

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS

### ARTICLE 201

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201.2.1 Annual Membership—Annual membership for clubs is from the date of registration through December 31 of that year; however, a club applying for membership on or after November 1 will receive membership valid through December 31 of the following year. An LMSC shall not place any restrictions on the formation of clubs.

**Rationale:** We have several LMSCs that have only one club, and have no provisions for registering additional clubs. This is going to be an issue when we allow online registration of clubs, and we need to make it very clear that LMSCs must allow the registration of independent clubs, and not force all to become workout groups of a single LMSC-wide club. This is not intended to affect any rules put forth by an LMSC to determine whether or not a club is eligible for a vote on the LSMC committee or can host events. For example, an LMSC may require a club to have 8 members to have representation at LMSC committee meetings, and that is not affected by this proposed rule change. We consider this emergency legislation because of the plans to allow club registrations online.

The club registration issue is emergency because of the desire to provide the capability for clubs to register online this year. We have had several LMSCs that we have had to push really hard to allow anything other than the megaclub to register. We want to make it clear that they can't restrict club registration.

### ARTICLE 601

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601.1.3 Legislation Committee—Proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Organizing Principles, Glossary, Part 2: Administrative Regulations of Competition, Part 4: Athletes' Rights, Hearings and Appeals, Part 5: United States Masters Swimming Inc. Organization and Bylaws, and Part 6: Amendment Procedures ~~and Appendix D: Zone and LMSC Boundaries~~) shall be considered by the Legislation Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.

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601.1.4 Zone Committee-Proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Appendix D: Zone and LMSC Boundaries) shall be considered by the Zone Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.

**Rationale:** The Zone Committee is the logical body to gather information from all affected parties and provide a recommendation to the HOD regarding changed to Zone and LMSC boundaries. The Zone Committee is already working closely with LMSCs,

and is in a position to research and advise the HOD on issues relating to boundaries. Zigzag boundaries create many problems, especially for online registration. We don't want a repeat of what happened last year, and the next opportunity for boundary changes would be next year.