

Rules
(Committee Name)

Agenda item # 17

SESSION # 1

Report to be given on: Fri ___ Sat X (check one)

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Committee Chair: Leo Letendre

Recorder: Janet Kavatas

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 12 Number of committee members absent 7

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 26. **Give the roll, a copy of the minutes, and a disk with the minutes to the Secretary.**

Minutes

Minutes should follow the order of the committee's agenda.

- I. The committee considered the three proposals presented in the Delegate Packet. Motions to consider proposals R1 and R2 were individually considered and each failed. A motion to consider R3 and emergency passed and was considered. The committee recommended passage of R3 (additional changes to Appendix B were proposed and are shown in the delegate packet. These changes would need to be implemented should R3 pass the House of Delegates. (90% majority of the HOD require to pass.)

R3 105.3.10 USMS National Records p48 Kentucky

105.3.10—When a record is claimed, an official record application form shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials, and transmitted immediately following performance with all supporting data, including official meet results, the primary printout tape, and/or copy of the entry card with timers' signatures, to the LMSC records and tabulation chair for the LMSC in which the event was sanctioned or recognized. Responsibility for this lies with either the LMSC records chair or the official scorer of the meet. The LMSC records and tabulation chair shall send the supporting data to the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee for verification. Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee shall immediately publish the new record on the USMS website.

Rationale: With the availability of the Internet, USMS membership should be informed, in a timely manner, of any new USMS record once it has been verified by the USMS Records and Tabulations chair or Long Distance chair. At the 2001 Short Course Nationals, there were five national records in the 19-24 age group that had been bettered 10 weeks before the start of the Nationals. All of the supporting data was in the hands of the USMS Records and Tabulations chair within 2 weeks of the swims, yet the published records at the Nationals did not reflect these records being bettered.

II. Changes to USMS rules as a result of changes enacted by USA-Swimming

Four changes to the rules of competition by USA-Swimming will effect changes to the USMS rules unless overridden by the House of Delegates. The rules committee recommends acceptance of these changes.

USA-1

103.6.1 Referee Add and renumber. p 27

103.6.1 - The Referee shall have full authority over all officials ...can overrule any meet official on a point of rule interpretation or on a judgment decision pertaining to an action that the referee has personally observed; ~~shall disqualify a swimmer(s) for any violation of the rules that the referee personally observes and shall at the same time raise one hand overhead. If the referee does not make such a signal, there shall be no penalty.~~

103.6.2 – The Referee has the authority to disqualify a swimmer(s) for any violation of the rules that the Referee personally observes and, except for false starts, shall at the same time raise one hand overhead. If the Referee does not make such a signal there shall be no penalty.

USA-2

103.7 Starter p 29

103.8.6 – False Starts

A Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given shall be disqualified if the referee ~~or a designated assistant referee~~ independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred. ...

B If the starting signal has been given ~~is sounded~~ before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue

without recall, and the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be disqualified by the starter with the concurrence of the referee or a designated assistant referee. If the referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be notified of the disqualification upon completion of the race.

USA-3

103.8.8 – Deliberate Delay or Misconduct p 29

A (no change)

B The referee shall disqualify swimmers who fail to appear at the starting ... start of their heat shall be disqualified by the referee.

USA-4

103.15. MARSHALLS p 36

Shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue....

II. Proposed Changes to Part 6 of the USMS Code submitted by the Rules Committee.

Two proposed changes to Part 6 were discussed. One, submitted in conjunction with Legislation and Long Distance, provides a means of modifying portions of the Code and Rules as a single package if logically tied together. The motion to submit the proposed change was MSP. The second proposal provides a mechanism for USMS to react to changes to the FINA Masters Rules. The proposal was MSP.

III. Housekeeping

101.1.5 – Finish p.18 Inadvertently dropped from breaststroke finish

At the finish, the body shall be on the breast and the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above or below the surface of the water. ...

103.8.5A p.28 to remain consistent with 101.1.1

... long whistle indicating that they should take their positions with at least one foot at the front of the ~~on~~ the starting platform, the edge of the pool ...

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

1. Receive proposed changes to the rules of competition.
2. Assist LMSCs in drafting proposed changes