

# USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

<b>Committee Name:</b> Championship	<b>Session #:</b> 2
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Jeff Roddin	<b>Vice Chairs:</b> Kim Crouch, Jim Clemmons
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Lisa Watson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 10/2/2015 8:00am

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO CERTIFY THE 3 BIDS FOR 2017 SPRING NATIONALS (INDY, RIVERSIDE, TEMPE).**
2. **MSA TO CERTIFY 3 QUALIFIED BIDS FOR 2017 SUMMER NATIONALS (HOUSTON, MINNEAPOLIS, SARASOTA).**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 16	<b>Absent:</b> 2	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 29
<b>Committee members present :</b> Jeff Roddin (Chair), Jim Clemmons, Kim Crouch, Lisa Watson, Jack Groselle, Debbie Cavanaugh, Don Gilchrist, Barry Fasbender, Ed Saltzman, Jeff Strahota, Jillian Wilkins, Mark Moore, Charlie Tupitza, Pete Tarnapoll, Sandi Rousseau, Erin Shields, Jim Clemmons, Ed Tsuzuki (ex officio), Kyle Deery (ex officio)		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Patty Nardozzi, Paul Windrath		

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8 AM

1. 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS
  - A. Bid packets requested, received, etc...  
**MSA TO CERTIFY ALL 3 BIDS FOR 2017 SPRING NATIONALS (INDY, RIVERSIDE, TEMPE).**  
**MSA TO CERTIFY 3 OF THE 4 BIDS FOR SUMMER NATIONALS 2017 (HOUSTON, MINNEAPOLIS, SARASOTA).**

- b. Selection Process

Jeff discussed the bidding process. We had 3 bids for Spring Nationals: Riverside, Indianapolis, and Tempe. Tempe withdrew their bid prior to their interview. There were 4 bids for Summer Nationals: Minneapolis, Houston, Sarasota and Rochester (MN). Rochester was not deemed certifiable due to the lack of warm up space (only 4 lanes). The winning bids were selected on August 2 to Riverside and Minneapolis. Representatives from both venues were at this meeting and addressed the committee. Kevin Timko is the meet director for Riverside. He expressed excitement about hosting the 2017 Nationals. The Riverside facility was built in 2011, has ample deck space and parking, and can provide two 9 or 10 lane courses. Pool depth is 8 feet throughout. They have hosted numerous age group meets at this facility and will be hosting the Southern Pacific Masters Regional Championships this coming year. The location is Riverside Community College. Debbie Guthrie from the Convention Bureau said that they have 3 large hotels near the pool and will provide a shuttle service. Dave Coe represented Minneapolis. He announced that Tom Moore would be meet director. Minnesota has 1300 members in their LMSC who are all eager to be involved in the meet. They have a good relationship with the University of Minnesota Aquatic Director and with the Minnesota Convention Bureau. They also have a great metro system to provide easy transportation throughout the meet. There was discussion regarding when the announcement of the winning bids should be made: would it preferable to have the announcement when they are actually awarded or wait until convention? No decision was made - discussion will be continued.

2. NATIONALS PROCEDURES/ACTIVITIES
  - A. General Meeting

Currently a general meeting is required on Registration Day by Rule 104.5.1A. Jeff commented that this rule was made years ago when many changes might be made right at the start of the meet. Now these decisions are made well in advance and participants are notified through several electronic newsletters leading up to the event. Jeff asked if we really need to require the General Meeting anymore. The consensus of the committee was that it was not necessary. This will need to be a rules proposal next year.

#### B. Deck Seeding/Check In Policies

Jeff announced that in 2015, the Committee decided to have all 200s deck seeded in both Nationals to see what sort of time savings there would be and to cut down on empty lanes. Results showed that for San Antonio (SC), there was only a minimal savings of 26 minutes for the entirety of the meet. However, SPIRE (LC) had a significant time savings of 1 ½ hours. See attached for full details. The committee discussed whether or not deck seeding should be required for 2016 SC and/or LC. The committee members felt that it was definitely beneficial for LC, but the committee was divided on whether or not it should be required for SC. Other ideas discussed were whether to deck seed by time only for Portland or possibly deck seeding 200s only on Sunday. This discussion will continue.

The Check In deadlines for deck seeded events was also discussed. Recently, we have had staggered check in deadlines for the deck seeded events during each day. Feedback from meet operations was that this was not really utilized well by the majority of swimmers. The officials would prefer that the check in deadline remain at 7 AM for all deck seeded events each day, except for the second distance event on distance day.

#### C. Safety Marshals

Jeff announced that we had a mixed result of using safety marshals for the 2015 Nationals. San Antonio did an excellent job overall of using effective safety marshals. SPIRE, on the other hand, did not have adequate coverage in this area. The committee agreed that the safety marshals are vital to the meet. Kim Crouch said that the meet liaisons should be sure to warn the meet hosts about the 2nd warm up after the distance events when a lot of safety infractions tend to occur. Sandi suggested we appoint someone from this committee to monitor the safety marshals.

#### D. Officials

Ed Saltzman announced yesterday that there may be additional funds to provide for officials at the 2016 National meets. He encouraged upcoming meet directors to be sure to take advantage of whatever complimentary rooms they can get from their area hotels to provide these for their officials. Ed also said that he and the Officials Committee can work with the meet hosts to help recruit officials, if needed.

#### F. Fin Blocks/Backstroke Ledges

Fin Blocks were new to us in 2012 (Omaha) and were at both 2015 Nationals. The backstroke ledges were available at San Antonio, but were not used for competition. Jeff said that from now on, the Officials Committee has agreed to allow them at Nationals if the host facility has them available. It was also suggested they have the ledges available in warm-up sprint lanes. Kim suggested that we have a promotional video included in our electronic newsletters to the meet participants to show how to use the ledges. It was also suggested that tips for using the ledges should be included with the Coach Certification clinics. Jillian will take this to the Coaches Committee.

## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. POTENTIAL RULES PROPOSALS (see attached)
  - A. General Meeting: 104.5.1A. Consider dropping the requirement be in the rulebook (meeting may still be held, just not specified in the rulebook).
  - B. Change 'Schedule' to 'Order of Events': (104.5.2). Housekeeping.
  - C. Distance Event Seeding: 104.5B.3. Consensus is to leave this in the rule book but to make use of it.
  - D. Add minimum warm-up lane requirements to Article 107: Currently there is a minimum requirement of 10 lanes for SC and 6 lanes for LC in our Bidding FAQ. Do we want to make this more stringent and put it in the rulebook (i.e. instead of just policy)?
  - E. Entry Form: 104.5.4B(1). Consider changing wording to permit alternative relay forms (particularly for clubs entering many relays who would prefer a "spreadsheet" format).
  - F. Meet Results: 104.5.8B. R&T no longer requests a hardcopy.
2. UPDATE BID APPLICATION (include minimum facility standards, sample budget)
3. USMS 50TH ANNIVERSARY - 2020 NATIONALS

Jeff said in 2010, there was much emphasis on the USMS 40th anniversary and advertising that milestone as part

of 2010 Spring Nationals (e.g. USMS 40th Anniversary was part of the official meet logo). With 2020 being the USMS “Golden” anniversary we should start thinking now about something we could do to make that meet historic (either location or other symbolism). Kyle Deery said that Amarillo may be building a pool (but specs are unknown at this point), which could potentially be the perfect fit since the very first Masters Nationals was held there. Jeff suggested we start brainstorming forward thinking ideas.

#### 4. AVERAGE HEAT INTERVAL RESEARCH

Before each Nationals we consult with the key officials what heat intervals to use when computing the meet timeline (e.g. 30 seconds, 45 seconds, etc. We take into account the pool itself (e.g. overflow gutter vs high wall/exit to side), whether dive-overs will be used or not, etc. We have actual event durations for several Nationals and it might be helpful to calculate what average heat intervals we ended up running at various sessions to help predict future session timelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Event	Method	Meet	Heats Saved	800+	400/500	200s	Total
M&W1000 free	Time	Spring	2	15:32			
M&W1650 free	Time	Spring	1	0			
W400 IM	Age	Spring	1		0		
M400 IM	Age	Spring	2		07:47		
W500 free	Age	Spring	1		07:40		
M500 free	Age	Spring	3		15:14		
W200 free	Age	Spring	1			0	
M200 free	Age	Spring	3			06:21	
W200 back	Age	Spring	1			0	
M200 back	Age	Spring	1			0	
W200 breast	Age	Spring	2			04:06	
M200 breast	Age	Spring	2			04:16	
W200 fly	Age	Spring	1			0	
M200 fly	Age	Spring	1			03:37	
W200 IM	Age	Spring	1			04:07	
M200 IM	Age	Spring	2			04:15	
		Total	25	0:15:32	0:30:41	0:26:42	1:12:55
W800 free	Time	Summer	0	0			
M800 free	Time	Summer	1	15:24			
W1500 free	Time	Summer	1	27:12			
M1500 free	Time	Summer	1	24:52			
W400 IM	Age	Summer	1		09:15		
M400 IM	Age	Summer	2		17:23		
W400 free	Age	Summer	1		07:55		
M400 free	Age	Summer	2		14:25		
W200 free	Age	Summer	1			03:49	
M200 free	Age	Summer	2			07:20	
W200 back	Age	Summer	2			10:20	
M200 back	Age	Summer	2			09:07	
W200 breast	Age	Summer	2			09:27	
M200 breast	Age	Summer	4			18:24	
W200 fly	Age	Summer	1			05:15	
M200 fly	Age	Summer	2			11:12	
W200 IM	Age	Summer	1			04:30	
M200 IM	Age	Summer	3			11:48	
		Total	29	1:07:28	0:48:58	1:31:12	3:27:38

Notes:

With two courses (Spring Nationals), saving a heat doesn't always save any time if you are still waiting for the other course to finish (e.g. 10 heats takes just as long as 9 heats). Also, seeding by age group often still creates empty lanes, it's just that they are in the outside of the course instead of in the middle.

Rulebook requires deck seeding for events 800+, so the first column is not negotiable and only listed for reference

No show rates for SAT: 3.5% Fri/Sat (35 lanes), 7.4% Sunday (50 lanes)

## 2016 Rules Change Proposals from Championship Committee (Draft listing)

1) 104.5.1A: Drop the General Meeting requirement from the rulebook. We can still hold the meeting, but it shouldn't be controlled by the rulebook.

### *104.5.1 Information for Participants*

*A General meeting—A general meeting of the organizing personnel, interested officials, coaches, and swimmers shall be held the evening prior to the first day of the meet.*

2) 104.5.2: Change "Schedule" to "Order of Events" in the paragraph title since OOE is much more widely used.

*104.5.2 Schedule—A four-day or five-day schedule for national championship meets shall be used. The Championship Committee shall set the meet schedule for each national championship meet.*

3) 104.5.5B(3): Do we do this? This rule was proposed in 1996 and first appeared in the 1997 rulebook? It is unclear to me if this rule means we may combine men and women for some heats but not for others. For instance, combine genders for the first couple heats and then go to separate by gender after that. Was this done a long time ago and then forgotten? Anyway, I figure we should either implement this rule or propose a change.

### *B Distance events*

*(3) In the 800/1000 and 1500/1650 freestyle, all men and women swimming slower than a standard established by the Championship Committee will be seeded together by time only.*

4) Is there a place in Article 107 that would be appropriate to add minimum warm-up lane requirements at Nationals?

*ARTICLE 107: Facilities Standards IMPORTANT: Swimmers are advised that United States Masters Swimming Inc. accepts no responsibility or liability for injuries resulting from accidents occurring in facilities not owned by United States Masters Swimming Inc., and strongly urges that all safety precautions be observed during sanctioned events.*

5) 104.5.4B(1): Consider changing wording to permit alternative relay forms (particularly for clubs entering many relays who would prefer a "spreadsheet" format)

### *B Entry form*

*(1) Approval of entry form—Entry forms (both individual and relay) and meet information shall be prepared following the direction of the Championship Committee, and must be approved by the Championship Committee in advance of printing. No other forms may be used.*

6) 104.5.8B: R&T no longer needs a hard copy

*B Publication of meet results—Meet results in the appropriate format (see Appendix B, "Preparation of Meet Results") and club scores shall be published within 30 days of the last day of the meet and posted on the USMS website. Electronic files shall be sent to the Championship Committee chair and the USMS Records and Tabulations Committee chair, and a hard copy shall be sent to the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee chair or designee.*

2016 Nationwide USMS Spring National Championship  
 April 28 – May 1  
 Greensboro, North Carolina  
 Order of Events

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
1000 Free	500 Free	500 Free	400 IM
1650 Free	100 IM	100 Fly	200 Medley Relay
	200 Breast	50 Breast	200 Free
	50 Back	200 IM	50 Fly
	100 Free	50 Free	200 Back
	200 Fly	100 Back	100 Breast
	200 Free Relay	Mixed 200 Free Relay	
		Mixed 200 Medley Relay	

- 30 minute warm-up breaks after the 500 Free/400 IM