

1999 Rules Committee Minutes

September 16, 1999

Action Items

*** Accepted R2 and R3 as housekeeping or clarification

***Deemed R1 to not be an emergency

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 14 Number of committee members absent :3

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 5

Attach the roll to the minutes that are given to the Secretary.

Minutes

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

I. Introduction

The committee members introduced themselves.

II. Discussion of what constitutes an emergency

The committee felt that in order for a proposal to be considered an emergency, it must either correct an error previously committed by the rule making process, correct an oversight from previous rule change or a substantial change in circumstances not addressed by the rules.

III. Consideration of proposed amendments

The following were considered to first determine if the proposal would be deemed an emergency and if so deemed if any amendments were required.

R1 - Not an emergency

R1A - Submitted by Rules Committee and deemed an emergency:

R1A **103.11** p. 30 Rules (Replace current wording with the following)

. 5 Relay Take-Off Judges

- A Relay take-off judges shall be assigned by the Referee and shall stand so that they can clearly see both the touch of the incoming swimmer(s) and the feet of the departing swimmer(s) as they leave the starting platform, and shall judge whether the swimmer is in contact with the platform when the incoming swimmer touches the end of the pool.
- B If dual relay take-off judging is used, the lane and side take-off judges shall independently report infractions in writing without the use of the infraction hand signal. A relay will be disqualified only if the lane take-off judge has reported an infraction and the assigned side take-off judge has confirmed the same infraction.

Rationale: This change should have been made in 1995 when USA Swimming changed their rules to the above wording. The number of questions and concerns about the current wording has increased this year. Our current wording does not adequately define the procedures when dual confirmation is being used.

R2- Determined to be housekeeping

R3- Determined to be housekeeping after amendment to read:

R3 **104.5.4A2** p. 41 San Diego Imperial

2. **Foreign swimmers**—National championship meets ~~will~~ shall include and welcome foreign swimmers ~~on the same basis as U.S. swimmers,~~ except that they may not qualify for USMS Top Ten and All-American awards, nor set USMS national records.

Rationale: The proposed change clarifies who “they” are as well as includes the current prohibition preventing non-USMS members from setting national records (see 105.3.1). This section is in the Championship portion of the rules and since readers of this section often expect it to be complete, the inference, by its absence, could incorrectly be made that non-USMS swimmers are allowed to break USMS national records.

R4 - Deemed to be an emergency - final action tabled to the next meeting of the committee

The Rule Book Committee submitted a list of housekeeping items. The committee concurred in the determination that they were housekeeping and appropriateness of the changes.

Adjournment

Tasks for Upcoming Year:

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