

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Teleconference #3
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chairs:	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
Minutes recorded by:	Christina Fox	Date/time of meeting:	Tuesday 6/25/19 8pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to recommend R-5 to the HOD.
2. MSA to recommend R-6 to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend R-7 to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend R-8 to the HOD.
5. MSA to recommend R-9 as amended to the HOD.
6. MSA to recommend R-10 to the HOD.
7. MSA to recommend R-11 to the HOD.
8. MSA to recommend HK-1 to the HOD.
9. MSA to recommend HK-2 to the HOD.
10. MSA to recommend HK-3 to the HOD.
11. MSA to recommend HK-4 to the HOD.
12. MSA to recommend U-1 to the HOD.

Number of committee members present: 10	Absent: 4	Number of other guests present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Claire Letendre, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Barb Protzman, Rand Vaillancourt		
Ex Officio and EC present: Bill Brenner, Richard Garza, Peter Guadagni		
Committee Members absent: Judy Gillies, Karen Harris, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
Ex Officio and EC absent: Steve Hall, Clark Hammond, Teri White		

Minutes

The teleconference was called to order at 8:00 pm EST.

The following topics were covered during the teleconference:

1. Charles reviewed the process for the upcoming meetings:
 - a. The process will be the same as last year: committee will consider all proposals and have recommendations for convention package, due Aug 1 then, at convention, the committee can take comments and reconsider any proposals, if necessary.
 - b. Charles briefly reviewed pertinent information from USA Swimming Rules and Regulations committee meeting in June. The majority of the discussion was focused on the update of the minor athlete protection policy (MAPP) and who was considered an applicable adult per the policy and so required to fulfill the training. The question of dual sanction meets came up and, per USA Swimming legal counsel, participants/attendees at dual sanction meets are not considered applicable adults and so no action is needed. However, swimmers that attend USA Swimming workouts may fall under the definition of applicable adults and need to fulfill the requirement and clubs should be following up on this.
2. Proposed Rules Changes for 2019
 - a. R-5 – 103.3 Qualification of Officials
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-5 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.

- b. R-6 – 104.3.4 Bid Deadline
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-6 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
- c. R-7 – 104.5.1B Information for Participants
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-7 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
- d. R-8 – 104.5.3C Event Limit
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-8 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
- e. R-9 – 104.5.4 Entry Procedures
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-9 to the HOD. Charles noted that this proposal is to clarify the definition of foreign swimmers but does not restrict foreign swimmers entering USMS meets as USMS members.
 - ii. Discussion: Claire proposed amending language for flow. There was discussion/clarification (Rand, Charles, Kathy, others) on foreign and dual membership – swimmers entered as a foreign federation member may participate in USMS meets but cannot qualify for USMS records, Top 10 and All-American awards; swimmers with dual membership who are entered as USMS members may participate and qualify for records and awards.
 - iii. Language was amended for flow (Claire, others) and to clarify that foreign swimmers entered as a members of other Federations may not qualify for USMS records and awards (Kathy, Charles, others).
 - iv. Discussion on amendment: none. Amendment passed.
 - v. Discussion on R-9 as amended: Peter asked whether it should be "may" or "shall" in second sentence. It was agreed (Rand, Charles and others) that "may" is acceptable in this instance.
 - vi. Motion to recommend R-9 as amended passed.
- f. R-10 – 106.4 and 106.13.2 Pool and Bulkhead Markings
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-10 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
 - iii. Marilyn asked for feedback on how this requirement is being fulfilled if no fixed marking on the wall. Rand indicated that they used tape and Charlie noted that this was acceptable. Charles also clarified that in pools with no walls, can use judgment.
- g. R-11 – 106.2.1 Racing Course Dimensions
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-11 to the HOD. Charles indicated this was a suggestion from Mary Beth Windrath. Charles noted that the wording could be interpreted as basing the requirement on the equipment (pad) and proposal is to address this.
 - ii. Discussion: Marilyn agree with re-wording if an issue has been identified by Mary Beth. Rand noted that this does not change the intent. There was additional discussion (Charles, Kathy) on FINA requirements. Charles noted that the proposal uses the same wording as in the USA Swimming rule book for clarity.
 - iii. Motion passed.
- h. HK-1 – 102.13.10
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend HK-1 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
- i. HK-2 – 103.8.5 Start Commands
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend HK-2 to the HOD. This proposal is to make 103.8.5 consistent with 101.1.1
 - ii. Discussion: KC proposed amending to remove of the comma after platform. Charles noted that language is currently consistent with 101.1.1. Following discussion, committee consensus was to update both 103.8.5 and 101.1.1 with this change. Charles will modify HK-2 accordingly.
 - iii. Motion passed
- j. HK-3 – 103.18.1 Official Time

- i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend HK-3 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
 - k. HK-4 – 104.5.5 Seeding
 - i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend HK-4 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: none. Motion passed.
 - l. U-1 – 103.8.6 False Starts
 - i. MS (Rand/Mollie) to recommend U-1 to the HOD.
 - ii. Discussion: Marilyn noted that she thought recalls were not being done. Charles indicated that you can recall if the start is not fair (noise, slip) but then no swimmer is charged a false start and that this is outlined under starter duties.
 - iii. Motion passed.
3. Charles briefly reviewed the remaining proposals to be considered at the next meeting.
 - a. R-1, R-2 and U-2: relay proposals
 - b. R-3 and R-4: swimwear proposals.
 - c. Charles asked committee members to provide comments on these proposals if not able to attend the next meeting.
4. Other Business: none
5. Action Items
 - a. Next meeting: Tuesday July 9th, 8pm EDT.

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:10 pm EDT.
