

Dear members of New Jersey Swimming,

I'd like to thank everyone for taking a hard look at the Technical Planning Committee's proposal and asking vital questions at last night's House of Delegates meeting. Last night's important vote on the changes that the committee has been working on over the past year was significant. As our LSC continues to grow in number and with limited facility availability we as coaches chose to move forward and we are embarking on a new chapter for New Jersey Swimming. Caring about each and every swimmer in our LSC has been the driving force behind my volunteering on the Board for the past five years. I have always sought to look for solutions while taking into consideration differing viewpoints and ideas on how best to move forward. This is what I told the committee last May and this is how we will proceed with the work ahead.

I want to assure each coach, swimmer, and family that what we want is a more exciting and inclusive environment for each of our age groups in NJ. This is a framework and foundation to build upon and we truly need all of your help in our next step. The committee is looking for proactive people to come to our meetings and listen in during online video chats. After speaking with fellow Board Members and the committee itself, shaping the new meet formats and the accompanying time standards will be completed by the end of June. Our next Tech Planning meeting will be Wednesday, May 31st at the Bridgewater Y – 7:30pm. Please email me at pat@cougaraquatic.com if you plan to attend.

Regards,

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Tech Planning Committee Chair

NJ Swimming Age Group Chair