



Southern Zone Board of Review

Jurisdiction. Before filing a Petition, please consider whether your concern is within the jurisdiction of the Zone Board of Review:

Matters involving a member or members of only one Zone, matters arising in regional or zone competition and any complaint alleging a violation(s) of Article(s) 304.3.11 through 304.3.15 inclusive of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct involving one or more members or prospective members of the Zone, and/or one or more Participating Non-Members, and not brought by USA Swimming.

The resolution of any dispute regarding jurisdiction of the Zone or the National Board of Review with regard to a particular case shall be determined by the Chair of the National Board of Review, which resolution shall be binding on all parties and non-appealable.

Petition Review. Once the completed Petition (including filing fee) is received, the Chair may review, dismiss or suggest modifications to the Petition to assure that the Petition sets forth a cause of action under USA Swimming rules. Any dismissal by the Chair may be reviewed by a Zone Board of Review panel upon request of the Petitioner(s).

Hearing Notice. If a hearing is necessary, the Chair of the Board of Review will send a written Notice of Hearing to the Respondent(s) with a copy to the Petitioner(s). The hearing will take place between 30 and 60 days of the Notice.

Pre-Hearing Notice. If a hearing is necessary, the Chair of the Board of Review may also send a written Pre-Hearing Notice setting forth, among other things, the applicable deadlines for Respondent(s)'s Response and Petitioner(s)'s Reply (if any), pursuant to Articles 406.3.1B and 406.3.1C of the Rulebook.

Hearing. The hearing will be held via telephone conference, with the presiding officer and hearing panel, Petitioner(s), Respondent(s), and any attorneys for the Petitioner(s) and/or Respondent(s). The Petitioner(s) and/or Respondent(s) may also have witnesses present, if necessary.

Decision. A written Decision will be delivered within 14 days of the hearing.

Zone Board of Review Petition

Today's Date: ___ / ___ / ___

(Petition shall be filed within 90 days of the occurrence of the incident.)

Petitioner(s) Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Primary Phone:	Email:	
LSC:	Club:	

Respondent(s) Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Primary Phone:	Email:	
LSC:	Club:	

Alleged Code of Conduct Violation (check all that apply):

- Article 304.3.11:** Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Swimming-related activity.
- Article 304.3.12:** Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming sanctioned competition.
- Article 304.3.13:** Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to leave that club, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete to change affiliation from the designated club representative of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative. General advertising includes any information that is:
 - A. Distributed to an identifiable general population where there is a reasonable expectation that the majority of that population are not current members of USA Swimming, or
 - B. Placed in or on any item that is sold.

In the event of a violation of this section, a sanction may be imposed against any coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative or employee of a swim club, or against any such club, or any combination thereof, as appropriate.

- Article 304.3.14:** Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming, any Zone or LSC team authority.
- Article 304.3.15:** Any other material and intentional act, conduct or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.

Please describe the action, inaction or conduct that is believed to have violated USA Swimming's Rules:

(Please include as much detail as possible regarding the applicable who, what, when, where and how.)

Please identify remedy sought:

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- Yes, I have included the \$200 filing fee (Make check **payable to USA Swimming**)

Please mail the Petition, the filing fee and any supporting materials to your Zone Chair:
A copy may be emailed; however, the Petition will not be reviewed until receipt of the filing fee.

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