## 1990 Proposed Amencticnts to United States Masters Swimming Rules

he rules committee recommends adoption of the following:
101 By Florida Gold Coast - Add new section and renumber
101.1 Starts
.1 The forward start (Use language from 102.18.2a on page 27) .2 The backstroke start (Use language from 101.3.1\& \& B on pages 15 \& 16)

102.3 by Potomac Valley and Pacific - Allow 19-24 age group in Nationals 102.3.1, 102.3.2A and 102.2B - delete wording fret to-be-swim- at-Hationat

102.4 By Ohio - Add a new section and renumber
102.4 WARM DONM AVAILABILITY - In pools of five lanes or more, one lane must be set aside for warm down only during the conduct of the meet, if there is no other warm down area available. If a pool has only four lanes and no other warm down area is available, swimmers must be allowed to swim to the other end of the pool, at the end of each heat and a warm down period must be offered at least once during each half hour of competition.
R 11 102.9.10 by Pacific Northwest - Amend
P21 D It is recommended that when swimmers are seeded by time and not by age groups, the fastest two swimmers in each A-A group stat should not be seeded into outside lanes. It is recommended that they shot t be moved in one lanes... placement.
R 16 102.18.5C by Pacific Northwest - Delete
p28 E-such-disquatificetions-sholt-not-be-charged-as-a-fotse-start:

102.20.5C by Pacific Northwest - Make mandatory

C When automatic relay takeoff judging equipment is available and in use, takeoff judges with shall be assigned to each lane and stationed as described above. A team witt shall only be disqualified only when there is dual confirmation of an illegal takeoff (ie.; visual and automatic equipment).

## R 18 102.27 by Metropolitan - Amend

p 35102.27 ANNOUNCER - Before the start of each event he shall announce the event name and number of heats. At the start of each heat he shot t may also announce the lane, the name of each swimmer, and club affiliation or if unattached. Promptly-efter the-finish-of-each-event he-shatt-omnounce-the-resutts-as-given-him-by-ihe recorders: He shall make any other announcements os requested by the Referee, the clerk, or the management.
19.102 .29 by Metropolitan - Amend
102.29 RECORDERS ....Results of each event by sex and USMS age group shall be posted or otherwise made available to the competitors as promptly as possible after the completion of each event.

R20 103.8.2 by Metropolitan -Amend
p 39 103.8.2 Diving Boards - 9 -meter diving boards which overhang the racing course shall be hinged out of the way or removed during competition. [M*]

R $32 \quad 205.5 .11$ by Pacific - Add
p 51 . 11 Program - A four day program ... resulting third day program. The particular format shall be rotated among three basic schedules. Each basic schedule shall have a variation that, at the option of the Meet Director and with the approval of the Championship committee, the $1000 / 1650$ yards or $800 / 1500$ meters freestyle may be swum as either the first day or last day program. (Eu tl days on the schedule may be interchanged so that the 500 free and the 1650 free shall no be sum on consecutive days.) Beginning in 1991 the format shall be rotated among the three basic schedules without regard to course. The three ( 3 ) basic schedule formats shall be chosen every four (4) years, starting in 1990 , by a vote of the House of Delegates from at least four (4) a! ternate presented by the Championship Committee.

. 3 Area 3 - Area 3 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Adirondack, Allegheny Mountains, Connecticut,
 Michrigan, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, North Caralina, Qhio; Potomac Valley, South Carolina, Southeastern, Virgina and West Virginia.

The rules committee recommends adoption as amended of the following:


| R 7A | 102.4 by Metropolitan - Amend the first NOTE as follows |
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| P 19 | Note: it is not necessary to conduct all of the above e |


| R 9 | 102.9 by Michigan - Reorganize section and added procedure for seeding 2 per land and a deletion |
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| P 20 | 102.9 LANE ASSIGNMENTS - SEEDING - COUNTERS |

. 1 Seeding Principles for Masters Competition
A (the same)
B (the same as present $E$ on page 21)
$C$ (the same as present $D$ on page 21)
D (the same as present $B$ on page 20)
.2 Heat and Lane Assignments
A (same as 102.9.1.1 on page 20)
$B$ (same as 102.9.1.2 on page 20)
C (same as 102.9.1.3 on page 20)
D (same as 102.9.1.4 on page 20)
E Two-to-a-lane seeding in distance freestyle events. 1.General principles of seeding two-to-a-lane a. Options to swim two-to-a lane

1. Willing and able competitors in the freestyle events over 200 meters may be swum two-to-a-lane when only one course is available for the event.
2. When competitors have an options of swiming two-to-a-lane, heats with two competitors per lane will be completed before the heats with a single competitor per lane.
3. If, in the slowest/fastest heat, there are not enough swimers to fill the lanes with two swimmers each, those swimmers may be seeded one-to-a-lane.
b. Men's/Women's events
4. If men and women compete under the same event number, they shall be seeded by time without regard to gender.
5. If men and women compete under different numbers, the shall be seeded separately by time.
6. If men and women compete under different numbers, mens and womens heats should be alternated.
c. Heat designations - Heats shall be numbered consecutively without using alphabetical characters (i.e., no "A" and "g" heats). Heats, stiall be refereed to as "odd" or "even" numbered heats. Odd and even heats shall be paired when seeding two-to-a-lane.
d. Reporting to the Clerk of Course - Swimmers in both the "odd" and "even" heats shall be asked to report to the Clerk of Course (or to the starting area) at the same time.
e. Starting procedure - ine starter shail "odd" heat to the stariing blocks first. As soon os the "odd" heat is underway, swimmers in the "even" heat shall be called to the starting blocks. The "even" heat shall be started as soon as practical after the "odd" heat.
f. Lane etiquette
7. The starter shall instruct the swimmers to swim on one side of the lane during the entire race (i.e., no "circle" swimming).
8. Obstructing another swinmer by swimming across or otherwise interfering may disqualify the offender, and, the disqualified offender shall immediately be removed from the lane.
9. Methods of seeding two-to-a-lane - (Either are recommended)
a. Swimmers of similar speed in the same heat
10. Heat and lane assigments - Lanes shall be assigned as in 102.9.2 A, B, C and D.
11. Pairing of heats. After lanes are assigned, heat shall be arranged in pairs beginning, with either the slowest or fastest heats at the meet director's discretion. The fastest heat within each pair shall be the "odd" heat and the next-fastest heat as the "even" heat. In the following example, for an eight lane pool, "1" refers to the fastest swimner, "2" to the next: fastest swimmer, etc.

b. Swimmers of similar speed in the same lane - Create groups of swimmers equal in to twice the number of lanes of the pool (e.g. groups of 16 swimmers for an eight-lane pool). Each group of swimmers shall be divided into odd and even heats. The fastest swimmer in each group to the middle lane in the "odd" heat. The secondfastest swimer shall be assigned to the middle lane in the "even" heat. The remaining swimmers shall be assigned to lanes in accordance with 102.9.1.B.1

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R 23 204.1.4 by Records and Tabuletion Comittee - Amend first sentence only
p 45 . 4 To be considered for National Top Ten times or for USMS National Records, all relays must include the name of the registered swim club and fult name (as it appears on the USMS registration card), and the age, and for mixed relays the sex of each swimmer.

R 25204.5 by Records and Yabulations Committee - amend
p 47204.5 HORLD RECORDS - Application and documentation for world records ( 25 meters and 50 meters) shall be supplied to MSi the USMS Records and Tabulations Chairman within 5 months of the date of the swim. Note: MSI does not accept record applications more that 6 months after the swim.

R 29 205.5.10 by Pacific - amend
P51
. 10 Event Limit - in National Championshipmeets, competitors may enter and swim in a maximum six ( 6 ) individual events (or 5 individual events if deemed necessary by the championship comittee) in a four day National Championship Meet, with a maximum of three individual events per day. There shall be time standards at National Championship meets, when deemed necessary by the Championship committee. These time standards shall be based on the slowest tenth best time in each event from the previous three years' National Championship meets. All competitors may enter and swim in a maximum of three individual events without meeting established standards. Competitors may enter up to three (or 2 if the maximum is five) additional events in which they have in the past two years swum a time equal to or berter than the time standard for those events. There shall be no time standards in those cases in which there is no tenth best time for that age group in that event. Any competitor who does not perform to the time standard in his designated time standard events will be reguired to show verification of the time unless he is isted on the fap ten list or the official results of the pertinent National Championship Meets. (Effective January 1; 1992)
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. 10 Event Limit - ... Relay teams must list on the relay card the name of the registered swim club and the full name; as-registered; (as it appears on the USMS registration card), and the age, and for mixed relays the sex of each relay member. On the relay card the name of the leadoff swimmer must be clearly designated, os-the-first-swimmer on the retoy cerd:
205.5.15 by Michigan - Add new section and renumber
. 15 Number and qualifications of officials - The minimum number of officials at each session of a USMS national championship meet shall include the following:

1 Meet Referee
1 Deck Referee for each course


I Starter for each course
1 Recall Starter for each course
2 Stroke and Turn Judges for each course 2 Timers per lane for each course
The referees, starters and stroke and turn judges shalt befuss or ymca, oeptifiodshan official may serve in only one officiating position during any event. For freestyle events 400 M and longer the referee and starter may double as Stroke and Turn judges.

e rules comittee recommends rejection of the following:

102.3.2A\&B by Kentucky - Delete 102.3.2A and amend 102.3.28
. 2 Relay Events - All relay events - $76+$ (not to be swum at National Championship Meets), 100+, 120+, ... the age group.
$\frac{\mathrm{R} 13}{} \quad 102.11 .4$ by Oregon and Pacific Northwest-Eliminate team scoring at Nationals swum in a ten-lane pool, regardless of the actual number of lanes available.

102.11.5 by Pacific Northwest - Amend
.5 Jies - there Jf two or more swimmers tie for any a place in any event, the points credited to such a place or places, if any, shall be equatiy divided between-such averaged among the swimmers, i-ie:; for example, if two tie for first place, the pointstorbe-creditedto first place and the points-to-be-creditedto second place points

split equally, and so on for four or more tying for first place. The same is true for those tying for second place,
third place, and whatever places there may be.
204.4 ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION . The registered USMS swimmer with the fastest listed time for an individual event and the registered USMS swimmers from each relay team with the fastest listed time for a relay event for that season (2. the registered USMS swimmers from each relay team with the fastest listed time for a relay event for that


R $38 \quad 205.5 .18$ by oregon and Pacific Northwest - detete section and substitute
p 53 . 18 club Scoring - There shall be no club scoring. Meet Results in the appropriate form shall be published within thirty days of the last day of the mieet, and distributed to members of the Board of Directors, and USMS Records and Tabulation Chairman.

# 205.5.20 by Southeast - Add and renumber <br> 20 Check-in Procedure for Distance Events - All swimmers who have entered the $400 \mathrm{~m} / 500 \mathrm{yd}$ freestyle, the $800 \mathrm{~m} / 1000$ yd freestyle, or the $1500 \mathrm{~m} / 1650$ yd freestyle shall sign up for these events as early as possible during the meet. Any swimmer who has not signed up for one of these events by the day before the event is to be suum shall swim in the last heat of the event. 

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The following proposed ammendments were withdrawn:


The rules comittee will provide their recommendations on the following based upon a meeting held on September 22, 1990:
205.3.11 by Championship Committee - Amend

P In Payments - Successful bidders of National Championship Mcets will pay to United States Masters Sw



Additional business conducted by the rules comittee included the following: 1) that the reorganization of section 205 by the Ad hoc Rule Book Comittee be considered housekeeping; 2) that the reorganization of Part One by the rules committee be considered housekeeping.

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