

# USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Rules	<b>Session #:</b>	5	<b>Report #:</b>	15
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Kathy Casey	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Kris Wingenroth		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Kris Wingenroth		<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	9/18/10, 8:00 AM	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- R 43 Recommended, as amended
- R 50 Recommended as amended as an indivisible package
- R 52 Recommended
- R 64 Recommended (deemed an emergency by the Rules Committee) \*\* will require 90% vote of HOD
- R 48 Recommended as amended

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## Motions Passed:

- R 41 A Withdrawn
- R 42 Withdrawn
- R 49 Withdrawn by the Records and Tabulation Committee
- R 58 Withdrawn
- R 60 Withdrawn

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## Motions Failed:

- R 54 Motion failed, not recommended
- R 55 Motion failed, not recommended
- R 63, not deemed an emergency by the Rules Committee, does not go to the HOD

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**Number of committee members present: 17**

**Absent: 0**

**Number of other delegates present: 21**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Kathy Casey, Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Vice Chair, Carolyn Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Maria Elias-Williams, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Leon Kief, Cathy Kohn, Leo Letendre, Jessica Seaton, Kelly Sharitt, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, Charles Cockrell (ex-officio), Susan Ehringer (ex-officio),

Not present: none

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

- R 42 Letendre, Tingley moved to approve
  - Boak, moved to withdraw
  - Tingley call the question
  - R 42 withdrawn
- R 43 Letendre, Tingley moved to approve

Boak move to Amend: to read: "If a swimmer enters an event with a time significantly slower "or faster" than that swimmer's recorded time in the past "2" years, the meet director may, after" discussing with" the swimmer, change the seeded time to a realistic time."

Tingley: move to Table MSA

R 48 Letendre, Tingley moved to approve

Discussion about the ramifications of accepting this proposal since it might affect the level of timing for records. Stevenson suggests moving timing levels from "A" to "F".

Wingenroth motion to Table MSA

R 49 Withdrawn by Records and Tabulation Committee

R 41A Letendre, Tingley MS to bring R 41 A from the Table

Championship Committee is willing to accept the R 41A change as a friendly amendment

R 41 A withdrawn

R 43 Letendre, Tingley MS to remove R 43 from the Table

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Boak: suggests R 43 to be amended to read: "If a swimmer enters an event with a time significantly slower than that swimmer's recorded time in the past two years, the meet director may, after discussing with the swimmer, change the seeded time to a realistic time."

Roddin: does not want the words "or faster." but is happy with the change "2 year" . Discussion that with the databases now available, this rule could be better enforced. Kohn: Does this rule open up a can of worms to force meet directors to check times?

Boak move to amend to add "or faster" MSA

Now reads: "If a swimmer enters an event with a time significantly slower or faster than that swimmer's recorded time in the past two years, the meet director may, after a discussion with the swimmer, change the seeded time to a realistic time."

Wingenroth call the question MSA

R 43 as amended, MSA

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R 50 Letendre, Tingley MS to approve

Tingley move to Table R 50 MSA

R 52 Letendre, Tingley move to remove R 52 from the Table

MSA to approve R 52

R 54 Letendre, Tingley MS to approve

Gillies call the question MSA

R 54 Motion failed, not recommended by the committee

R 55 Letendre, Tingley move to approve

Tingley call the question MSA

R 55 Motion failed, not recommended by the committee

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- R 58 Letendre, Tingley move to approve  
Letendre, Tingley move to withdraw their motion to approve  
Boak move to withdraw MSA  
MSA to withdraw R 58
- R 60 Letendre, Tingley move to approve  
Cockrell: the reference is not needed Boak: feels meet directors need the referral  
Ehringer points out how difficult it is to keep updates correct when there are references within articles  
Letendre, Tingley, withdraw their motion to approve  
Letendre, Tingley motion to withdraw R 60  
MSA to withdraw R 60
- R 63 Letendre, Tingley move to consider R 63 an emergency ( if 2/3 of the committee votes against this as an emergency, it will not be considered)  
Letendre feels the more appropriate procedure would be to ask the HOD for suspension of the rules when needed for a specific competition.  
Discussion concerning the need for this rule. Championship Committee feels that this rule prevents them from being able to move events for a better order for distance swimmers.  
Fasbender suggests we could fix the rule by taking the 500 free and 1650 out of the rule so that it only applies to long course.  
Sharitt called the question. MSA  
Motion that R 63 is an emergency proposal.  
5 votes in favor of this being an emergency, 11 votes that R 63 is not an emergency  
R 63 does not go to the HOD
- R 64 Letendre, Tingley move to consider R 64 for emergency  
Tingley, Kohn, Boak, Wingenroth: This is an important change; we need to measure our bulkhead pools both before and after as an entire day's session could be thrown out if the bulkhead is not placed properly. Thompson, Letendre: this is not an emergency because this is already suggested, so requiring it is not an emergency.  
Sharitt move to call the question: MSA  
Motion that R 64 is an emergency proposal  
Vote 11 in favor 4 Opposed  
Letendre, Tingley move to recommend R 64  
MSA to recommend R 64  
Vote 11 in favor 4 Opposed  
R 64 will require a 90% favorable vote of the HOD to pass
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R 50 Letendre, Tingley move to remove R 50 from the Table MSA

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Stevenson presented the following substitute language:

“F. In non-conforming individual or relay events, the initial distance corresponds to an event listed in Article 102.5, the relay event itself and the individual event itself need not conform to Article 102.5 as long as the distance and stroke are clearly defined.”

Letendre, Tingley to recommend R 50 as an indivisible package MSA

R 50 recommended as amended

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R 48 Letendre, Tingley move to remove R 48 from the Table MSA

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This proposal as written would inadvertently allow two watch splits for records. Boak: approving this would allow a 3 watch manual start to be used for a split time and manual starts give faster times than automatic start times. Kohn: the intent of the proposal is that split times should count if the meet is being run with manual times. Trimble: suggests we could solve this by upping the requirement to three watches Tingley: we can only change letter A in 105.2.2, not change 105.3.6. Therefore, if we make it an F, it will not affect records as stated in 105.3.6. Stevenson: we do not want this to affect records because FINA requires three watches.

Cockrell proposal A: effects only top 10 times, not impact records (12); B: effects both records and top ten is a way that would not require an emergency proposal (3). C: proposals for both (3) Committee is in favor keeping the focus narrow.

Motion to Table R 48 pending a written amended version.

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USA Swimming Proposals that would affect USMS rules:

RW 1I This proposal would require three watches for all lanes when manual timing is being used.

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Discussion: It is difficult for many meets to provide three watches, this could be a burden for many meets. Tingley points out that this only applies when manual watches are the primary timing system. Our rules allow two watches for timing and then using three watches if someone expects to set a record.

Reid and Stevenson not in favor of accepting this USA proposal.

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RW1 F This proposal creates the title of Administrative Official which is a combination of the previous Recorder duties and Administrative Referee duties. The committee is in favor of this proposal.

Many of the other proposed changes by USA are considered to be exceptions in the USMS rules.

The meeting was recessed at 10:42 AM

1 PM Reconvene Rules Committee

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Tingley and Fasbender move to remove R 48 off the Table.

Letendre came back with the suggested wording, to change letter A in 105.2.2 to read:

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A. The time meets the requirements for an official time.

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Kohn, Dillon move to approve R 48 as amended MSA

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Fasbender moves to recess at 1:05 PM

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