

International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics (IGLA)

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IGLA's mission is to promote participation in aquatic sports amongst the LGBTQIA+ community along with our allies while ensuring maintenance of the highest international standards for all Gay Games and IGLA+ Championships.

2024 IGLA Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina

For the first time in South America, the 2024 IGLA Championships will be held from November 4 to November 9 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event will feature a diverse range of aquatic sports, including swimming, diving, water polo, open-water swimming, and artistic swimming.

Additionally, the annual general membership meeting will be held during the event, where important updates to rules, board elections, and other key issues will be discussed.

2025 IGLA Championships in Washington, D.C.

Looking ahead to 2025, the IGLA Championships are scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C., from June 2 to June 6. The swimming competitions will be held at the Long Bridge Aquatic Center in Arlington, VA.



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National Board of Review (NBR)

Juliet Cox

USMS National Board of Review Chair

National Board of Review Activities, September 2023 to August 2024

I became National Board of Review Chair in mid-November 2020 and have continued to serve during 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. I have been pleased to contribute but would like to give this role to a successor in 2025.

NBR Hearing Panelists

The pool of NBR hearing panelists currently is complete. The available panelists are:

Alana Aubin (Colonies Zone)
Tom Boak (South Central Zone)
Erika Braun (Southeast Zone)
Jim Clemmons (Northwest Zone)
Nathan Dean (Southeast Zone)
Elyce Dilworth (Great Lakes Zone)
Karen Chuang Harris (Oceana Zone)
Molly Hoover (Great Lakes Zone)
Mary Hull (Southwest Zone)
Cokie Lepinski (Southwest Zone)
Kerry O'Brien (Oceana Zone)
Sandi Rousseau (Northwest Zone)
Jeff Strahota (Colonies Zone)
Erin Sullivan (Breadbasket Zone)
Diana Triana (South Central Zone)
Robin Tracy (Breadbasket Zone)
Greg Weber (Southeast Zone)

Some of these volunteers have served on panels in the past, but none have served on any panel during 2024. We also have several people who have indicated through volunteer surveys that they are willing to serve. After the Annual Meeting, I will work with USMS President Ed Coates to assemble a new slate of panelists to present for consideration by our new Board of Directors.

Grievance Activity

The NBR has addressed and resolved only one grievance since September 2023. The grievance was an administrative grievance filed by USMS CEO Dawson Hughes against a USMS member who has been deemed permanently ineligible to participate in another swimming NGB because of criminal sexual misconduct. The swimmer did not respond to the grievance petition, and is now ineligible to be a USMS member or to participate in USMS activities.

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The NBR received a second grievance petition in early 2024. I gave notice to the respondent, who filed a written statement. The grievant chose to withdraw the grievance rather than proceed to a mediation or hearing.

The NBR recently received a third grievance petition. As of this report, I have not yet received the respondent's statement.

Other Activity

I have responded to questions from several LMSC leaders about addressing and resolving conflicts or formal grievances within their LMSCs. I also have corresponded with several USMS members about conflicts or potential grievances, and more generally about the NBR's role.

I have served on a task force considering revisions to Part 4 of the USMS Rules, to change how USMS addresses member disputes and potential member disciplinary actions. We have developed two legislative proposals that the HOD will consider at the USMS 2024 Annual Meeting.



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National Senior Games

William Tingley

Qualifying for the 2025 National Senior Games started at State Senior Games around the country in January of 2024. For more information about the 2024 state Senior Games, contact the local coordinators listed at <https://nsga.com/state-games-information/>. Swimmers should directly contact the State Games office(s) in any location(s) where an athlete plans to participate in any of the State Games in 2024.

The 2025 National Senior Games will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in July 24-28th, 2025. The location for swimming will be the Prairie Meadows Pool at the Wellmark YMCA in downtown . This pool was home to the 2019 and 2020 TYR Pro Swim Series and in 2023, the Wellmark YMCA was a recipient of a USA Swimming Foundation grant that was used to enroll 47 low income adults into the Adult Learn-to-Swim program of USMS.



PanAm Aquatics Masters Committee

Ed Tsuzuki

Committee Members:

Edith Clashing (Antigua), Chair

Ana Fortin (Honduras) - Vice Chair, Dot Padgett (Canada) - Secretary, Eddie Hazell (Executive Liaison), Lina Zapata (Colombia), Marcelo Zamora (Chile), Dinnora Gil (Trinidad and Tobago), Nadine Day (USA), Ed Tsuzuki (USA), David de Vlieger (Canada), Ricardo Dimas (Panama), Athlete Member: Mel Goldstein (USA)

PanAm Aquatics (PAQ) is the continental governing body under World Aquatics (AQUA) that encompasses North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean nations (44 Federations). United States Aquatic Sports represents one of the five zones under the PanAm banner. The logos shown below are under the PanAm banner.

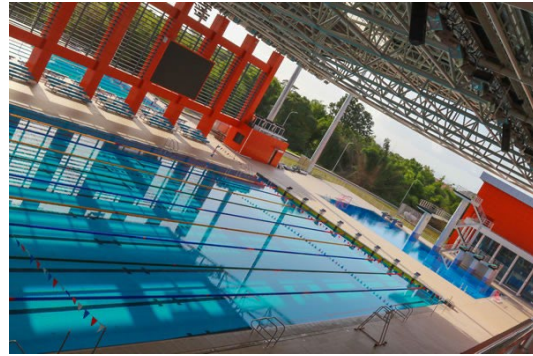
During the fall of 2023, a new constitution was approved, and the new executive committee was elected. The executive committee appointed the technical committees and commissions for PAQ. The term for this quad is 2023 through 2027.



The PanAm Aquatics Masters Committee is pleased to report that the Pan American Aquatics Championship was held from July 16 through July 29 at the National Aquatic Center in Trinidad and Tobago. The site hosted 383 athletes competing in 4 disciplines: swimming, diving, water polo, and artistic swimming.

The committee members supported the host country in all the disciplines - working the call room, announcing, and supporting meet/data management, accreditation and registration.

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The committee has selected Argentina to host the 2026 Pan Am Aquatics Masters Championships on dates to be announced.

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World Aquatics Masters (AQUA)

Nadine Day

World Aquatics (AQUA) is the world governing body for all Aquatic Sports (Swimming, Water Polo, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Open Water, and High Diving (which Masters does not have) and represents 209 Federations (countries)

World Aquatics' new *vision* is “*A world united by water, for health, life and sport*”

Mission: “*To ensure the ability to participate, compete in, and benefit from aquatic sports*”

Values:

- ◆ To deliver competition opportunities, safety, and fairness without discrimination- Providing universality
- ◆ To provide leadership for our members-Delivering responsibility
- ◆ To create and share value in aquatic sports for all participants -Driving engagement

World Aquatics Staff: Senior Manager: **Morgane Gaultier**, Coordinator: **Nikolaus Schönfeldt**
Bureau Liaison: **Antonio Silva** (POR) AQUA Vice President and President of European Aquatics

The World Aquatics (AQUA) Masters Committee members

Nadine Day (USA) Chairperson **Yiannis Monestantos** (GRE) Vice-chairperson

Ahmad Alkudmani (Saudi Arabia), **Pad Chagkasiri** (Thailand), **Boris Drobac** (Serbia)

Michelle Gallen (Australia), **Florence Klein** (Canada), **Hodur Oddfridarson** (Iceland)

Guy Phiri (Zambia), **Umut Gozen** (Turkey), **Mustapha Riahi** (Tunisian)

Carlos Sliva (Brazil), **Ulrike Urbaniak** (Germany), **Qi Xu** (China)

Events Subcommittee: **Edith Clashing** (Antigua), **Roger Eagles** (New Zealand)

Christine Guerin (France-Paris Liaison)

Walt Reid (USA) AQUA Masters Recorder-Walt is instrumental in handling the AQUA Top Ten and World Records.

It is important to understand Masters follow Elite Rules with a few exceptions. Most Federations follow only AQUA rules and do not have separate rules. The US is an exception and has many

2025 Masters World Championships will be held in Singapore:

Open Water: July 26 (Women) July 27 (Men)-Sentosa Island

Artistic Swimming July 30th to August 3rd

Swimming July 7 to 14th- OCBC

NO COMPETITION on August 9th Singapore 60th Anniversary Celebration

Water Polo August 16th to August 22nd

Diving August 17th to 22nd

2027 Budapest, Hungary

2029 Beijing, China

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different rules that athletes need to understand at World/International meets AQUA rules preside over the competition. Rules are being updated by June 1st and Dec 1st.

In 2025, AQUA updated the Masters Swimming Rules regarding warm-up procedures and safety marshal requirements. A competitor's violation may result in removal from the competition, and there are specific procedures for addressing competitor injuries and their return to competition. Additionally, the rules outline consequences for unsportsmanlike behavior.

And for the first time, at the Masters World Championships in Doha, we allowed “full coverage” suits which allowed three Muslim women to compete for the first time—a historical event. We have a swimsuit consultant at the events to verify if the suit is acceptable for competition.

