

# Proposed Rule - Eligibility

## Current

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A. Irvine Swim League membership is limited to children living in the City of Irvine aged 5-18 as of June 1 of the current swim season. Exceptions include: Swimmers who have participated with their ISL team in the previous year but have moved outside the city of Irvine and swimmers who live outside of the city of Irvine but who attend a school located within the city of Irvine. Non-resident swimmers may be approved on an individual basis by a majority vote of the Executive Board provided that no resident swimmers are being displaced due to residency exceptions.

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## Purpose

To remove the grandfather clause for swimmers no longer living or attending a school that resides in the City of Irvine. As with any rule, there is the ability to file for an exemption by the Executive Board (standardized exemption form being created). This will apply to swimmer coaches who have moved outside of the city who were once coaches as well, but exemption for long time coach is likely.

# Proposed Rule – Revise Detach Rule

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B. A swimmer who has been on the same ISL team during the immediately preceding season, prior to the current season, and who competed in a minimum of one dual or tri-meet during the current season may be allowed to earn points in competition for a club swim team. In addition, any swimmer who has swam for an ISL team in any prior year and has not since swam for another ISL team, may be allowed to earn points in competition for a club swim team. All other swimmers belonging to year round “club” programs must be formally “unattached” from June 1 through the Championship Meet or at the time of their registration through the Championship Meet, whichever is later, and provide proof of their unattached status if they unattach after June 1 upon request by an ISL designee. These swimmers may not earn points in competition for another team or club. They are encouraged to actively participate in workouts and meets of their ISL team from June 1 through the Championship Meet.

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1. If an ISL registered swimmer is found to have not detached when required to do so for the complete detachment period, that swimmer will not earn points, place or set records at the ISL Championships meet for the current season. If the failure to detach is discovered after the Championship meet, points, places and records for that Championship meet will be adjusted.

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Notwithstanding the previous statement, swimmers in the 5/6 **and 7/8 age groups** shall not be required to ~~unattach~~ **detach** from their year-round "club" swim program.

Swimmers who are members of a team that enters into an "inactive" status may change teams for the upcoming season without being subject to the detachment rules. If the "inactive" team comes back to active status the following year/season, and a swimmer that left the team or did not swim during that season wants to return to that team or join any other team, they will not be subject to the detachment rule.

## **Purpose**

Add 7/8 to those exempt from having to detach and allow some flexibility to the detach for certain circumstances. All swimmers 9-18 would be held to the detach rule (but have the ability to file a request for exemption).

Exemption requests for swimmers moving into a specific neighborhood and attending an HOA school will likely be granted.

Exemption for swimmers moving from City team to HOA team when space allows likely granted.

## Proposed Rule – Recruiting

### Current

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### Purpose

Gives the Executive Board some additional flexibility and options for violations of section I.D

## Proposed Rule – Residency Verification

### Current

#### II Registration (both sections A.1 and B.5)

A.1 Registration forms for each swimmer must be received by the ISL designee appointed by the Board of Directors before such swimmer is allowed to swim. No registration form will be accepted unless a birth certificate or passport or California ID Card (DMV) is on file with ISL or attached to the registration form. No registration forms will be accepted by ISL designee after midnight, June 30. There will be no recruiting among teams.

### Proposed

A. Homeowners Association Teams – limited to 130 swimmers (same sentence is added to B.5-see rules draft).

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### Purpose

To allow for residency verification of swimmers if so requested.

## Proposed Rule – Coaches Code of Conduct

### Current

#### III. Coaches

B. Coaches will abide by the Rules of the ISL and carry out the ISL philosophy that is to promote homeowner association and city swim teams through a formal, ongoing organization; to promote the type of individual competition that has as its primary goal the enhancement of swimmers' self-esteem, the betterment of one's individual performance; to promote fair play; and to enrich relationships between swimmers, parents, and neighborhoods.

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### Purpose

To have a Coaches Code of Conduct to be read and signed by every coach before being hired each season.

## Proposed Rule – Coach to Swimmer Ratio

### Current

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H. Each team shall have a minimum of one coach on deck (remaining out of the water) at all times during practices and meets. In the event of a life-threatening rescue situation, the coach may enter the water.

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Each team shall have a minimum of ~~one~~ **3 coaches** on deck (remaining out of the water) at all times during practices and meets ***for swimmer ages 5-14. Ages 15+ must have one coach on deck at all times.*** In the event of a life-threatening rescue situation, the coach may enter the water. ***If a 15+ practice group has more than 20 participants, there must be a minimum of 2 coaches on deck (remaining out of the water.)***

### Purpose

Develop a coach to swimmer ratio that allows for a safe experience for all swimmers. Requests to alter from above will be taken by the Executive Board preferably by May 1 of the current season.

# Proposed Rule – Wording Change

## Current

### VI. Rules Violations, Protests, Penalties, Enforcement

#### D. Parental Attitudes/Suspension of Formal Protest, Judicial Committee, Appeal Process in Emergency

Parents are expected to champion the philosophy of the ISL and abide by its rules. Confrontations between or among parents or parents and officials shall not be tolerated. Violations of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion from the meet, workout, or other meeting at which the confrontation arises and may result in penalties to both the parent's team and the offending parent. Parents are expected to champion the philosophy of the ISL and abide by its rules. Confrontations between or among a) parents, b) parents and officials, or c) parents and coaches, shall not be tolerated. Violations of this rule shall result in immediate expulsion from the meet, workout, or other meeting at which the confrontation arises and may result in penalties to both the parent's team and the offending parent, including but not limited to expulsion from all ISL/team activities (e.g., practices and meets) for the remainder of the season.

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## Purpose

Clean up wording – duplicate paragraphs.

## Proposed Rule – Halftime Play

### Current

VII. ISL Sanctioned Meets/General Rules

Currently not specifically addressed.

### Proposed

*12. There is to be NO free play or unorganized swimming during a halftime break. Acceptable half time activities include but are not limited to Fun Races, including young sibling swimmers, parent races and coaches' races. All Fun Racers, both children and adults, must be registered with ISL prior to participating in any event.*

### Purpose

For the safety of swimmers; for coaches to have a mid-meet break;

## Proposed Rule – Eligibility to Swim Champs

### Current

Championship Rules – Specific

1. Eligibility: To be able to swim in a championship meet, a swimmer must be a league member in good standing and have participated in at least three events at dual or tri-meets cumulatively during the current season (excluding any “pentathlon” or other non-regular season meets).

### Proposed

1. Eligibility: To be able to swim in a championship meet, a swimmer must be a league member in good standing and have participated in at least ~~three events~~ **two dual or tri-meets AND four events** cumulatively during the current season (excluding any “pentathlon” or other non-regular season meets). The Championship Meet is a time qualifying meet with the added provision that any swimmer who did not otherwise qualify may be entered up to one individual event and up to 2 relays by his or her coach. Any swimmer in the 5/6 or 7/8 age groups who has qualified for a single individual event may elect to not swim in that qualified event and instead be entered into another individual event of their choosing and up to 2 relays by his or her coach. It is the job of the Championship Meet Manager to structure the number of heats.

### Purpose

To require all Champs eligible swimmers attendance at a minimum of 2 meets.

## **Proposed Rule – Wording Change**

### **Current**

Section 6.19. Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the President, President-Elect, Vice President-Facilities, Vice President-Website, Treasurer, Secretary, Commissioner of Officials and any members at large approved by the Board of Directors.

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### **Purpose**

VP Website was created for a specific person, no longer on the board.