

Minnesota Swimming, Inc. Proposed Legislation/Policy

This form must be submitted a minimum of 8 days prior to the Board of Directors Meeting to be acted upon at that meeting. (Copies of all proposed legislation will be sent to all Board Members, along with the agenda, and posted on the website.)

Date Submitted: December 13, 2007

Date of Board Meeting to be discussed: January 2008

Name of Legislation: MSI Zone Scholarship Program

Description of Issue:

The ZONE meet is a great event for swimmers to experience. Being a part of Team Minnesota helps the swimmer make friends and form bonds with athletes from other clubs. This encourages them to want to continue in the sport, compete, and see those friends at meets throughout the year. In addition, they bring back to their home team an enthusiastic positive attitude.

When athletes know their parents are able to afford to take them to ZONES, they are able to focus on preparing for the meet. Other swimmers, whose parents are currently struggling financially, are not able to put the same focus into their training/racing because they cannot afford to attend ZONES.

These swimmers need the help of Minnesota Swimming Inc. to help them compete at ZONES.

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

Swimmers who are currently MSI / USA registered and who qualify for the Economically Disadvantaged Athlete Discount should be eligible to receive a 75% discount off of the cost to register for ZONES, plus 75% off the Team MN Suit (if that is again a separate item).

Effective Date: Immediate

Method of Implementation: The MSI Office has the list of MSI athletes who have registered under the Economically Disadvantaged Discount program. Athletes who qualify for Zones and who are on this list should be eligible for the proposed discounts. The program will need to be advertised via the MSI website and included in registration packets.

Additionally, the company that is outfitting Team Minnesota needs to be approached about helping underwrite the expenses of this scholarship.

Proposed by: Kim Olson

Club: HASTINGS

Board Member Submitting: Billy Howard

Title: Age Group Vice Chair

Action: (Adopted) (Defeated) (Adopted—Amended) (Tabled) (Postponed) (Withdrawn) (Referred to Committee)