

MCSL 2020 Season Cancellation
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What will the division alignment be when MCSL resumes competition in 2021?

A: There would be no change to the division alignment - the division alignment for 2020 will be used for the 2021 season, unless existing teams leave the league or new teams petition to join the league

Q: Will the rules proposals voted and approved at the March 2020 Reps meeting take effect in 2021 or would a new vote prior to the 2021 season be needed? Can Team Reps propose rules changes for 2021?

A: The three rules proposals were voted and approved by the member teams in March 2020; these rules are now in effect and they do not need to be voted on again. Team Reps can propose rule changes for the 2021 season by submitting an online rule change proposal form (in the process of being created) by November 1, 2020. We will communicate to team reps when the new online rules proposal submission form is available.

Q: How will team transfer requests be handled?

A: All team transfer requests received to date have had a decision rendered and those with approved transfers may swim with their new teams in 2021, providing that membership in the new pool has been obtained.

Q: Can swimmers change teams without restriction in 2021 since there were no A meets held in 2020?

A: No. Rule 7.g.iii waives the requirement to file a team transfer request if the swimmer did not compete in A meets in the prior season. Since there was no MCSL season in 2020, the "prior season" as applies to the team transfer rule is the 2019 MCSL season. Swimmers that did not compete in A meets in 2019 will be allowed to transfer without having to apply.

Q: Do team reps need to file a team transfer report in 2020 per Handbook rule 7.j?

A: No, filing the team transfer report would be impractical as teams did not conduct a full swimmer registration for 2020.

Q: The loss of the 2020 season means that graduating swimmers, 18 years old on June 1, 2020, will not swim in their final year of eligibility. Will the league allow 19-year-olds, swimmers who are 19 on June 1, 2021, to swim when competition resumes in 2021?

A: The MCSL Board has decided to implement a one-year exception and allow swimmers who are 19 on June 1, 2021 and registered with the same team during the MCSL 2019 season to swim. These swimmers will swim in separate "19-year-old" individual events in dual meets and divisionals, but are not eligible to score in individual events. There will be no more than one heat of 19-year-old individual events. Individual event times achieved by these swimmers will not be used to calculate division placement in 2022. These swimmers may also swim in the Open Age Medley relay event at dual meets, relay carnivals, divisionals and the MCSL All Star Relay meet and those relays are eligible to score. These swimmers are not eligible to swim in any other relay event. Those that qualify may swim in the Coaches Invitational Long Course and MCSL Individual All Star meet in separate "19-year-old" events and will be allowed to place and receive awards. There will only be one heat of such events. Swimmers who are 19 on June 1, 2021 will not be eligible to set MCSL individual event or relay team records.

Q: In 2021, will you allow swimmers to compete in the age group that they would have been in 2020?

A: No, per Handbook rule 9.a swimmers will compete at their age as of June 1, 2021

Q: How will the league handle officials whose certifications expired in 2020? Will certifications be extended?

A: Certifications will be extended as follows: Any official whose certification in a position expired in 2020 ('18' listed in the officials database) will have their certification in that position extended one year (such that '19' will appear in the officials database). These officials must take a clinic to recertify in that position in 2021. Any official that attended a clinic in 2019 ('19' listed in the officials database) will have their certification in that position extended one year (such that '20' will appear in the officials database). Officials with a year prior to '18' for a position in the officials database will not have that certification extended. Officials who applied for MCSL Starter and/or S&T certification based on their USA Swimming certification will not have their certifications extended. USA Swimming certified Starters and S&T may continue to submit certification reciprocity requests when they complete USA Swimming recertification (per Handbook rule 8.d.iii)