

Legislation Changes Approved for the 1992 Rule Book

The following report shows the language as it will appear in the rule book. Stricken language does not appear in this report. Refer to the "Legislation Proposals" report distributed to the House of Delegates September 21 for the text of stricken language. (None of the bold highlighting that I typed in printed out in this copy, because we don't have all the printer information entered on the laptop that I used. Sorry!)

L-1 p. 10 Forward Start - delete entirely

L-2 p. 10 Heat - a division of an event.

L-3 p. 12 (move the following wording from p. 12 to Appendix D, p. 116)
There are eight zones divided as follows:

* Breadbasket - Colorado, Iowa, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Ozark, South Dakota, Wyoming

* Colonies - Adirondack, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Maryland, Metropolitan, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, Potomac Valley, Virginia

* Dixie - Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern, Southern

* Great Lakes - Allegheny Mountain, Central, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin

* Northwest - Alaska, Inland Empire, Montana, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, Utah

* Oceania - Hawaii, Pacific

* South Central - Arkansas, Border, Gulf, Oklahoma, North Texas, South Texas, West Texas

* Southwest - Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific

L-4 p. 12 Zone - a geographic section of the country that includes all LMSCs within that section.

(move descriptions of zones to Appendix D)

L-5 p. 57 201.2.4 An unattached competitor is a registered swimmer who represents no club. (Will be 201.2.5 because of renumbering due to L-6.)

L-6 p. 57 201.2.4 (new .4, renumber the rest)

.4 A club wishing to change its LMSC affiliation must approve such change by a majority vote of its general membership at a regular club meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, with the vote duly certified by the club's president and secretary. The transfer must also be approved by a majority vote of the officers of the club's current and proposed LMSCs. If approved, the transfer shall be effective sixty days after receipt of written notice by the National Registrar. (Removed title so .4 is parallel with the other points of 201.2.)

L-7 p. 57, 201.2 REPRESENTATION

.6 There shall be only one USMS registration per individual swimmer permitted at any one time.

L-8 p. 57, 202.1.1A)

p. 58, 202.1.1F) Change "technical" to "swimming"

L-10 p. 58, 202.2.1A)

p. 58, 202.2.1B)

L-9 p. 56 201.1.2B Liability release - All registration forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The release must bear the statement, "In addition, I agree to abide

by and be governed by the rules of USMS." The language may not be further modified in any way.

(Move the language of the liability release statement to Article 203.)

p. 58 202.1.1G.4 (Delete and replace with the following language:) The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The language shall not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insureds may be inserted in the last sentence of the release.

p. 59 202.2.1E (Delete the second sentence. Text of the first sentence follows:) All approvals must be signed by a designated member of the LMSC, and a record thereof must be retained in a book kept for such purpose.

p. 59 202.2.1F (Insert new "F" and resequence existing "F" through "I".) The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The language shall not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insureds may be inserted in the last sentence of the release.

p. 59 203 (Insert new 203 and resequence existing 203.)

ARTICLE 203

LIABILITY RELEASE

All registration forms, sanctioned entry forms, and approved entry forms must include a liability release. The liability release must be signed by the person registering or entering. The language of the release must be: (Insert the liability release language from 201.1.2B, p. 56.)

L-11 p. 59 202.2.1J (Add a new section.)

Entry blanks and programs shall bear the statement, "Approved by ___(LMSC_name)___ for USMS, Inc. Approval No. _____".

L-12 p. 59 203.1 COMPETITION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES
(new title) TRAVEL PERMITS

(Move the entire section intact to Article 201: ATHLETE REGISTRATION AND REPRESENTATION as 201.3. The House of Delegates directed Mike Laux and Kathy Casey to write a definition of a travel permit.)

Add definition to Glossary, page 12: Travel Permit - written permission from a governing Masters registration body indicating proof of the swimmer's Masters registration and insurance coverage. (This is only a first draft of the definition. It must be cleared with Mike Laux.)

L-13 p. 58 202.1.1G1 No swimmer's entry will be accepted unless he is registered with USMS, has a valid travel permit or its equivalent, or has other acceptable proof of current Masters swimming registration.

p. 58 202.1.1G2 A copy of the current registration card, travel permit, or other acceptable proof of current Masters swimming registration of each swimmer must accompany the entry, except that, at the discretion of the meet director and exclusive of National Championship Meets, a swimmer may enter indicating "number pending", so long as proof of valid registration is presented prior to the swimmer's participating in the meet.

L-14}

L-15} (Belonged to Rules.)

L-16}

L-17 p. 73 501.1 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

.1 Club members, which are swimming clubs for Masters swimmers. Every swimming club which competes in Masters swimming competition sponsored by the Corporation shall register with the Corporation through its respective LMSC.

L-18 p. 73 501.3 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - Membership in the Corporation shall not be denied by virtue of race, creed, sex, religion, political affiliation, disability, or national origin.

L-19 Failed.

L-20 p. 80 506.2.11 Membership/Registration Committee - (Registration Committee will now be 506.2.14.) (Search for other references to Marketing/Registration Committee and make that name change.)

L-21 Failed.

L-22 p. 80 506.7 International Committee - ...and shall be empowered to bid for International Championship meets.

L-23 Withdrawn and referred to Finance Committee for action.

L-24 Passed. (See L-31.) (Change "Articles 201, 202, and 203.1" to "Part Two", give all of Part Two to Legislation, and give only Part One to Rules. Search the rule book for other places where those changes need to be made such as page 80, 506.2.8.)

L-25 Withdrawn.

L-26 Failed.

L-27 Failed.

L-28 Failed.

L-29 Failed.

L-30 p. 116 Appendix D ZONE AND LMSC BOUNDARIES

Insert boundary descriptions from p. 12 of the Glossary (see L-3 for changes to those descriptions).

L-31 p. 84 Revision of PART SIX: AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

Use the exact wording from L-31 as published by the Legislation Committee in their report to the House of Delegates on Saturday, September 21, with the following exceptions:

601.2

.4 Publication of Proposed Amendments - All proposed changes to the Rules or Code shall be published and mailed to each LMSC and each member of the House of Delegates not later than August 15. **IN AN OFF YEAR & NOT**

601.4 **601.4- 601.4.**

.4 Emergency Amendments - By a nine-tenths vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if ~~not~~ submitted in conformity with Articles 601.4.1, .2, and .3, and only if properly submitted to, deemed an emergency, and reported out by the appropriate governing committee as defined in Article 601.1. **FAVORABLY**

(and under "Summary of Amendment Procedures" below)

* Emergency Amendments: ONLY if deemed an emergency and reported out by the appropriate committee **FAVORABLY**

Change "90%" to "9/10" in both places on the summary chart.

601.4.5 USS Amendments Which Affect USMS Rules

A Amendments in USS Articles 101, "Individual Strokes and Relays", and 102, "Conduct and Officiating of all Swimming Competition", shall automatically be adopted by USMS, unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject those amendments.

B If amendments to USS Articles 101 and 102 are adopted between the annual meetings of the House of Delegates, the corresponding portions of Part One shall be automatically adopted by USMS, except that such amendments may be altered, amended, repealed, or changed by a nine-tenths vote of the Rules Committee and a majority of the Executive Committee.

L-32 Failed.

L-33 p. 12 Glossary (but will appear instead in Appendix D, p. 116 due to the passage of L-30)

Change "Heartland" Zone to "Great Lakes" Zone. (Search for other places it appears in the rule book and make that change.)

L-34 p. 71 402.2.1C

C Interpret any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS with the exception of the swimming and long distance swimming rules.

(Search the rule book for other references to "technical rules" and make that change due to last year's approved change of the title of Part One.)

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- L-1 Glossary - p. 10
~~Forward start--forward entry facing the course; the starting block; the pool deck; or a push from the wall (while in the water).~~
- L-2 Glossary - p. 10
~~Heat - a division of an event, in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time.~~
- L-3 Glossary - Zone - p. 12
There are ~~seven~~ eight zones divided as follows:
BREADBASKET - Colorado, Iowa, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Ozark, South Dakota, Wyoming
COLONIES - Adirondack, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Maryland, Metropolitan, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, Potomac Valley, Virginia.
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE--Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
DIXIE - Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern, Southern.
HEARTLAND - Allegheny Mountain, Central, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin.
NORTHWEST - Alaska, Inland Empire, Montana, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, Utah
OCEANA - Alaska, Hawaii, --Inland Empire; Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest; San Diego/Imperial; Snake River, Southern Pacific
SOUTHWEST - Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific
SOUTH CENTRAL - Arkansas, Border, Gulf, Oklahoma, North Texas, South Texas, West Texas.
- L-4 Glossary - p. 12
Zone - a geographic section of the country that includes all LMSCs within that section. ~~There are seven zones divided as follows:~~ (move descriptions of zones to Appendix D)
- L-5 201.2.4 - p. 57
~~An unattached competitor is a registered swimmer who represents no club, or other organization.~~
- L-6 201.2 Representation - p. 57 -
insert as .4, renumber remaining paragraphs
.4 Change in LMSC Club Affiliation. A club wishing to change its LMSC affiliation must approve such a change by a majority vote of its general membership at a regular club meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, with the vote duly certified by the club's president and secretary. The transfer must also be approved by a majority vote of the officers of the club's current and proposed LMSCs. If approved, the transfer shall be effective sixty days after receipt of written notice by the National Registrar.
- L-7 201.2.6 Representation - p. 57
There shall be only one USMS registration per individual swimmer permitted at any one time.
- L-8 202.1.1.A SANCTIONS - p. 57
The conduct of a sanctioned event must be in strict compliance with applicable administrative and technical swimming rules of USMS, Inc.
- 202.1.1.F p.58
A further sanction may be denied to any organization which has failed to conduct such in accordance with applicable administrative and technical swimming rules of USMS, Inc., or as stated on the entry blank.

- L-9 201.1.2.B- p. 56
 Liability release - ~~The registration forms shall contain the following language in its entirety and shall be signed immediately beneath this language by the person registering~~ exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The release must bear the statement "In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules and regulations of USMS." The language may not be further modified in any way.
- 202.1.1.G.4 - p. 58
 (replace the existing 202.1.1.G.4 with:)
The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The language shall not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insureds may be inserted in the last sentence of the release.
- 202.2.1.E - p. 59
 (Delete the second sentence.)
- 202.2.1.F - p. 59
 (insert new "F" and resequence existing "F" through "I")
The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The language shall not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insureds may be inserted in the last sentence of the release.
- 203 - p.59
 (insert new 203 and resequence existing 203)

ARTICLE 203
LIABILITY RELEASE

All registration forms, sanction entry forms, and approved entry forms must include a liability release. The liability release must be signed by the person registering or entering. The language of the release must be:
 (insert the liability release language from 201.1.2.B)

- L-10 202.2.1.A Approvals - p. 58
 No event may be approved.....~~technical~~ swimming rules of USMS.
- 202.2.1.B
 USMS swimmers may use the times obtained in approved meets for USMS records or National Top Ten consideration provided a designed USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS ~~technical~~ swimming and administrative rules and meet standards.
- L-11 202.2.1J Add new section - p. 59
Entry blanks and programs are encouraged to bear the statement, "Approved by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc. Approval No. _____."
- L-12 ~~203.1~~ p. 59 (move section to 201.3 - p. 57)
201.3 Competition outside the United States Travel Permits
- L-13 202.1.1.G.1. - p. 58 -
 (Replace the existing 202.1.1.G.1 and 202.1.1.G.2 with:)
202.1.1.G.1 - No swimmer's entry will be accepted unless he is registered with USMS, has a valid travel permit or its equivalent, or has other acceptable proof of current Master swimming registration.
- L-14 ~~203.2-FINA/MSI-Championship-Meets~~ - p. 59 -
~~.1-USMS-affiliate-fee-to-MSI-is-due-each-January-1-(for-calendar-year).~~
- defeated L-15 203.2 FINA/MSI Championship Meets - p. 59
 delete section and substitute: The MSI affiliate fee which is due January 1 annually shall be published and approved by majority vote of the delegates at the next previous convention. A copy of the latest financial statement shall be available for members.

defeated L-16 203.2.1 - p. 59

USMS affiliate fee to MSI is due each January 1 (for calendar year). The payment of this fee shall not be made unless approved by the House of delegates. This approval shall be considered at the Annual Meeting prior to each January 1, following submission by MSI of its most recent prior fiscal year financial statements.

L-17 501.1 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES - p. 73

.1 Club members, which are swimming clubs for with Masters swimmers.. Every swimming club which competes in Masters swimming competition sponsored by the Corporation shall register with the Corporation through its respective LMSC.

L-18 501.3 Equal Opportunity - p. 73

Membership in the Corporation shall not be denied by virtue of race, creed, sex, religion, political affiliation, disability, or national origin.

defeated L-19 503.1.4 Membership - p. 74

~~All members of the Rules and Legislation Committees~~, The Controller and the Chairman of all standing committees appointed by the President shall be at-large members, if not already members.

L-20 506.2 Standing Committees - p. 80

.11 ~~Membership/Registration~~ Committee
(will be renumbered as .14)

defeated L-21 506.2 Standing Committees - p-81

.15 Rule Book Committee. The Rule Book Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President for a two year term, as many members as necessary appointed by the Chairman to carry out the duties of the Committee, and a representative of the Championship, Legislation, Long Distance, Marketing and Rules Committees. The duties of the Committee are to edit and proofread the rule book, arrange publication, and perform other duties necessary to complete the annual publication of the United States Masters Swimming Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition.

L-22 506.7 International Committee - p. 80

.7 International Committee - The International Swimming Committee shall consist of the Chairman appointed by the President for a two year term and other members as may be appropriate. The Committee will encourage, promote, and coordinate Masters swimming on an international basis, and shall be empowered to bid for ~~MSI~~ International Championship meets.

withdrawn by the maker L-23 507.4 OFFICER AND DIRECTOR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT - p. 82

USMS shall reimburse USMS Officers and members of the USMS Board of Directors for expenses incurred in attending the annual USMS convention. USMS Officers will receive reimbursement up to the full amount of reasonable air fare, lodging (1/2 the cost of a double room) and registration fees. Other members of the Board of Directors shall be reimbursed at a rate 1/2 that outlined above for the USMS Officers. Reimbursement does not include meal expenses in either case.

L-24 Article 601: Amendments - p. 84

601.1.1 In odd-numbered years, the Preamble; Goals and Objectives, Glossary; ~~Articles 201, 202 and 203.1~~ Part Two; Part Four....

601.1.2 In even-numbered years, Part One ~~and Part Two~~ of the Rules of Competition, ~~with the exception of Articles 201, 202, and 203.1~~, by a majority vote....

601.2.1 All proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; ~~Articles 201, 202, and 203.1~~; Part Two; Part Four

601.2.2 All proposed changes to the Rules for Competition (Part One ~~and Part Two~~; ~~with the exception of Articles 201, 201, and 203.1~~) shall be considered....

506.2.8 Legislation Committee - The Legislative Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the President for a two year term. The Chairman shall choose from the House of Delegates two members from each zone. The Legislative Committee is charged with considering all Code change proposals of an administrative or organizational nature and maintaining consistency within the Code of Regulations. The Legislation Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to the Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; ~~Articles 201, 202, and 203.1~~ Part Two; Part Four; Part Five; Part Six; and Appendix D (~~LMSC Abbreviations and Boundaries~~) of the Code, and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates with recommendations.

withdrawn by the maker L-25 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84
(digested to conserve space but preserve integrity)

.1 delete "Articles 201, 202, and 203.1."

.2 delete "with the exception of Articles 201,202 and 203.1"

601.2 Committee Governance

.1 delete "Articles 201,202, and 203.1"

.2 delete "with the exception of Articles 201,202 and 203.1"

Purpose: moves the stated articles from the jurisdiction of the Legislative Committee to the Rules Committee.

ruled out of order L-26 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84

.5 The Rules Committee may alter, amend, or repeal any portion of Part One at any time to conform to the rules of the FINA or United States Swimming.

ruled out of order L-27 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84

.5 In the event that changes in the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition need to be made in between the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee shall instruct the appropriate committee, Rules or Legislation, to compose the changes and submit them to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval. The vote of the Board shall be made by written ballot and within 14 days of the date set by the Executive Committee. The effective date of any change shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be part of the ballot to the Board.

ruled out of order L-28 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84

.5 USS changes to Articles 101 and 102 of USS Rules will automatically be accepted by USMS unless USMS votes to reject those changes.

ruled out of order L-29 601.1.4 Emergency Legislation

....if submitted in conformity with .1, .2, or .3 above, and only if reported out favorably by the governing committee as defined in .1, .2, or .3 above.

L-30 Appendix D - p. 116 -

ZONE AND LMSC ABBREVIATIONS AND BOUNDARIES

Zone Boundaries - insert boundaries from Glossary, p. 12

L-31 Article 601 - Amendments p. 84

Replace existing Part Six with text that follows:

601.1 COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

.1 Rules - Proposed changes to the Rules of Competition (Part One) shall be considered by the Rules Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.

.2 Long Distance - proposed changes to the Rules of Long Distance Swimming (Part Three) shall be considered by the Long Distance Swimming Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.

.3 Legislation - proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; Part Two; Part Four; Part Five; Part Six and Appendix D) shall be considered by the Legislation Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.

.4 Executive Committee - proposed changes to all other sections of the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition shall be considered by the Executive Committee or a committee designated by the President. Such proposals are not subject to the provisions of Articles 601.2, 601.3, 601.4, or 601.5.

601.2 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- .1 Authorization - Changes to the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition may be proposed only by a Local Masters Swimming Committee, a standing committee of the House of Delegates, Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.
- .2 Format - Proposed changes shall be in such form as to show the entire section as it will read if adopted, with any changes in language underlined if new and lined-out if deleted.
- .3 Submission Deadline - proposed changes by an LMSC must be submitted to the Chairman of the Rules, Legislation or Long Distance Swimming Committee not later than July 10.
- .4 Publication of Proposed Amendments - All proposed changes to the Rules or Code shall be published and mailed to each LMSC and each Member of the House of Delegates not later than August 15.

601.3 MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Rules, Legislation, or Long Distance Swimming Committee, where appropriate, while under consideration by said Committee. Such modification must be germane to the subject matter and intent of the proposed change.

601.4 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The USMS Rules of Competition and Code of Regulations may be altered amended, repealed or otherwise changed at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and only as follows:

- .1 Rules - In even numbered years, Part One may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting, if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Rules Committee or by a two thirds vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported out favorably by the Rules Committee.
- .2 Long Distance - In even numbered years, Part Three may be amended by majority vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting, if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Long Distance Swimming Committee or by a two-thirds vote by the House of Delegate members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported out favorably by the Long Distance Committee.
- .3 Legislation - In odd-numbered years, the Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; Part Two; Part Four; Part Five; Part Six and Appendix D by a majority vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting, if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee.
- .4 Emergency Legislation- By a nine-tenth vote of the House of Delegate members present and voting if not submitted in conformity with 601.4.1, 2, and .3 and only if properly submitted to, deemed an emergency, and reported out favorably by the appropriate committee as defined in Article 601.

<u>Summary of Amendment Procedures</u>	<u>Even years</u>	<u>Odd years</u>
<u>Rules - Part One</u>		
<u>if reported out favorably</u>	<u>majority</u>	<u>*</u>
<u>if NOT reported favorably</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Long Distance - Part Three</u>		
<u>if reported out favorably</u>	<u>majority</u>	<u>*</u>
<u>if NOT reported favorably</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Legislation - Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; Part Two, Four, Five and Six</u>		
<u>if reported out favorably</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>majority</u>
<u>if NOT reported favorably</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>*</u>

* Emergency Amendments

ONLY if deemed an emergency
and reported out favorably
by the appropriate committee

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601.5 USS Amendments Which Effect USMS Rules

.A Amendments to USS Articles 101 "Individual Strokes and Relays" and 102 "Conduct and Officiating of all Swimming Competition" shall automatically be adopted by USMS, unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject those amendments.

.B If amendments to USS Articles 101 and 102 are adopted between the annual meetings of the House of Delegates, the corresponding portions of Part One shall automatically be adopted by USMS, except that such amendments may be altered, amended, repealed, or changed by a nine-tenths vote of the Rules Committee and a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

defeated L-32 201.1.3 - p. 56

REGISTRATION FEES -

A. There is an annual registration fee composed of:

1. A national fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates, and
2. A local fee established by the LMSC.

B. A registration fee may be collected that is valid for only one day. This fee only provides insurance coverage for the event and does not confer any other benefits of USMS membership. These swimmers shall not be considered registered swimmers for administrative purposes. Any swimmer registering for one day must register within the sanctioning LMSC and shall not represent a USMS club. This fee is composed of:

1. A national fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates, and
2. A local fee established by the LMSC.

L-33 Glossary - p. 12

Heartland Great lakes - Allegheny Mountain, Central, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

L-34 402.2.1.C - p. 71

Interpret any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS with the exception of the technical swimming and long distance swimming rules.

Legislation Proposals - USMS Convention Louisville KY 1991

The following proposed Legislative changes were withdrawn by the submitter:

L23 and L25.

The following proposed Legislative changes were approved by the Legislation committee, WITHOUT amendment:

- L-1 Glossary - p. 10 (Michigan) Forward start - delete entirely
- L-2 Glossary - p. 10 (Michigan)
Heat - a division of an event. ~~in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time.~~
- L-4 Glossary - p. 12 (Michigan)
Zone - a geographic section of the country that includes all LMSCs within that section. ~~There are seven zones divided as follows:~~ (move descriptions of zones to Appendix D)
- L-7 201.2.6 Representation - p. 57 (Pacific Northwest)
There shall be only one USMS registration per individual swimmer permitted at any one time.
- L-8 202.1.1A SANCTIONS - p. 57 (Michigan and Pacific Northwest)
The conduct of a sanctioned event must be in strict compliance with applicable administrative and ~~technical swimming~~ rules of USMS, Inc.
- L-10 202.2.1A Approvals - p. 58 (Pacific Northwest)
No event may be approved.....~~technical~~ swimming rules of USMS.
- L-12 ~~203.1~~ p. 59 (Michigan)
201.3 Competition outside the United States Travel Permits
Purpose: move entire section intact to Article 201 - Athlete Registration and Representation.
- L-14 ~~203.2 FINA/MSI Championship Meets~~ - p. 59 - (Michigan)
~~.1 USMS affiliate fee to MSI is due each January 1 (for calendar year).~~
- L-20 506.2 Standing Committees - p. 80 (Michigan)
.11 ~~Membership/~~Registration Committee
- L-24 Article 601: Amendments - p. 84 (Pacific)
601.1.1 In odd-numbered years, the Preamble; Goals and Objectives, Glossary; ~~Articles 201, 202 and 203.1~~ Part Two; Part Four....
601.1.2 In even-numbered years Part One and ~~Part Two~~ of the Rules of Competition, ~~with the exception of Articles 201, 202, and 203.1,~~ by a majority vote....
601.2.1 All proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; ~~Articles 201, 202, and 203.1;~~ Part Two; Part Four

602.2 All proposed changes to the Rules for Competition (Part One and ~~Part Two, with the exception of Articles 201, 201, and 203.1~~) shall be considered....

L-30 Appendix D - p. 116 - (Michigan)
ZONE AND LMSC ABBREVIATIONS AND BOUNDARIES
Zone Boundaries - insert boundaries from Glossary, p. 12

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L-3 Glossary - Zone - p. 12 (New England and Pacific)
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~~Oceana - Alaska, Hawaii, - Inland Empire, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, San Diego-Imperial, Snake River, Southern Pacific~~
Southwest - Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, Southern Pacific
(All others remain the same)

5 201.2 Representation - p. 57 - (Virginia)

.4 Change in LMSC Club Affiliation. A club wishing to change its LMSC affiliation must approve such change by a majority vote of its general membership at a regular club meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. With the vote duly certified by the club's president and secretary. The transfer must also be approved by a majority vote of the officers of the club's current and proposed LMSCs. If approved, the transfer shall be effective sixty days after receipt of written notice to the National Registrar.

L-9 201.1.2.B - p. 56 (Metropolitan)
Liability release - The registration forms shall contain the ~~following language in its entirety and shall be signed immediately beneath this language by the person registering exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The release must bear the statement "In addition, I agree to abide by the and be governed by the rules and regulations of USMS." The language may not be further modified in any way.~~

~~"I the undersigned participant, ... as a condition of my participation in Masters Swimming."~~

202.1.1.G.4 - p. 58

(replace the existing 202.1.1.G.4 with;)

The entry forms shall contain the exact language of the liability release according to Article 203. The language may not be modified in any way, except that the names of additional insurers may be inserted in the last sentence of the release.

202.1.E - p. 59

(Delete the second sentence)

202.1.F - p. 59

(insert new "F" and resequence existing "F" through "I")

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203 - p. 59

(insert new 203 and resequence existing 203)

ARTICLE 203

LIABILITY RELEASE

All registration forms, sanctioned entry forms, and approved entry forms must include a liability release. The liability release must be signed by the person registering or entering. The language of the release must be:

(insert the liability release language from 201.1.2.B)

L-11 202.2.1J Add new section - p. 59 (Metropolitan)

Entry blanks and programs shall bear the statement, "Approved by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc. Approval No. _____."

L-13 202.1.1 G 1. - p. 57 - (Florida)

(Replace the existing 202.1.1.G.1 and 202.1.1.G.2 with:)

202.1.1.G.1 - No swimmer's entry will be accepted unless he is registered with USMS, or has a valid travel permit or its equivalent.

202.1.1.G.2 - A copy of the current registration card, travel permit, or other acceptable proof of current Masters swimming registration of each swimmer must accompany the entry, except that, at the discretion of the meet director and exclusive of National Championship Meets, a swimmer may enter indicating "number pending" so long as proof of valid registration is presented prior to the swimmer's participating in the meet.

L-17 501.1 MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES - p. 73 (Southern Pacific)

.1 Club members, which are swimming clubs for with Masters swimmers.

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L-22 506.7 International Committee - p. 80 (Southern Pacific)
.....MSI International Championship meets

L-31 Article 601 - Amendments p. 84 (Michigan)
Replace existing Part Six with text that follows:

601. 1 COMMITTEE JURISDICTION

- .1 Rules - proposed changes to the Rules for Competition (Part One) shall be considered by the Rules Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.
- .2 Long Distance - proposed changes to the Rules for Long Distance Swimming (Part Three) shall be considered by the Long Distance Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.
- .3 Legislation - proposed changes to the Code of Regulations (Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; Part Two, Part Four, Part Five, Part Six; and Appendix D) shall be considered by the Legislation Committee for report and recommendation to the House of Delegates.
- .4 Executive Committee - proposed changes to all other sections of the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition shall be considered by the Executive Committee or committee designated by the President. Such proposals are not subject to the provisions of Articles 601.2, 601.3, 601.4 and 601.5.

601.2 SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- Authorization - Changes to the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition may be proposed only by a Local Masters Swimming Committee, a standing committee of the House of Delegates, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.
- .2 Format - Proposed changes shall be in such form as to show the entire section as it will read if adopted, with any changes in language underlined if new and lined out if deleted.
- .3 Submission Deadline - proposed changes by an LMSC must be submitted to the Chairman of the Rules, Legislation or Long Distance Committee not later than July 10.
- .4 Publication of Proposed Amendments - All proposed changes to the Rules or Code shall be published and mailed to each LMSC not less than 30 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates members.

- 601.3 MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - Proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Rules, Legislation, or Long Distance Committee, where appropriate, while under consideration by said Committee. Such modification must be germane to the subject matter and intent of the proposed change.

- 601.4 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - The USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition may only be altered, amended, repealed, or otherwise changed at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and only as follows:
- .1 Rules - In even numbered years, Part One may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting, if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Rules Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported out favorably by the Rules Committee.
 - .2 Long Distance - In even numbered years, Part Three may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Long Distance Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported out favorably by the Long Distance Committee.
 - .3 Legislation - In odd-numbered years, the Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary, Part Two, Part Four, Part Five, Part Six; and Appendix D by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted to and reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted to and NOT reported favorably by the Legislation Committee.
 - .4 Emergency Amendments - By a nine-tenths vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if submitted in an "off" year and not in conformity with .1, .2, and .3 above, and only if properly submitted to and reported out favorably by the appropriate governing committee as defined in Article 601.4.

Summary of Amendment Procedures		Even Years/Odd Years	
Rules - Part One			
. if reported out favorably by committee	Majority		*
. if NOT reported out favorably by committee	2/3		
Long Distance - Part Three			
. if reported out favorably by committee	Majority		*
. if NOT reported out favorably by committee	2/3		
Legislation (Preamble; Goals and Objectives; Glossary; Parts Two, Four, Five and Six)			
. if reported out favorably by committee	*	Majority	
. if NOT reported out favorably by committee		2/3	
* Emergency Amendments: only if reported out favorably by the appropriate committee			
	90%		90%

601.4.5 USS Amendments which effect USMS Rules

- A. Amendments in USS Articles 101 (Individual Strokes and Relays) and in 102 (Conduct and Officiating of all Swimming Competition) will automatically be adopted by USMS, unless USMS votes to reject those amendments according to Article 601.4.5.B.
- B. If amendments to USS Articles 101 and 102 are adopted between the annual meeting of the USMS House of Delegates, the corresponding portions of Part One may be amended by a nine-tenths vote of the Rules Committee and a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

601.5 Effective Date - Unless otherwise specified, all changes approved as prescribed shall become effective on January 1 of the year following their adoption.

L-32 201.1.3 - p. 56 (Registration)

REGISTRATION FEES -

- A. There is an annual registration fee composed of:
 - 1. A national fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates, and
 - 2. A local fee established by the LMSC.
- B. A registration fee may be collected that is valid for only one day. This fee only provides insurance coverage for the event and does not confer any other benefits of USMS membership. These swimmers shall not be considered registered swimmers for administrative purposes. Any swimmer registering for one day must register within the sanctioning LMSC and shall not represent a USMS club. This fee is composed of:
 - 1. A national fee established by the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates, and
 - 2. A local fee established by the LMSC

L-33 Glossary - p. 12 (Legislation)
Rename Heartland Zone to Great Lakes Zone.

L-34 402.2.1C - p. 57 (Legislation)
Interpret any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS with the exception of the ~~technical~~ swimming and long distance swimming rules.

The following proposed Legislative changes were disapproved by the Legislation committee:

L-5 201.2.4 - p. 57 (Pacific Northwest)
An unattached competitor is a registered swimmer who represents no USMS club or other USMS organization.

- L-15 203.2 FINA/MSI Championship Meets - p. 59 (Florida)
delete section and substitute: The MSI affiliate fee which is due January 1 annually shall be published and approved by majority vote of the delegates at the next previous convention. A copy of the latest financial statement shall be available for members.
- L-16 203.2.1 - p. 59 (Southern Pacific)
USMS affiliate fee to MSI is due each January 1 (for calendar year).
The payment of this fee shall not be made unless approved by the House of delegates. This approval shall be considered at the Annual Meeting prior to each January 1, following submission by MSI of its most recent prior fiscal year financial statements.
- L-18 501.3 Equal Opportunity - p. 73 (Michigan)
Membership in the Corporation shall not be denied by virtue of race, creed, sex, religion, political affiliation, disability, or national origin.
- L-19 503.1.4 Membership - p. 74 (Pacific and Pacific Northwest)
~~All members of the Rules and Legislation Committees~~, The Controller and the Chairman of all standing committees appointed by the President shall be at-large members, if not already members.
- L-21 506.2 Standing Committees - p-81 (Michigan and Pacific)
.15 Rule Book Committee. The Rule Book Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President for a two year term, as many members as necessary appointed by the Chairman to carry out the duties of the Committee, and a representative of the Championship, Legislation, Long Distance, Marketing and Rules Committees. The duties of the Committee are to edit and proofread the rule book, arrange publication, and perform other duties necessary to complete the annual publication of the United States Masters Swimming Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition.
- L-26 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84 (Michigan)
.5 The Rules Committee may alter, amend, or repeal any portion of Part One at any time to conform to the rules of the FINA or United States Swimming.
- L-27 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84 (Kentucky)
.5 In the event that changes in the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition need to be made in between the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, the Executive Committee shall instruct the appropriate committee, Rules or Legislation, to compose the changes and submit them to the Board of Directors for approval or disapproval. The vote of the Board shall be made by written ballot and within 14 days of the date set by the Executive Committee. The effective date of any change shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall be part of the ballot to the Board.

L-28 601.1 Amendment Procedures - p. 84 (Pacific Northwest)
5 USS changes to Articles 101 and 102 of USS Rules will automatically be accepted by USMS unless USMS votes to reject those changes.

L-29 601.1.4 Emergency Legislation (Pacific Northwest)
....if submitted in conformity with .1, .2, or .3 above, and only if reported out favorably by the governing committee as defined in .1, .2, or .3 above.