

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Kathrine Casey	Vice Chair:	Leianne Crittenden, Matt Hooper
Minutes recorded by:	Kris Wingenroth	Date/time of meeting:	July 26-30, 2012; 4:00 pm PDT

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA to approve the minutes of the previous meeting conducted March 18, 2012.**
2. **MSA to approve to approve a \$500 budget item to provide \$250 in financial support to the Rules Liaison at each national championship meet.**
3. **MSA to set up a Rules Committee Discussion Forum.**

Number of committee members present: 13

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 1

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Kathy Casey (Chair), Leanne Crittenden (Vice Chair), Matt Hooper (Vice Chair), Kris Wingenroth (Secretary), Carolyn Boak, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Marilyn Fink, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Brian Hoyt, Ginny Trimble, Steve Unruh; Mike Heather (Vice President of Administration)

Minutes

The first session of this meeting was called to order by email July 26, 2012, and was reconvened by teleconference July 30, 2012, at 4:03 pm PDT.

1. **Minutes:** It was moved by Barry Fasbender and seconded by Sally Dillon to approve the minutes as written. **MSA to approve the minutes of the previous meeting conducted March 18, 2012.**
2. **Budget:** It was moved by Sally Dillon (07/26/12) and seconded by Marilyn Fink (07/26/12) to approve a \$500 Rules Committee budget item to provide \$250 in financial support to the Rules Liaison who attends officials' briefings each morning and answers rules questions at each national championship meet. **MSA to approve to approve a \$500 budget item to provide \$250 in financial support to the Rules Liaison at each national championship meet.**
3. **Rules Proposals:** The committee will discuss the proposed rule changes via email prior to convention and work on recommendations to the House of Delegates. The chair has worked with other committees who have proposed rule changes. Charlie Cockrell has volunteered to do a power point of the rules proposals for and at convention. Barry Fasbender asked about the interpretation for kicking into the wall on butterfly when using breaststroke kick. Only one breaststroke kick without an arm pull is permitted into the wall (prior to the turn and the finish).
4. **USMS Transsexual Policy, subcommittee:** The subcommittee has been very active doing research, conducting excellent discussion, and doing diligent, detailed work for recommendations to the Rules Committee for their consideration of an updated policy in August. As a member of both the Rules and Sports Medicine committees, Jessica Seaton is chairing the subcommittee. Carolyn Boak and Leianne Crittenden as well as Leo Letendre are serving on the subcommittee along with Mary Pohlmann and Sally Guthrie from the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.
5. **USA Swimming Proposed Rule Changes:** The committee will consider the following USA Swimming proposed rule changes that impact USMS rules and make recommendations to the USMS House of Delegates: USA-S R-2 through R-7 and R-10 as well as the updated illustrations for the deaf and hard of hearing section of the rules. The updated illustrations were prepared by Victoria Grilli and submitted by USMS to USA Swimming through the USA-S Disability Swimming Committee. After USA Swimming completes adoption of proposed rule changes at convention, the USMS Rules Committee will meet Saturday afternoon at convention to finalize its recommendations to the House of Delegates
6. **Potential FINA Proposed Rule Changes from USMS:** Past proposed changes from USMS to FINA have originated with the Rules Committee or International Committee and have been presented to the HOD for approval in committee reports. Approved changes were then submitted to the USMS board of Directors or Executive Committee who then submitted them to United States Aquatic Sports for approval and submission to FINA. This year any proposals from USMS will also be presented to UANA for support. The next FINA Technical Congress is July 2013 in Barcelona and proposed changes are due to FINA in November. Ideas discussed for proposed changes were: add 20-24 age group and consider corresponding relay age groups for FINA Top 10 and World records but not for World Championship meets (18-24 age group proposal was not successful in the past and world meets are already very large).

7. **Discussion Forum:** It was moved by Sally Dillon and seconded by Matt Hooper to set up a discussion forum for the Rules Committee. Questions and concerns about the process were addressed. Sally Dillon volunteered to coordinate registering committee members for a Rules Discussion Forum by sending out the instructions. **MSA to set up a Rules Committee Discussion Forum.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm PDT (moved by Sally Dillon, seconded by Barry Fasbender, MSA)
