

masters Artistic Swimming Report
September 2, 2026

It has been a busy year for masters Artistic Swimmers and the masters Artistic Swimming Committee. Fall of 2025 brought elections for the Committee. The Committee now consists of:

East Zone Rep: Kristy Aguirre
West Zone Rep: Lori Geiger
North Zone Rep: Brynn Hollingsworth
South Zone Rep: Joanne Wright
Athletes Rep: Sarah Barba
Athletes Rep: Ellie Holtaway
Chair – Nancy Weiman

I want to thank Holly Seguire (Athletes Rep), Chrissy Stabile (Athletes Rep) Linda Gilliam (North Zone Rep), and Anna Kondic (East Zone Rep) for their work in the previous two years.

With our new committee we have produced 2 newsletters with a new format and photos. Good information and well received. The newsletters have been sent to all adult USAAS members as well as it is located on the Masters “page” on the USAAS website.

The most notable and difficult item has been the discussions and work on determining the direction of USA Masters Artistic Swimming in light of the new rules from World Aquatics. While the rules are still not in writing, they are being used in whole or part for several competitions and federations.

At the Convention last year, we formed an ad hoc committee on rules which has been active under the guidance of Scotti Nichols. The discussions with the ad hoc committee and the masters committee have provided insight into many different thoughts on how the rules can be incorporated in whole, or part in the USA Masters program. Consensus was difficult to find and as such, we decided to do a survey to get as much feedback as possible on swimmers interests, what they wanted out of the program, and how the World Aquatics rules would affect the program. The basic desire is not to lose swimmers but also to allow those who desire to compete internationally to be able to do so.

While the results are being tabulated, I am pleased that 204 people completed the survey. Of these, 190 of the respondents are current swimmers with the largest group having competed as a Master for over 15 years.

While the survey showed strong support for the national Championships, the survey reported that, the greatest number of swimmers were looking for local competitions. I would hope that each association can work with Masters swimmers in the area and make that happen to get this started. Social interaction was also highly noted in the survey. There was also desire for seminars particularly addressing aging issues in our sport, choreography and technique.

As we roll out the information of the survey we will continue to work on this issue with any rules change ready for the convention in 2027.

We will be having our annual meeting by Zoom on September 20 at 7 pm. Agenda to follow at a later date.

Respectfully,
Nancy Hunt Weiman
Masters Chairperson