



PROPOSED RULE CHANGES AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT

MEMPHIS, TN - October 2, 1982

USMS-1 A-A p137, (B) (1) (a) add the following:

~~The Registrar shall advise the National Secretary and the LMSC Chairman of the number for each LMSC by July 15th of each year. Figures shall be determined by the records of the Registrar as of ~~June 15th of that year~~ December 31st of the previous year.~~ June 15th of each year, or the completion of the prior year, whichever is greater.

USMS-2 A-A p 145 IV (E) (7) add the following:

(7) There shall be one registration per individual swimmer permitted at any one time.

USMS-3 Rejected

USMS-4 A-A p 147 V (F) (5) add the following:

(5) National records shall be published in the 1983 and subsequent rule books.
(NO NAMES)

USMS-5 Withdrawn

USMS-6 Withdrawn

USMS-7 My notes include both Adoption and ~~refer to Championship Committee.~~

~~It was suggested that team scores be tabulated in three categories:~~

A-A a) women's individual events; b) men's individual events; and c) relays.

USMS-8 A-A p 150 V (H) (15) add the following:

(15) The deadline for receipt of entries for National Championship Meets shall be 30 days prior to the first day of competition.
no sooner than

USMS-9 and 10 and 11 Refer to Championship Committee

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Rejected.

1 R - (to deck seed relays at National Championships)

2 A-A p 145 (A) (1) ~~delete second sentence.~~ delete and reword as follows:

(1) Masters competition is open to all USMS registered athletes 25 years of age and older. Refer to Article 43, page 107, Section 343.11. U.S. Swimming rules.

3 A-A p 148 (H) Add a new section (7) and renumber remaining sections:

(7) In all National Championship meets, a swimmer who does not present himself at the block for an event and heat in which he is scheduled to swim will be scratched from that event.

4 R - (June's rewriting of the section on National Championships)

5 A page 148 (H) (6) 5th line - strike out ~~At the meet/directions/option~~ and replace with the word - Willing.

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PROPOSED RULE CHANGES - Approved by Rules Committee

- P. 137 III. Code of Regulations
- USMS-1 (B) Board of Governors
(1)(a) Each LMSC is entitled to one member, and if the LMSC has a registration of over 300 athletes in masters swimming it is entitled to one additional member, and if over 1,000 a third member. The Registrar shall advise the National Secretary and the LMSC Chairmen of the number for each LMSC by July 15th of that year. Figures shall be determined by the records of the Registrar as of June 15th of that year, or the end of the previous year.
- USMS-2 P. 145 IV (E)(7)
Add - "There shall be one registration per individual swimmer permitted." *at any one time.*
- USMS-3 P. 146 Rule V (E) Swimming Rules
(5) The forward start may be taken from the starting block, the pool deck or a push from the wall. The short course start rules, (both forward and backstroke), shall be used for all Masters competition.
- USMS-4 P. 146 Rule V (F) Times. After (4) add:
(5) National records and the names of record holders shall be published in the 1983 and subsequent rule books.
- USMS-5 P. 146 V. (F) (5) Add the following: (consider all underlined).
with drawings
The reporting of final times in any Masters meet shall be in 1/100ths. Any times ascertained by a watch reporting no more precise than 1/10ths shall have added to them the amount of .09 (9/100ths), in order to ensure that there will be no advantage gained by less precise timing methods.
- USMS-6 P. 148 V. (H)(4)(a) Add the following in its entirety,
with detailed comments on the page.
(The proposed insert is a detailed outline of the technical aspects of National Championships. This is being reviewed by the Championship Committee and will be presented by that Committee at the Convention.)
- USMS-7 P. 149 Section V (H) (9) Last two sentences.
~~Team scoring will be compiled for recognition by USMS.~~
Meet results and team scores shall be published ... etc.
- USMS-8 P. 150 Rule V. (H) Deadline for National Championships
USMS-9 Scheduling of Relays
USMS-10 Information for Bidding Forms
USMS-11 Heat Sheet Requirements
- Policy Booklet*

The above four items will be presented by the Championship Committee as part of its report.

Site Selection Procedure and Awarding of National Championship Meets.

a. A site selection committee shall be appointed by the Vice-President of USMS and shall include five (5) persons, one of whom may be the Vice-President, each of whom shall serve one year, with no member serving more than three successive terms.

Chairman- The chairman of the site selection committee shall be chosen by the members of the committee from among themselves.

Duties - The committee shall be responsible for:

1. Preparing and maintaining an up-to-date list of facilities in each zone which comply with the national championship standards set forth under this heading.
2. Notify each facility which complies with standards; notify any facility which does not comply with standards.
3. Solicit bids from such facilities in accordance with zone rotation system as set forth above.
4. Present to the Board of Delegates at the Annual Meeting held at least two years prior to the date being awarded a list of all approved bidders for each long and short course national championships, as required by the zone rotation system.

b. Granting of award of championship meet will be made under all and only the following conditions:

1. A national championship can be awarded only to an LSC which is in current good standing in USMS, Inc. That LSC may award the championship meet to a member team in that LSC which is in good standing as a member of that LSC and which will provide a facility in accordance with meet standards.
2. A bidder shall be provided by the President with a bid form, financial and operating agreements, and all other documents related to the responsibilities of the awardee in relation to the conduct of the event.
3. All bids for a championship meet shall be returned to the Chairman of the Site Selection Committee no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting and award of contract shall be finalized at that time.
4. Upon approval of a bid, the bid shall be presented to the Board of Delegates (Governors) for acceptance of the bid. The contract shall be executed by all parties involved in the business of the meet.
5. The failure of the Site Selection Committee to present a bid from a suitable facility within the designated zone shall negate the rotation system for that round only. This shall not affect the future normal rotation of zones as provided.
6. Should the Site Selection Committee fail to receive bids from the designated zone by the 30-day cutoff date, the Chairman shall immediately notify, in writing, the Chairmen of all LSCs, the President of USMS, the Zone Chairmen, and the other members of his committee. Bids from the other zones may then be considered for action, provided they follow paragraphs 1 and 2 above and present the bid no later than 9:00a.m. on the day of the start of the Open Meeting of the Annual Meeting of USMS, Inc.

c. Conduct of National Championships will be governed under the technical rules of USMS, Inc, except as herein after specified. A general meeting of the governing section, officials and other organizing personnel shall be held the evening prior to the first day's competition. The meeting time, date, and location will be

included in the meet entry brochure. All business pertinent to the operation of the championships and the conduct of events shall be considered and finalized at this meeting, and no changes shall be made thereafter. Changes may be effected in the conduct of the meet to fit the situation. Since changes can be made, it is the obligation of every swimmer or his representative to be present at the meeting to be apprised of such changes, should they occur. The Chairman of this meeting shall be the President of USMS, Inc.

1. Meet Director - The meet director shall carry out the wishes of the governing section of USMS with regard to planning for and executing the rules and requirements of Championship Meets as specified herein.
2. Computerization - If possible, the organization conducting the championship shall compile entry lists, heat sheets, results sheets, event cards, and final results, by computer.
3. Heat Sheets - A list of all events with heat and lane assignments for every entered swimmer shall be provided to every entrant.
4. Warm up Schedule - A list of times when the competition pool will be available for warm ups will be provided in the pre-meet brochure; the pool will be available for the entire day prior to the beginning day of competition.
5. Protest Procedure. There shall be a jury of three persons, appointed by the national registration committee chairperson, in attendance at every national championship meet to determine protests affecting the eligibility of any swimmer to compete or to represent an organization. Protests shall be heard by the jury and decisions rendered, if possible, prior to the beginning of competition, but no later than the last event of competition; opportunity shall be afforded both the party lodging the protest and the party or parties to be charged a chance to be heard. The decision of the jury shall be final with regard to results, awards, and scoring the meet.
6. The entry form for both relay and individual events shall be prepared according to the direction of the Championship Committee; no other form shall be used.
7. Due date of entry form. The championship meet entry form shall be due no sooner than 4 weeks plus one day from the first day of the meet.

d. Facilities Standards.

1. Long Course Swimming Pool.

The minimum standard for this pool should be 50.025 meters (164.125 ft.) in length per lane by 18.288 meters (60 feet) in width providing for eight lanes 2.134 meters (7 feet) in width with .610 meters additional with outside lanes one and eight. The minimum pool depth is 1.00 meter (39.40 inches).

2. Short Course Swimming Pool.

The minimum standard for this pool should be 22.885 meters (75.083 feet) in length per lane and 13.706 meters in width providing for six lanes 2.134 meters (7 feet) in width with additional width outside lanes one and six. The minimum pool depth is 1.00 meter (39.40 inches).

d. 3. End Walls and Bulkheads.

The finished surfaces of the end walls and bulkheads for the competitive course shall be in parallel planes and perpendicular to the water surface for a depth of no less than three (3) feet measured below the plane of the perimeter overflow rim. There shall be no protrusions, light fixtures, underwater windows, or inlets in the three-foot planar surface defined herein. End-walls should be finished with a non-slip surface. These specifications shall also be applied to movable bulkheads.

4. Measurements and Tolerances. All measurements and tolerances must be interpreted to assure that the course, with automatic timing equipment in place, is not less than the required length: 50 meters for long course, 25.00 yards for short course.
5. Ladders. All ladders, steps or stairs should be recessed in the side pool walls or be easily removable during the competition.
6. Pool and Bulkhead Markings. Lines should be placed on the pool bottoms to serve as guides for each swimmer and these shall be contrasting in color to the general pool color (preferably black lines). Such lines should be at least 10 inches wide and located in the center of each swimming lane; the only exception to this may be the outside lane designated lane 0. As these lines approach the end of the pool, it is recommended that a distinctive T marking be placed on the bottom of each lane. There shall be target lines at least 10 inches wide placed on the end wall (at each end) directly in the middle of the lane, extending from the top line of the gutter wall to four feet below that line. Lanes should be numbered from right to left on each course used and be clearly marked for lateral identification.
7. Starting Platforms. The front edge of the starting platform must not exceed 30 inches in height above the surface of the water and shall be flush with the end of the pool for short course pools. The front edge of the starting platform shall be from .50 meters to .75 meters in height above the water surface and flush with the end of the pool for long course pools. The surface of the starting platform must not be less than .51 meters (20 inches) square and maximum slope toward the pool not more than 10 degrees from the horizontal. The top must be covered with a non-skid material. The lane number should be visible from all sides of the platform. Firm starting grips, flush with the end of the pool, for backstroke starts must be placed .3 to .8 meters above the surface of the water.
8. Overflow and Circulation Systems. The overflow system is a method of conveying water beyond the perimeter overflow rim of the pool. It should guarantee the level of the water in the pool to be not lower than the overflow rim of the pool at all times. It should maintain a smooth quiet surface in the pool during competition. The pool circulation system shall be turned off during competition.
9. Sound Starting Device. An electronic sound starting device shall be provided, with a speaker under every starting platform or at least between two platforms. It shall be supplemented by a strobe light, or similar optical signal, placed near the starter, to indicate the start visually to manual timers.
10. Lane Lines and Anchors. Permanent provision must be made to anchor lane lines at a point beyond the end of the pool; they should be tightly stretched, easily visible, with the end 5 meters of each line at each end, a different color from the rest of the lane line.
11. Backstroke Flags, Lines and Anchors. There must be flags suspended above the pool at a height of 1.8 meters (5 feet 11 inches) which can be easily seen by backstroke competitors; the backstroke flags shall be placed no closer or no farther than 15 feet from the end of the pool.
12. Recall Rope. A lightweight recall rope shall be suspended four feet above the water at the midpoint of the pool, tied so that it may be quickly released in the event of a false start.
13. Recall Procedure. The Championship Committee may designate either an underwater recall device or rely on multiple beeps emitted by the starters horn starting device.
14. Water Temperature. The water temperature should be between 78 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit for competition at all times.

15. Automatic Timing and Judging Equipment. The use of approved completely automatic equipment limited in reading to two (2) decimal places (hundredths of a second) for timing and judging is required. There must be a secondary power source available should a power failure occur, plus proper backup equipment and additional personnel. Tape printouts of every heat are required. An automatic scoreboard for each course used is desirable, giving readouts for all places, including splits. There shall be appropriate, necessary adjustments to any timing systems used when both ends of a 50 meter pool are used during a meet.
16. NO SMOKING. No smoking shall be permitted during the program in any designated area for swimmers prior to or during the competition.

d.A. Automatic Timing Equipment Specifications.

1. Automatic equipment is started by the starting device and stopped by the swimmer. No other combination of starting and stopping is permitted to be used as a primary system.
 2. Places and times shall be indicated to two decimal places on an individual tape readout for each heat.
 3. Installation of equipment must provide that there is no obstructing or interfering part for starts, turns or finishes; that the normal water flow of the pool is maintained; that there is no wiring carrying over 6 volts in an exposed position on the deck.
 4. Finish pads shall be no less than 78 inches wide by 24 inches deep, with markings to conform to existing pool markings or at least conforming with pool requirements as already set forth; pads should be centered in the lane, with no protruding marks, and be sensitive enough for a swimmer's touch, but not so sensitive as to be activated by turbulent water.
17. Backup Requirements. No swimmer must ever be required to reswim a race due to equipment failure that results in unrecorded or inaccurate time or place results. Therefore, all automatic systems shall be backed up by any available combination or equipment and/or human officials. Preferably, an automatic system will be backed up by an attached, automatically activated system which is stopped by the push of a button attached to an electronically attached cord and either separately or integrally a part of the primary system; there shall be no less than three separate timers on any backup system used.
 18. Rotation of courses for men and women when two separate courses are used which are not identical in specifications shall be accomplished as follows: beginning with the short course meet in 1983, the women shall swim in the "faster" or deeper course on the first and third days and the slower or more shallow course on the second and fourth days. At the next short course championship in 1984, the men shall swim in the "faster" or deeper course on the first and third days, in the slower or more shallow course on the second and fourth days. Thereafter, according to this formula, the course assignments shall be alternated for alternate short course seasons. The same criteria shall be applied to the Long Course championships beginning with 1983, should that differentiation be made between the quality of the courses being swum. All relay events shall be conducted in the appropriate course according to the assigned day of the meet with the mixed relays all conducted in the "faster" course if at all possible.

USMS-8 Rule V page 150

(H) National Championship Meets

After (14) add:

(15) The deadline for mailing of entries for National Championship Meets shall not be earlier than 35 days prior to the first day of competition.

USMS-9 Rule 5 page 150

(H) National Championship Meets

After (14) add:

(15) All relay events at National Championship meets, (men's, women's and mixed relays) shall be conducted consecutively and in the same course on the day on which they are scheduled.

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(13) When organizations submit bids to host national meets, information about differences in the courses for men and women such as depth, starting blocks, timing device, walls, starting equipment, temperature and any other factors concerning the speed of the courses should be included with the bid. On the initial occasion that the courses differ, beginning with the 1983 Short Course National Championships, the women shall swim in the faster course on the first and third days of competition and in the slower course on the second and fourth days. On the next such occasion at a short course national championship, the men shall swim in the faster course on the first and third days of competition and in the slower course on the second and fourth days. Thereafter, the faster course shall be assigned in alternate years to the women and then to the men on the first and third days of competition. The same criteria shall apply to the Long Course National Championships beginning with the 1983 meet.

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USMS-11 (H) National Championship Meets

- (15) Each participant shall receive one copy of:
- a) a list of participants and participating clubs
 - b) the complete heat sheet for both sexes
 - c) the National Championship Meet Records