

Revised

1998 LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 1, 1998

4:30-6 PM

Action Items

MSC to approve the Long Distance Operating Guidelines as amended.

MSC to include in the LDOG (and the LD Championship Contract) that unofficial swimmers (eg. those in wet suits) shall start and finish separately from official swimmers. WITHDRAWN BY COMMITTEE VOTE ON OCT. 3.

ATTENDANCE: 12 committee members present (1 absent-Maureen Koss), approximately 20 audience = 32 delegates at the meeting.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

1. Committee members were introduced to the audience.
2. Chairman, Sally Dillon, reported on a number of Long Distance items.
 - '98 Championship events are concluded, with the exception of the 3000/6000 postal event. Paperwork is complete on 4 of the 8 events and they all received 90+% evaluations.
 - The list of '99 events was distributed and evaluators were assigned.
 - Colin Chinn, Jill Wright and Robert Zeitner volunteered to do the annual review of the Open Water Manual at this convention. Guidelines for putting on a cable swim have been added (by Lynn Hazlewood) to the Open Water manual. After revision, the updates will be sent to all previous purchasers.
 - Peter Crumbine, Randy Nutt and Graham Johnston volunteered to review the National Championship Contract at this convention.
 - The long distance historical data was reviewed.
 - New Emergency Guidelines for Open Water were distributed to the committee for their review.
 - New Evaluation Standards were distributed to the committee for their review.
3. Subcommittee reports were given by:
 - Peter Crumbine - All American. Peter has entered data from 4 events and shared the "to date" list.
 - Lynn Hazlewood - Calendar/Bids/Web site. Lynn will mail the calendar and bids by Jan. 15 and the calendar submissions will be due back to her by March 1. 19 timely bids were submitted this year. Lynn shared a copy of the "front pages" of the Long Distance web site. The LD web site is looking to have workouts and entry forms and results from the championship events.
 - Robert Zeitner- Robert has provided Sally with a current inventory which includes a 2/yr.inventory.
 - Sally Dillon - Records. Maureen Koss has the One Hour Postal records. No records were allowed for the two mile cable due to course problems.
 - Sally Dillon - All Stars. Sally shared a three year summary. The '97 recipients have not received their award. Mel Goldstein is firming up the sponsorship for it.
4. The issue of holding a championship cable event on a course different from the standard 1/4 mile event was discussed at length. The committee concluded that it would encourage experimenting with other cable lengths but they did not support different lengths for a National Championship at this time.
5. The committee discussed the Rule Proposals and the results can be found at the end of the minutes.

The chairman asked the committee to be prepared at the next meeting to discuss the LDOG and Postal event standardization. The committee adjourned at 6:30 PM and reconvened at 9:00 AM on October 2.

5. Rules - continued. Tabled LD-31 was voted on and is reported with the other proposals.
6. The chairman reviewed the proposed budget. Medals and patches are not budgeted for because a 2+ year supply was ordered in 1998. Income from championship events is expected to be \$2400. \$1200 has been budgeted for committee expense (postage/ mailing/ supplies etc.).
7. Priorities/criteria for selection of National Championship bids was discussed. It was agreed that a bid "in area" will receive preference over an "out of area" bid and a "timely" bid will receive

preference over an "untimely" bid.

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8. Limitation of the number of events to be run at a venue, in a region, or by the same team was discussed. It was agreed that a "spread the wealth" philosophy applies whenever possible and that the events should be broadly distributed - whenever possible.

9. Selection was made for the year 2000 Long Distance National Championships as follows:

<u>event</u>	<u>championship host/location</u>	<u>proposed date</u>	<u>other bidders</u>
One Hour Postal	Greater Indiana Masters	January	Pacific Northwest, Rogue Valley, Tamalpais Aquatic Masters
5/10 K Postal	Pacific Northwest Assn.	May 15-Sept.30	Rogue Valley Masters
3/6000 yd Postal	Rogue Valley Masters	Sept. 1- Oct. 31	Pacific Northwest Assn.
One Mile OW	Greater Indiana Masters Eagle Creek, nr. Indianapolis, IN	June 16 or 17	Rogue Valley Masters, Harbor Springs
Two Mile Cable	Virginia Masters Swim Team Chris Greene Lake, Charlottesville, VA	July 9	Rogue Valley Masters
>1 and ≤3 Mile OW	Mashpee Leisure Service John's Pond, Cape Cod, MA	tba	Greater Indiana Masters, Rogue Valley Masters
>3 and <6 Mile OW	Chicago Masters Lake Michigan, IL	Sept. 11	Rogue Valley Masters
6 Mile OW	Rogue Valley Masters Ashland, OR	July 15 or 16	Seal Beach Swim Club

10. New business was carried over from Thursday's meeting.

The proposed Long Distance Operating Guidelines (LDOG) were reviewed and amended.

- **MSC to approve the Long Distance Guidelines as amended.**

Standardization of the postal events was discussed. The committee did not choose to standardize the entry fee since it is approved when the bid is accepted. It was agreed that the entry forms should have the some "standardizing" and a format will be developed by the chairman. It was also agreed that the due dates should be the same for all events. The form should state that entries "must be received by" the 10th of the month (One Hour = Feb. 10, 5/10 K = Oct. 10, 3/6000 yd = Nov. 10).

The chairman noted that the 1999 One Hour Postal entry form that will be published in SWIM will include the split sheet as part of the entry form. She will be writing an article about postal swims that will appear in an issue of SWIM - to promote the other two events.

Graham Johnston brought up a concern that swimmers in wet suits, who are unofficial at National Championships, interfere with the official swimmers, particularly at the start and finish. After some discussion, the committee:

- **MSC to include in the LDOG (and the LD Championship Contract) that unofficial swimmers (eg. those in wet suits) shall start and finish separately from official swimmers. DECISION REVERSED**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

NOTE: Some members of the Long Distance Committee attended a breakfast get-together with some members of the USS Open Water committee. Ideas were shared and the two organizations will look forward to opportunities to work together in the future.

Tasks for the upcoming year: approve evaluation standards and emergency guidelines, determine differences in rules with USS and Fina, keep searching for long distance historical data, discuss guidelines for wet suit competitors.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING RULES

The Long Distance committee passed the following Rule Proposals as written:

LD-1, LD-2, LD-3, LD-4, LD-5, LD-8, LD-9, LD-10, LD-14, LD-16, LD-17, LD-18, LD-19, LD-20, LD-21, LD-22, LD-23, LD-24, LD-25, LD-26, LD-27, LD-29

The Long Distance committee rejected the following Rule Proposals as written:

LD-11, LD-13

The Long Distance committee amended and passed the following Rule Proposals as follows:

LD-6 Amend the rationale so that the reference is "see LD-8" rather than "see LD-7" rationale: to correct the reference.

P_____ F_____ A_____

LD-7 Amend the wording in .2 to replace the word "timed" with "Distance-based". Amend the wording in .3 to replace the word "distance" with "Time-based". Amend the rationale so that the reference is "LD-15" rather than "LD-14". rationale: to conform with the wording in 301.1.2A and to correct the reference.

P_____ F_____ A_____

LD-12 Amend the wording to delete the word "fastest" when it first appears in the second sentence. rationale: the word is redundant.

P_____ F_____ A_____

LD-15 Amend (as in LD-7, above) wording throughout to replace the word "timed" with "distance-based" and the word "distance" with "time-based. ALSO 304.3.2 contains amended wording as a result of LD-30 which was proposed and voted upon prior to taking up LD-15.

LD-15

ARTICLE 304 NEW * *

p. 63 submitted by: LD

Committee

pass _____
fail _____
other _____

Change current Article 304 to 305 and Article 305 to 306. Insert the following new Article 304 on the conduct of long distance pool events. This article contains the information previously deleted from section 302.3.

CONDUCT OF LONG DISTANCE POOL EVENTS

304.1 RULES - Long distance events conducted in pools must comply with all applicable pool event rules in Part 1 of the Rule Book except as noted in Article 304.

304.2 POOL SIZE - Events shall be swum in a pool at least 25 yards in length.

304.3 OFFICIALS

304.3.1 There shall be an adult acting in the capacity of a starter/head timer/referee (may be one person) who shall be present at all times, having no other responsibilities during the period of the swim.

304.3.2 Each swimmer shall have a counter to record split times for every two lengths during the swim for both time-based and distance-based events. One person may serve as counter for a maximum of two swimmers per heat.

304.4 SEEDING - Multiple swimmers per lane.

304.4.1 In pools that are less than 50 meters, no more than two swimmers shall share a lane.

304.4.2 Drafting shall not be permitted.

304.4.3 When two swimmers are sharing the same lane, they shall conform to articles 102.10.4A(6)(a) and 102.10.4A(6)(b).

304.4.4 In pools that are 50 meters or longer, the referee shall establish procedures to prevent drafting if more than two swimmers are competing per lane.

304.5 TIMING - A stop watch or electronic timing system shall be used to time the event.

304.6 COMPUTING DISTANCES IN TIME-BASED EVENTS

304.6.1 Distances shall be computed by multiplying the total lengths swum by the length of the pool and adding the last completed 5-yard/meter increment.

304.6.2 If the size of the pool is not designated, all distances shall be reported in yards.

304.6.3 If distances are to be reported in yards and the event was swum in a metric pool, the distance shall be determined in meters and converted to yards by multiplying 1.0936 times the number of meters completed and rounding off the distance to the last completed 5-yard increment.

304.7 INTEGRITY OF RESULTS IN POSTAL EVENTS

304.7.1 Each entrant in a postal event shall be responsible for the validity of the figures and the time/distance submitted.

304.7.2 The event 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.

304.8 DETERMINATION OF PLACE

304.8.1 In distance-based events, the person swimming the fastest time shall be declared the winner.

304.8.2 In time-based events, the person swimming the farthest shall be declared the winner.

304.8.3 If two or more swimmers swim the same distance or the same time, a tie shall be declared.

Rationale: The information removed from section 302.3 describes the conduct of long distance pool meets and doesn't belong with the definitions. Some portions have been reorganized for better understanding. The following former Article 304, National Long Distance/Open Water Championship Meets, will become 305. ADDITIONAL RATIONALE: see LD-30

LD-28 Amend the wording to include the word "the" before meet host.
rationale: housekeeping

The Long Distance Committee passed the following NEW Proposed Changes to the Long Distance Swimming Rules

LD-30 NEW 304.3.2 refer to LD-15 submitted by: LD committee
pass ----- . . . ~~A single~~ One person may serve as a counter for ~~one or more~~ a maximum of
fail ----- two swimmers per heat.
other -----
rationale: Accurate recording of split times for more than two swimmers at a time is not likely.

LD-31 302.2 OPEN WATER p. 59 submitted by: LD committee
pass ----- 302.2.1 ~~Quarter Mile Straightaway~~ ~~The course shall be set . . . an in the water~~
fail ----- ~~finish shall be used.~~ Delete the entire article and replace with the following:
other ----- Straightaway Events - The course shall be straight, measured within plus or minus 6 inches, in stationary open water, and defined by a cable with floats or a continuous

marking system visible to the swimmer. The ends of the course shall be delineated by two fixed and stationary markers in the water. Floats on the course shall be a maximum of 10 meters apart.

rationale: *The current quarter-mile straightaway cable events will still fall under this definition. At the same time, we will be allowing race directors to define straightaway courses that are only limited by their creativity. The distance between floats on the course is to make sure that the swimmers have a continuous visual course to follow.*

LD-32 304.8.1 RESULTS p.65 submitted by: LD committee
pass ----- Results shall be organized by sex and age group in order of finish ~~and shall include the~~
fail ----- ~~name (as it appears on the USMS registration card), official time/distance, age and club~~
other ----- ~~affiliation of each participant.~~ printing women's results first. For each swimmer, the
following information must be reported in this order:
a) age group place
b) swimmer's name (as it appears on the USMS registration card)
c) age
d) club
e) official time\distance
f) special informaton (national records, overall place,place among men , etc.)

rationale: *Reporting of results has lacked a consistent format.*

LD-33 303.5 FINISHES p. 62 submitted by : LD committee
pass ----- ~~303.5.3 Incomplete Race The referee shall determine . . . or considered official.~~
fail ----- Delete entire article and replace with the following:
other ----- 303.9 INCOMPLETE RACE
1. The referee shall determine if the start of a race is to be postponed or cancelled,
or if a race in progress is to be stopped.
2. 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, cancelled or considered
official.

rationale: *The current rule confuses the issue of safety and finish/start issues.*

LD-34 305.1 RECORDS p. 65 submitted by: LD committee
pass ----- 305.1.1 . . . Team national records will be maintained in all ~~events for which~~
fail ----- ~~individual records are kept~~ long distance pool events
other -----

rationale: *Team records are not kept for quarter-mile straightaway events.*

AT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING:

LD-23 was amended to delete the word "chairman" at the end of the sentence. The House voted in favor of all decisions (amended and otherwise) of the Long Distance committee.

LD-35 It came to the attention of the LD committee that no appropriate language for determination of age could be found in the LD pages of the Rule Book. The following was proposed and passed by the House:

NEW 301.4 AGE DETERMINING DATE

The eligibility of a participant for a particular age group will be determined by the age as of the day of the swim.

SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS WILL BE RE-NUMBERED