

The following proposed rule changes for PART THREE of the USMS Rules have been submitted to the Chairman of the Long Distance Committee, in a timely fashion. Any other proposed changes must be introduced as outlined in PART SIX.

LD1) The use of the word "swimming" is superfluous in many of ut's references throughout PART THREE.

RATIONAL: Housekeeping.

SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

301.1. ORGANIZATION - The conduct and organization of Long Distance Swimming for Masters shall be governed exclusively by the USMS through its Long Distance ~~Swimming~~ Committee and LMSCs. The Chairman and committee members shall be appointed as provided in Article 506.2.9.

LD2) Move the liability release from under the heading of SAFETY PRECAUTIONS (303.2) into the heading for REGISTRATION AND SANCTIONS (301.1).

RATIONAL: Move the liability verbiage into the sanction area (as it is for pool events), since it is a condition of a sanction that the meet entry contain this language.

SUBMITTED BY: Dick Monahan, Metropolitan

301.1.3 303.2. LIABILITY RELEASE - An acknowledgement and release shall be included on each entry form and be signed by each participant prior to participation. The wording shall be as specified in Article 201.1.2B. The wording, *"In addition, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in open water swimming and agree to assume those risks,"* shall be included in all open water event acknowledgement and release forms.

LD3) Add 302.2.5.D to postal events, to give a meet director the right to request additional information to verify and/or reject a postal swim entry which appears to contain erroneous information.

RATIONAL: This codifies the right to question and reject erroneous or fraudulent postal entries.

SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

302.2.5.D The Meet Director shall have the discretion to request additional verification of completion from any entrant, and may refuse to accept any entry that appears to contain erroneous information.

LD4) Change the relay team definition, so that an equal number of males and females are required.

RATIONAL: Remove the bias toward male dominated mixed relays.

SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RT.

302.2.6.D Mixed sex teams may be entered, provided there are an equal number of scoring males and females. ~~at least one swimmer of each sex is represented as follows:~~

Total number of team members	Females	Males
2	1	1
3	minimum 1	minimum 1
4	2	2
5	minimum 2	minimum 2
6	3	3

LD5) Change 303.2.7 Relays to allow exchanges in pool relays without physical contact between swimmers.
RATIONAL: Allow dive starts and in-the-water push offs in pool relay events, similar to other pool relays.
SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

303.2.7 Relays - In the exchange in open water events, physical contact must be made between the two swimmers. In pool events, the exchange is implied when the swimmer touches the wall or breaks the plane of the wall, within his lane.

LD6) Change 304.3.3 to codify the referees right to suspend or cancel an event.
RATIONAL: This change identifies that an event can be delayed or canceled and by whom, in the event of unsafe swimming conditions (temperature, tide, sharks,...)
SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

304.3.3 Incomplete Race - The referee shall determine if start of a race is to postponed or canceled, or if a race in progress is to be stopped. If a race is stopped and swimmers are removed from the water for their safety, the referee shall determine if the race is to be restarted, canceled, or considered official.

LD7) Insert a new section 304.5, and renumber the existing 304.5 and 304.6. The new 304.5 introduces COSTUME requirements for non-championship events
RATIONAL: The lack of any non-championship costume regulations leads to confusion as to non-championship requirements (specifically the use of wet suits).
SUBMITTED BY:.

.304.5 Costume

- .1 One cap, one suit, goggles, ear plugs, and grease will be allowed. The suit shall be made of a porous material.
- .2 Wet suits may be allowed or disallowed at the discretion of the meet director. As wet suits generally provide a competitive advantage, prizes must be awarded to non-wet suit competitors based on the results excluding wet suit competitors. Duplicate prizes to wet suit competitors, if any, should be based on the overall results including all competitors. Any published results or records must clearly indicate which swimmers wore wet suits.
- .3 Apart from 304.5.2, flotation aids and any devices used to maintain body heat are not allowed.
- .4 Propulsive devices are not permitted.

LD8) Change 305.2.2 Championship team events to increase the number of team members from 3 to 4, add mixed teams, and change the age groups to the sum of the ages.
RATIONAL: Establish equality between the sexes, and encourage more club swimmers to compete as members of relays.
SUBMITTED BY: Bill Earley, San Diego-Imperial

- .2 Team events (as defined in Article 302.2.6).
 - A Four ~~Three~~ person team events shall be recognized in the Quarter-mile Straightaway (2 mile) and Postal One Hour.
 - B Men's and Women's and Mixed (two male and two female) Team events shall be recognized in the following age groups (the aggregate age of the four relay team members shall determine the age group): 76+, 100+, 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+, 280+, and 320+. 19+, 25+, 35+, 46+, 65+, 65+, 76+, and 85+ as determined by the age of the youngest swimmer.

LD9) Remove verbiage from 305.3 which is also in 305.3.4.

RATIONAL: Housekeeping
SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

~~305.3. SITE SELECTION –National Championship Meets shall be awarded using the three area system as set forth in Article 205.4.~~

LD10) Change 305.3 site selection, to better define the bidding and site selection process

RATIONAL: These changes better identify what a group must do in order to bid for a championship event
SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC

- .1 Bids shall be due, in writing, to the Long Distance Chairman, at or before the first Long Distance Committee meeting of the annual meeting.
- .2 Championships shall be awarded by the Long Distance Committee at the annual meeting.
- .3 Events not awarded at the annual meeting shall be awarded by the USMS Long Distance Chairman.
- .4 The following area award system will be followed for the bidding of USMS Long Distance Swimming Championships. Bids will be received up to two years in advance of the year bid. If no suitable bids are bid is received from a qualifying area, bidding will be opened to all areas. ~~bids will be received from any area.~~ Area definitions will follow Article 205.4.

LD11) Change 305.4.2 championship entry forms, to make it the responsibility of the Long Distance Chairman to distribute meet entries to the LMSC's..

RATIONAL: To clarify that it is the responsibility of the Long Distance Chairman to distribute Long Distance championship meet entry forms to the LMSCs.
SUBMITTED BY: Dick Monahan, Metropolitan

- .2 **Entry Forms** - Entry forms shall be reviewed by the USMS Long Distance Swimming Committee Chairman and the LMSC for content and sanctioning prior to distribution. Approved entry sheets shall be sent to the USMS Long Distance Swimming Chairman, who shall then send them to all LMSCs, and the USMS National Office at least ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the meet.

LD12) Change 306.1 All-American recognition to allow swimmers to get recognition while swimming in non-championship, sanctioned events that are not effected by course length or conditions (pool and cable events).

RATIONAL: To bring long distance All-American recognition in line with pool swimmers, where the parameters of the swim can be accurately defined. And, allow more swimmers to compete for All-American status and increase the interest in supporting participation in these events.
SUBMITTED BY: LD Committee, RC.

- .306.1. **ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION** - The registered USMS swimmer with the fastest time (or greatest distance) for an individual event, at a contested national championship distance, for that season shall be declared the All-American in that event for that year. Because of differences in course, currents and other physical factors, All-American recognition in national championship open water events will be awarded based solely upon the results of the championship event. The national champion in each age group of each individual national championship long distance swimming event shall qualify as a member of the USMS All-American Long Distance Swimming team for the calendar year in which the event was conducted.

1990 USMS CONVENTION - Proposed Legislation Amendments

Since 1990 is an even-numbered year, proposals to amend the Preamble: Goals and Objectives; Glossary: Articles 201, 202 and 203.1; Parts Four, Five and Six; and Appendix D (LMSC Abbreviations and Boundaries) come under Emergency legislation (601.1.4), and will require a nine-tenths vote of approval by the House of Delegates.

- L - 1 GLOSSARY - Zone (p. 12) - by Pacific
....There are seven nine zones divided as follows: (All but Oceana remain the same)
OCEANA - Alaska, ~~Central California, Hawaii~~; Inland Empire, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, San Diego--
Imperial, Snake River, ~~Southern Pacific~~.
PACIFIC - Central California and Pacific
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RIM - Hawaii, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific
Note: Zone alignment shall be reviewed each ten years as may be necessary, based upon the
number of registered swimmers in each zone.
NOTE: appropriate changes are recommended in 506.2.8 - Legislation Committee, 506.2.15 - Rules
Committee.
- Rationale - Oceana Zone has a disproportionately small representation in the management of USMS for the
large proportion of total registered members. LMSCs within the current Oceana Zone can be better served
by smaller, more geographically centered Zones. The proposed changes would improve, not distort, the
balance we seek in our unicameral House of Delegates.
- L - 2 ADD DEFINITION: MAY NOT - mandatory prohibition or equivalent to SHALL NOT
- Rationale: to emphasize the mandatory nature of the expression
- L - 3 ARTICLES 201, 202, and 203. (p.42 - 45) by PNA
Move all of Article 201: Athlete Registration and Representation, Article 202: Sanction/Approval, and
Article 203: Competition Outside the United States - to Part Five as Articles 502, 503, and 504, and
renumber the rest of Part Five.
- Housekeeping: make appropriate deletions in 506.2.8: 601.1.1: ~~601:1.2:~~ 601.2.1: and 601.2.2 to reflect
the above.
- Rationale: Committee jurisdiction would be easier to follow if listed as whole Parts of the Code.
- L - 4 201.1 MEMBERSHIP OF ATHLETES. (p. 42) - by Pacific
All swimmers competing in events sanctioned by Masters swimming must be registered with USMS of their
foreign nation's recognized Masters Swimming Governing Body.
- Rationale: Housekeeping, but an omission that could lead to difficulty were a foreign swimmer to compete
in a USMS competition without appropriate registration/travel permit.
- L - 5 201.1.1 REGISTRATION YEAR (p. 42) - by Pacific
Athlete registration is for the period ~~November 1 through October 31~~ January 1 through December 31 of
each year. Swimmers applying for registration on or after ~~September 1~~ November 1 will be issued a
registration card valid through ~~October 31~~ December 31 of the following year.
- Rationale: change the registration year to match the calendar year now used for insurance coverage, most
taxation, budgetary and other administrative management. A longer period of time as a paid-up first time
member would serve to encourage renewals.

- L - 6 201.2.6 - REPRESENTATION (p. 43) - by Pacific
There shall be only one registration per individual swimmer permitted at any one time.
- Rationale: Housekeeping, to state clearly the intent.
- L - 7 506.2.1 - CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE (p. 71)
Add as second sentence: At least two of the Committee shall not have experience in the Direction of National Championship Meets
- Rationale: To ensure the "customers'" viewpoint, un-influenced by the experience of National Championship Meet Directorship.
- L - 8 506.2.8 - LEGISLATION COMMITTEE (p. 73) - by Pacific
The Legislation Committee ~~shall consist of a Chairman appointed~~ Chairman shall be appointed by the President for a two-year term. The Chairman shall choose from the House of Delegates ~~fourteen~~ twelve members, with two at least one members from each zone.
- Rationale - to recognize proposed new Zone configuration, eliminate the previous difference in representation by zone, and retain the size of the Committee at a more workable number.
- L - 9 506.2.9 - LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE (p. 72) - by Pacific
The Long Distance Swimming Committee ~~shall consist of a Chairman appointed~~ Chairman shall be appointed by the President for a two year term, ~~plus one representative from each zone and three at-large members.~~ The Chairman shall choose from the House of Delegates twelve members, with at least one member from each zone. The Chairman will be the USMS liaison to the USS long Distance Swimming Committee. The Long Distance Swimming Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to Part Three of the Code and shall present them to the House of Delegates with recommendations.
- Rationale - see 506.2.8. Final sentence is housekeeping, since this authority is explicit in Section 601.1.3 and 601.4.
- L - 10 506.2.12 - NOMINATING COMMITTEE (p. 74) by Metropolitan, PNA and Oregon
The Nominating Committee shall be the Zone Committee. They will canvass qualified and interested persons and present to the House of Delegates a slate list containing not less than one qualified nominee for each Officer position at least one month before the Annual Meeting.
- Rationale: To allow the Nominating Committee to nominate more than one person for an officer position, if the committee determines that more than one interested candidate is qualified.
- L - 11 506.2.15 - RULES COMMITTEE (p. 74) - by Pacific
..... The Chairman shall choose from the House of Delegates ~~ten~~ twelve members with at least one member from each zone....
- Rationale: see 506.2.8
- L - 12 506.2.15 (p. 74) add new section and renumber the remainder - by PNA
Rule Book Committee - The Rule Book Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President for a two year term, as many members as necessary appointed by the Chairman to carry out the duties of the Committee, and a representative of the Championship, Legislation, Long Distance, Marketing and Rules Committees. The duties of the Committee are to edit and proofread the rule book, arrange publishing, select a cover design, and perform other duties necessary to complete the annual publication of the United States Masters Swimming Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition.

Rationale: Rather than being a temporary job, publication of the USMS Rule Book is an on-going task requiring editing and proofreading each year, correct insertion of new rules and legislation in all sections affected, solicitation and communication with the printer during the year, and consideration of improvements to the book. The Committee should continue to function to maintain and/or increase the quality of the book.

- L - 13 Appendix D - LMSC ABBREVIATIONS AND BOUNDARIES (p. 95) - by Connecticut
LMSC Numeric Codes and Abbreviations
GA SP Southern Pacific (all others remain the same)

Rationale: delete all numeric codes, which are a holdover from old AAU Associations and no longer viable. Use only abbreviations.
The correction from "CA" to "SP" for Southern Pacific is housekeeping. Obvious alpha order, and authorized last year but not implemented.

- L - 14 Appendix D - LMSC BOUNDARIES (p. 98) by Midwestern
Midwestern - The State of Nebraska (~~except the County of Scottbluff~~)

Rationale: The exception is lost in antiquity - Scottsbluff County appears in no other LMSC boundary description.

205.4

.1 Area 1 - Area 1 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Alaska, ~~Arizona~~, ~~Border~~, Central California, ~~Colorado~~, Hawaii, Inland Empire, Montana, ~~New Mexico~~, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, San Diego-Imperial, Snake River, Southern Pacific, ~~Utah~~, and Wyoming.

.2 Area 2 - Area 2 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Arizona, Arkansas, Border, Central, Colorado, Gulf, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, South Dakota, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern, Southwestern, Utah, West Texas, and Wisconsin.

.3 Area 3 - Area 3 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountain, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, ~~Indiana~~, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Maryland, Metropolitan, ~~Michigan~~, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, North Carolina, ~~Ohio~~, Potomac Valley, South Carolina, Southeastern, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Rationale.

Currently Area 2 (central) has fewer than 16% of all registered USMS swimmers, but has one third of the National Championships. By moving five LMSCs from area 1 to area 2 and five from area 3 to area 2, the number of swimmers in each area would be much better balanced. Since most national meets receive a significant portion of their attendance from swimmers within driving distance, it is important to distribute the national championship meets consistent with swimmer density to allow swimmers an equal opportunity to participate at National Championship meets.

The following table is based on 1989 registration and shows the effect of the proposed change.

	Current % of USMS Swimmers	Proposed % of USMS swimmers
area 1 (west)	46.3	41.3
area 2 (central)	15.7	28.7
area 3 (east)	38.0	30.0

205.5.11 Add (new)

All swimmers shall be eligible to enter all 50 yard (meter) events. The championship Committee may institute time standards for longer events if it deems necessary.

Rationale

Currently the rules do not implement (or prohibit) time standards. This change allows the Championship committee to set time standards as well as a means of enforcing them. However, it still allows all swimmers an opportunity to swim four events at national championships. Adding the "slower" swimmers in the 50's does not significantly add time to the conduct of the meet. Any time standards will impact the younger swimmers the most (i.e. there are more of them and therefore more are likely to miss the standard). Since younger swimmers are generally faster, nearly all of the swimmers involved will be capable of swimming 50's in under one minute. Allowing one and one half minutes per heat, 40 heats can be conducted in one hour. This will accommodate a minimum of 320 "extra" swimmers in each course. This is offered as a compromise that keeps meet duration at an acceptable level and still allows all swimmers to participate.

- R 35 The competition in each event has been watered down with a choice of the two on the same day.
- R 36 There should be more stringent requirement for national than local meets.
- R 37 The deleted sentence is contradictory to the remainder of the text.
- R 38 Team scoring at a national championship meet doest not promote the primary objectives of masters swimming
- R 39 The signup requirement used at Nationals is unfair, has no valid purpose other than convenience for meet officials, and even fails to achieve its ostensible purpose, which is to avoid empty lanes in the distance events.
- R 40 USMS currently requires such a contract, yet the rules are silent on this issue.

SYNOPSIS OF 1990 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING RULES

- R1 To clarify the 'forward start' for swimmers.
R2 Use FINA backstroke start for all competition.
R3 Makes section mandatory as was intended.
R4 Allows 19+ to swim at Nationals.
R5 Allows 19+ to swim at Nationals.
R6 All relays to be swum with aggregate age.
R7 Allows meet director to choose events open to all competitors.
R8 Mandatory warm down space for meets.
R9 Procedure for seeding 2-to-a-lane and for starting swimmers from both ends LC.
R10 Mandatory swimming 2-to-a-lane and information stated in entry blank.
R11 To recommend, not make mandatory.
R12 Swimmers need to know their Heat & Lane assignments before the event.
R13 Eliminates scoring at National Championships.
R14 A re-writing of ties.
R15 Clarifies foot positions for forward start.
R16 Is this needed?
R17. The intent was mandatory.
R18 What to announce should be recommended not mandatory.
R19 To provide for the posting of results.
R20 Should not be mandatory.
R21 Move these sections for present jurisdiction purposes.
R22 Altitude adjusting of times for Records and Top Ten.
R23 Clarification for Records and Top Ten Times.
R24 Add relay members to All American list.
R25 Need to specify due date for World Records.
R26 Qualifications for National Championships.
R27 Qualifications for National Championships.
R28 Clarification of members on a relay team.
R29 Time standards for National Championships.
R30 Clarification for Relay Team names.
R31 Mandate entry standards for National Championships.
R32 Rotate three basic schedules for National Championships.
R33 Reduce number of relays at National Championships.
R34 Divide National Championships into a rotating double session.
R35 Rotate Distance events and have only one at each National Championship.
R36 Number of officials for National Championships.
R37 Clarification for number of awards at National Championships.
R38 Eliminate Team Scoring at National Championships.
R39 New check-in procedure for National Championships.
R40 Mandate a written contract for National Championships.

- R 19 To provide for the posting of meet results as a means of notifying swimmers of the results of each event.
- R 20 The current rule makes this mandatory in all competition. LMSC's should have the option to waive this when the presence of the diving board doesn't create a safety hazard.
- R 21 Committee jurisdiction would be easier to follow if listed as whole parts of the book. Legislation has jurisdiction over these articles and Rules has jurisdiction over the rest of Part Two.
- R 22 The National Collegiate Athletic Association and United States Swimming have made provisions during the 1980's for a high altitude adjustment in reported times because performances at longer distances (200 yds or more) have been shown to be progressively slower when completed at altitudes above 3000 feet.
NOTE: US Swimming allows adjustment of times for Qualifying Time Standards only.
- R 23 The intent of "as registered" was "as the name appears on the USMS registration card" not as it appears on the entry form. "As registered" can be interpreted as the entry form, resulting in different names for the same swimmer when compiling swims from several meets. Swimmer's names do not clearly denote the sex of each swimmer.
- R 24 Masters swimming does not just emphasize the individual events. The relays are an important part of the program to encourage participation and therefore they deserve the same considerations.
- R 25 Needed to specify the due date for World Records not only because it is different than the USMS due date but that it is more restrictive.
- R 26 A national championship should bring together the best in that sport. Nationals should be for good swimmers of all ages, not just for people of all ages who happen to know how to swim.
- R 27 To develop a system for limiting the size of national meets based on a first-come, first-served basis. This approach does not introduce to USMS a new layer of bureaucracy/time verifications, and also would not impose burdensome procedures on entrants and meet directors of meets which do not receive an excess number of entrants, without outside constraints.
- R 28 Same as above.
- R 29 Most of the National Meets in recent years have been too long for swimmers to be rested enough, or such that their individual events are spaced so very far apart on the day's program. The mere listing of specific time standards should discourage swimmers from entering false times.
- R 30 Swimmers' names do not clearly denote the sex of each swimmer. That information is required not only for mixed relays but for men's and women's relays as well. Some "mixed" relays are being turned in for Top Ten that contain an invalid mix of sexes.
- R 31 If adopted time standards would take effect at the National Championships that will be awarded in 1990. The two National Championships that were awarded in 1989, should not be affected since there was no time standard rule being considered or in effect at the time of their bid.
- R 32 We want variety in events so that the same events are not always back to back or early or late in the particular day or in the meet.
- R 33 This would reduce the number of relays swum at National Championship Meets. No relays would be swum on the days with the 500 yard/400 meter freestyle, thereby shortening that long day's program. Also, fewer relays would reduce the "home-team advantage" of the local team being able to roll up big points by entering extra relay teams.
- R 34 Competitors' events will be compressed into a shorter total time-span, permitting them to better control dietary, physical and psychological preparation and thereby improve performances.

- R 15 102.18.2A by Ohio - Amend
p 27 A The forward start - With at least one foot at the front of the block; ~~or place one foot at the edge of the deck, or on the wall~~ before the command, "Take your mark".
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- R 16 102.18.5C by Pacific and Pacific Northwest - Delete
p 28 ~~E--Such disqualifications shall not be charged as a false start.~~
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- R 17 102.20.5C by Pacific Northwest - Make mandatory
p 30 C When automatic relay take-off judging equipment is available and in use, take-off judges ~~will~~ shall be assigned to each lane and stationed as described above. A team ~~will~~ shall ~~only~~ be disqualified only when there is dual confirmation of an illegal take-off (i.e., visual and automatic equipment).
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- R 18 102.27 by Metropolitan - Amend
p 35 102.27 ANNOUNCER - Before the start of each event he shall announce the event name and number of heats. At the start of each heat he shall may also announce the lane, the name of each swimmer, and club affiliation or if unattached. ~~Promptly after the finish of each event he shall announce the results as given him by the recorders.~~ He shall make any other announcements as requested by the Referee, the clerk, or the management.
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- R 19 102.29 by Metropolitan - Amend by adding the following sentence
p 35 102.29 RECORDERSResults of each event by sex and USMS age group shall be posted or otherwise made available to the competitors as promptly as possible after the completion of each event.
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- R 20 103.8.2 by Metropolitan - Amend
p 39 103.8.2 Diving Boards - 1-meter diving boards which overhang the racing course shall be hinged out of the way or removed during competition. [M*]
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- R 21 201, 202, 203 by Pacific Northwest - Transfer these sections
p 42 Delete each article in its entirety and move each back to Part Five as Article 502, Article 503, and Article 504 (renumber the rest of Part Five).
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- R 22 204.1.2 by Colorado - Adjusting times for Records and Top Ten for altitude - add new section & renumber
p 45 .2 Times to be considered for Records and Top Ten listing achieved at an altitude of 3000 feet or above may be adjusted according to the following chart:
- | <u>Event Distance</u> | <u>3000-4250 Feet</u> | <u>4251-6500 Feet</u> | <u>Above 6500 Feet</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <u>200</u> | <u>.50 Sec.</u> | <u>1.20 Sec.</u> | <u>1.60 Sec.</u> |
| <u>400 or 500</u> | <u>2.50 Sec.</u> | <u>5.00 Sec.</u> | <u>7.60 Sec.</u> |
| <u>800 Free Relay</u> | <u>2.00 Sec.</u> | <u>4.80 Sec.</u> | <u>6.40 Sec.</u> |
| <u>800 or 1000</u> | <u>5.00 Sec.</u> | <u>10.00 Sec.</u> | <u>15.00 Sec.</u> |
| <u>1500 or 1650</u> | <u>11.00 Sec.</u> | <u>23.00 Sec.</u> | <u>32.50 Sec.</u> |
- Subtract the time indicated above from the actual time achieved at altitude. Information relative to the adjustment must be reported including the full name and age of the swimmer, event, date of performance, elevation location, actual time, corrected time and signature of USMS Records Chairman. Source of adjustment: USA Swimming 206.8.5 (for national qualifying time standards)
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- R 23 204.1.4 by Records & Tabulations Committee - Amend first sentence only
p 45 .4 To be considered for National Top Ten Times or for USMS National Records, all relays must include the name of the registered swim club and the full name (as it appears on the USMS registration card), and the age, ~~and the sex~~ ^{for men & boys} of each swimmer.
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- R 24 204.4 by Records & Tabulations Committee - Amend to add relay members
p 47 204.4 ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION - The registered USMS swimmer with the fastest listed time for an individual event and the registered USMS swimmers from each relay team with the fastest listed time for a relay event for that season that is listed in the USMS Top Ten Times shall be declared the All-American(s) in that event for the year.
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- R 25 204.5 by Records & Tabulations Committee - Amend
p 47 204.5 WORLD RECORDS - Applications and documentation for world records (25 meters and 50 meters) shall be supplied to MSI by the USMS Records and Tabulations Chairman and must be received by the World Records Recorder within 6 months of the date of the swim.

- R 26
p 50
- 205.5.3 by Southeastern - Additions - add a section at end of .3 and add 2 new sections
- .3 Entry Form - The entry form....first day of meet. At registration for the meet, or before, a swimmer must submit one official qualifying time from a Zone Championship Meet OR a statement from an official of that meet verifying his/her. (i) participation and (ii) qualifying time.
- .4 Eligibility - In order to participate in a National Championship Meet, a swimmer must have (i) participated in a Zone Championship Meet during the current season and (ii) achieved a qualifying time in at least one of the events in which he/she has entered.
- .5 Qualifying Times - During January in each year, the Championship Committee shall establish qualifying times for all events to be swum at National Championship Meets. The qualifying time for an event shall be no more than ten percent slower than the slowest Top Ten time for that event (or a comparable event) during the previous year.

- R 27
p 51
- 205.5.8 by Metropolitan - Delete section and substitute
- .8 Entry Deadline - Each bidder shall include in its bid the maximum number of entrants it is prepared to accept at its meet. A maximum number of entrants shall be certified at the time each championship meet is awarded. Entries will be accepted on the basis of post office or mail delivery service (but not private postage meter) postmarks in chronological order, until the maximum number shall have been reached, based on the following: 1) priority entries - any swimmer who appeared in the final, corrected Top Ten list for the relevant course in the prior year may mail their meet entry during the period between 80 and 76 days prior to the first day of the competition, indicating that theirs is a priority entry on an appropriate place on the entry blank; 2) general entries - any eligible swimmer may mail their meet entry between 75 to 40 days prior to the first day of competition. Entries postmarked before the earliest allowable date shall not be accepted and will be returned. Entries postmarked outside of the United States shall be considered postmarked on the date they are received by the meet director for the purposes of acceptance, regardless of actual postmark date. Each entrant must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with his entry. The meet committee shall promptly return such envelopes to entrants informing them of their acceptance or non-acceptance in the meet.

- R 28
p 51
- 205.5.9 by Metropolitan - Amend
- .9 Relay Entry Deadline - Relays may be entered the day before the meet starts. Participants there must have entered and been accepted in the meet ~~35-days-in-advance~~ under the entry provisions in Section 205.5.8. Relays entered after the original meet entry deadline and up through the day before the meet will pay 1 and 1/2 times the normal entry fee. Official USMS relay cards must be used.

- R 29
p 51
- 205.5.10 by Pacific - Amend
- .10 Event Limit - Competitors may enter and swim in a maximum of 6 individual events (or 5 individual events if deemed necessary by the Championship Committee) in a four day National Championship Meet, with a maximum of three individual events per day. There shall be time standards at national championship meets, which shall be based on the slower 10th best time in each event from the previous two years' Top Ten official lists. There shall not be a time standard in those cases where there is no 10th best time for the age group and event. Despite the establishment of time standards, however, all competitors may enter and swim in as many as a maximum of four (4) individual events without meeting these established time standards. Competitors may enter up to 2 additional events in those specific events in which they have, in the past two years prior to the first day of the championship meet, swum a time equal to or better than the time standard. No competitor may enter more than six individual events no matter how many time standards he or she has met. Competitors may swim a maximum of three (3) individual events per day. Competitors shall be allowed...on the relay card.

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- 205.5.10 by Records & Tabulations Committee - Amend last two sentences
- .10 Event Limit -Relay teams must list on the relay card the name of the registered swim club and the full name, ~~as registered,~~ (as it appears on the USMS registration card), and the age, and the sex of each relay member. ~~on the relay card.~~ On the relay card the name of the leadoff swimmer must be clearly designated. ~~as the first swimmer on the relay card~~

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- 205.5.11 by Kentucky - Add a new section and renumber
- .11 Entry Standards - There shall be entry standards for all USMS national championships. These standards shall be determined by the USMS Championship Committee. (Effective January 1, 1992)