

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name:	Rules	Session #:	2	Report #:	13
Committee Chair:	Kathy Casey	Vice Chair:	Sandi Rousseau		
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth & Leianne Crittenden	Date/time of meeting:	9/28/07 11:45 AM		

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. none

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1. MSA to approve the committee's policy for resolving disputed disability cases (see #2 below).
2. MSA to present to the Officials Committee and the Championship Committee a policy to have a Rules Liaison to National Championship meets to attend official's meetings each day as a resource for any rules questions.
3. MSA to reconsider the committee's recommendation of Method 2 of L 02 as amended.

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent: 8	Number of other delegates present: 10
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey, Chair; Sandi Rousseau, Vice-Chair
Leianne Crittenden; David Diehl; Sally Dillon; Barry Fasbender; Judy Gillies; Laura Kessler; June Krauser; Anthony Thompson, Discussion Forum Monitor; Bill Tingley; Kris Wingenroth, Secretary; Sean Fitzgerald (Ex-officio); Leo Letendre (Ex-officio)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM.

1. The four proposals (L 01, L 03, L 05, and L 21) submitted to the Legislation Committee for consideration were reviewed.
2. MSA to accept the chair's practice as policy for resolving disputed disability cases. (10-0) The chair will seek information from the officials involved, the swimmer, the swimmer's physician(s) and/or health care professional(s), and consult with several doctors and/or health care professionals on the Sports Medicine Committee without divulging the names of those involved. The chair may also consult with the previous USMS Rules Committee Chair and the USA-S Disability Swimming Chair. The chair will share decisions rendered with the Officials Committee Chair.
3. MSA to present to the Championship Committee and the Officials Committee a policy to have a Rules Liaison to National Championship meets to attend official's meetings each day as a resource for any rules questions. (11-0)
4. The issue of pool length measurement was discussed. It was agreed that it would be helpful if a data base of certified pools was created. It was suggested that the Zone Committee and the LMSC Task Force should be encouraged to create such a data base for the pools in their zones and LMSCs.
5. A report was made on the proposed dual sanction agreement between USA Swimming and USMS. The agreement has been referred back to the USSIC Board by the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee with a recommendation to delete the requirement for locker room monitors at combined USA-S/USMS meets.
6. A discussion was held concerning the need to draft a rule concerning official times for establishing records when using a semiautomatic timing system without the requisite three buttons.
7. MSA to reconsider the committee's recommendation of Method 2 of L 02 as amended. (6-0)

8. MSA to table reconsideration of the committee's recommendation of Method 2 of L 02 until another session of the Rules Committee meeting is called by the chair for discussion of this issue. (6-0)
9. The committee will consider applicable USA Swimming approved amendments in a special session Saturday afternoon and make recommendations to the House of Delegates.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 PM.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Create a section for Appendix B to clarify differences between National Federation High School rules and USMS rules.
 2. Proofread the rule book for publication.
 3. Update the Differences documents and LMSC Handbook, Convention section
 4. Review sections of rules that are not based on USA Swimming technical rules including Article 107 Facilities.
 5. Create a Situations Manual or data base of frequently asked rules questions and/or common rules problems.
 6. Create a history of proposed rule changes.
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