phone number and address to their LSC board. However, the R&R committee has not reviewed this item so more information will be given at convention
R-	Allow for alternates into multiple bonus heats under certain conditions	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** The order of heats during finals of a prelim/finals meet, and the placement of alternates in the event of no shows • **Key terms?:** Recognition: scoring points, earning prize money, etc. • **Why is this being proposed?:** Provide more opportunities for athletes to compete and ensure that finals heats are filled • **How does this affect athletes?:** It allows alternates to be placed into any finals heat ,regardless of the order they’re swum (C, B, A OR A, B, C), when the finals are not selecting teams nor giving the athlete recognition. This is when finals heats simply give the swimmer the opportunity to swim. This provides more options to meet hosts in placing alternates in finals heats, which provides more competition opportunities for athletes. So, if just the A final heat scores points, an alternate could be placed in either the B or C final heat.
R-	Clarify administrative official	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?:** What is the administrative official, and what is he/she not? • **Why is this being proposed?:** Clarification
R-	Allow an LSC to sanction a competition held by one of its member clubs in another LSC when it is held within 25 miles of the LSC boundary.	No Recommendation	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Who has sanctioning authority? • **Why is this being proposed?** To address a particular scenario that some LSC’s around the country face, where facility space is limited and highly sought after . The specific issue is when a team from one LSC uses a facility located in different LSC. • **How does this affect athletes?** This might cause some sanctioning issues. Athletes might have more opportunities to swim.
R-	Change sanctioning jurisdiction to that of the LSC of the meet host, not the LSC in whose geographical boundaries the meet will be held. *(withdrawn if R-6 is adopted)*	Rejection	**See R-6**
R-	Establish an appeal process for those whose requests for sanction/approval are denied by an LSC	Referred back to the Task Force	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Sanctioning authority and the current lack of an appeals process • **Why is this being proposed?** Establish an appeals process, and ensure that competitive opportunities for athletes are not being denied by LSC’s • **How does this affect athletes?** Protects athlete rights to compete by ensuring that LSC’s are doing their due ...
R-	Revise Sectional requirements and guidelines	No Recommendation	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Purpose and size of sectional meets • **Why is this being proposed?** Align with the National Team Directors vision for the sectional meets, with the primary purpose of those meets being to qualify swimmers for Junior Nationals. • **How does this affect athletes?** Focuses the purpose of the sectional meets around qualifying 18&U athletes for Juniors in a meet format that is both manageable and competitive
R-	Codify current process for Board of Review jurisdiction	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Board of Review Jurisdiction • **Why is this being proposed?** Align the current practices of the Board of Review with what is written in the rulebook • **How does this affect athletes?** Add an extra level of protection for athletes by giving the Board of Review jurisdiction to keep former members out of USA Swimming
R-	Update discrimination prohibitions in Code of Conduct	Referred back for clarification	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Prevention of discrimination in the sport • **Why is this being proposed?** Align with USOC standards and the mission statement of USA Swimming’s Diversity and Inclusion Committee • **How does this affect athletes?** Prohibits discrimination against athletes and other members on the basis of age, race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetics I or any other status protected by federal, state or local law
R-	Comply with Minimum Standards for Safe Sport mandated by the USOC	Approval, subject to findings of Safe Sport Committee	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Romantic or sexual relationships between an athlete and a coach • **Why is this being proposed?** Comply within minimum USOC Safe Sport Standards in order to avoid osing USOC high performance funding • **How does this affect athletes?** This prohibits romantic or sexual relationships between an athlete and a coach, even if the relationship is consensual, that began during the swimming relationship, and those individuals that have direct supervisory or evaluative control, or are in a position of power or trust over an athlete. Relationships that are exempt from this legislation are instances where no imbalance of power can be shown, such as relationships between spouses or life partners that existed prior to the swimming relationship.
R-	Add sexual abuse by a minor athlete as a violation of Code of Conduct	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Sexual abuse between two minor athletes • **Key terms?** "peer-to-peer sexual abuse": any unwelcome physical conduct of a sexual nature directed toward another individual • **Why is this being proposed?** To add an additional layer of protection for athletes that did not exist before • **How does this affect athletes?** This will make it a Code of Conduct violation for any athlete to sexually abuse another athlete
R-	Enforcement of the Banned List	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Enforcement of the USA Swimming list of Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible for membership, otherwise known as the "Banned List" • **Key terms?** "Banned List": A list of individuals that, through the USA Swimming Board of Review process, have been permanently suspended or rendered ineligible for membership in USA Swimming • **Why is this being proposed?** Close a current loophole • **How does this affect athletes?** This will add another level of protection for athletes by keeping banned individuals away from USA Swimming athlete members

R-	Replace LSC Boards of Review with Zone Boards of Review	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** LSC Board of Review Panels • **Key terms?** Board of Review: adjudicative panel within USA Swimming • **Why is this being proposed?** This will consolidate the work load of LSC board of reviews into Zone board of reviews. This will make the hearings more impartial, reduce the amount of appeals, and consequently reduce the workload of the National Board of Review, which currently hears appeals from LSC board of reviews
R-	Establish National Board of Review Committee from which all hearing panels will be selected	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** National Board of Review Panels • **Why is this being proposed?** To establish a standing board of review committee from which board of review
R-	Change from annual meeting to biennial meeting of House of Delegates	Rejection	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Change when House of Delegates occurs • **Key terms?** Biennial: every other year • **Why is this being proposed?** Due to the increased size of USA Swimming and a vision of focusing on
R-	Alter the way LSC delegates to House of Delegates are selected	Rejection	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Appointment of Delegates to the USA Swimming House of Delegates • **Why is this being proposed?** To alter the way in which delegates are selected, and to move to a more objective criteria for selecting delegates
R-	Provide LSCs better instructions regarding the requirement to have their current Bylaws on file with USA Swimming	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** LSC bylaws • **Why is this being proposed?** Provide clearer direction to LSC's about filing their bylaws with USA Swimming
R-	Prohibit General Chair from serving on the Nominating Committee	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** LSC bylaws • **Why is this being proposed?** To prohibit the General Chair from serving on the nominating committee for the
R-	Prohibit General Chair from serving on the LSC Board of Review	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** LSC bylaws • **Why is this being proposed?** To prohibit the General Chair from serving on LSC Board of Reviews to avoid
R-	Creation of LSC Administrative Review Board	Not yet reviewed	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** LSC Board of Reviews • **Why is this being proposed?** If R-15 passes, this would allow an LSC to have a hearing body to deal with LSC administrative matters such as the enforcement of or appeals from the assessment of meet fines, bad checks, etc.
R-	Procedures for Zone Boards of Review *(withdrawn if R-15 is not adopted)*	Approval	• **What are the relevant issue(s)?** Board of Review Jurisdiction; SC Board of Reviews; National Board of Reviews • **Why is this being proposed?** This would provide the procedures for the Zone Board of Reviews created in R-15

HK-	Include Chief Judge certification	Approval	
HK-	Bring Recirculation System rule into compliance with state laws.	Not yet reviewed	
HK-	Reflect the relationship between LSCs and USA Swimming	Approval	
HK-	Re-order requirements and conditions of sanction	Approval	
HK-	Re-order requirements for approval	Approval	
HK-	Clarify that swim-a-thons are licensed by the USA Swimming Foundation	Approval	
HK-	Change "Safety Education Committee" to "Operational Risk Committee"	Approval	
RES 1	Resolution to change convention days to Wednesday through Sunday		
RES 2	Dues Increase		