

## Proposal 2016-1

### **Proposed change to Rules of Competition. Proposed by Byrd Spring 3-21-16.**

#### **Current Rule: Article IV, Section 6:**

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#### **Proposed rule change marked in bold red:**

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**To compete in the RCSL, a swimmer must be a permanent resident of Madison County or any county that borders Madison County (Limestone, Morgan, Marshall, Jackson, & Lincoln Counties). In the event of dispute, address verification will be required. The intent of this rule is to discourage swimmers from coming from out of state to swim in the required two swim meets and then attend city meet. Due to this intent, there are exceptions to this rule such as foreign exchange students, dependent children whose custody rights are defined in a divorce or separation as well as military personnel and their families who have moved to the area for an official stay. A petition for eligibility of a swimmer may be presented to the RCSL Board (by email from the team's pool rep) to rule on any special or unique situation.**