

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Rules Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	Teleconference #3
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Charles Cockrell	<b>Vice Chairs:</b>	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Christina Fox	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Sunday 7/1/18 8pm EST

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**Motions Passed:**

1. MSA to table R-1.
2. MSA to recommend R-2 to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend R-3 to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend R-7 to the HOD.
5. MSA to recommend R-9 to the HOD.
6. MSA to recommend R-24 to the HOD.

**Number of committee members present: 14      Absent: 3**

**Number of other guests present: 0**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Claire Letendre, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Karen Harris, Barb Protzman, , Jessica Seaton, Rand Vaillancourt**

**Ex Officio and EC: Bill Brenner, Richard Garza, Jessica Porter**

**Committee Members Absent: Matt Hooper, Bob Seagraves, Jay Thomas, Steve Unruh, Teri White**

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**Minutes**

The teleconference was called to order at 8:02 pm EST.

The following topics were covered during the teleconference:

1. Charles opened the meeting by reviewing the process moving forward. He indicated that there were further meetings with EC and other committee chairs to coordinate and standardize the proposed process for this year. The goal is for all committees to make recommendations on all proposed changes for inclusion in HOD package in August and, if necessary, the committees would be open to a motion to reconsider any proposals at Convention.
2. Charles entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the April 19 conference call. MS (Mollie/Claire). Discussion: Mollie noted that she would lead the preparation of rationale for “not recommended” for the HOD package (2e). Charles suggested that Claire lead providing the rationale as “Recommended as Amended” (2f). MSA (Mollie/Claire) to accept minutes. .
3. Charles noted that he attended USA Swimming Rules and Regulations meeting and has included drafts of proposed changes in the proposal package for initial review.
4. Charles asked for any other general comments before starting review of proposals; Marilyn asked if there were any proposals submitted to Rules by EC or BOD and Charles indicated that Rules had not received any but Legislation has received some. Charles also reminded the committee that if any proposals from the committee have been missed, these can be considered after the Jun 10<sup>th</sup> deadline but need a 2/3 vote of the committee and must be included in the HOD package so now is the time to get anything else in.
5. Proposed Rules Changes for 2018
  - a. R-1 – Glossary: Malfunction and Valid Time
    - i. Charles provided the background that this proposal is to clarify these terms for additional guidance as the term “valid time”, in particular, is used in Part 1 but it is not defined anywhere.
    - ii. Discussion started with the proposed updates for “malfunction”; Kathy noted that “malfunction” was defined/described in 103.17.3C (with 2 criteria) and asked if this update could be perceived to be in conflict with the definition in the Rule Book, which includes human failure (missed or soft touch); Charlie explained that the intent of

the proposed wording was to make this definition inclusive of the criteria in 103.17.3C, as well as other criteria, and that a missed/soft touch could be considered as a “mechanical failure”

- iii. following some further discussion on concerns, Charles suggested an alternative approach could be to delete “malfunction” in the Glossary and make the article controlling if this article covers all situations; there was agreement that with this approach (Kathy, Karen)
  - iv. Marilyn asked if 103.17.3C includes all the conditions defined in the Glossary and, if not, should include both or, if Glossary definition is deleted, include other conditions in 103.167.3C; Charles noted that 103.17.3C only triggers a malfunction investigation based on times and/or report and does not include other situations such as electronic, mechanical or operational failures; Kathy indicated that the proposed Glossary definition includes “operational error” was the problem at recent meets
  - v. Charles asked if sense of the committee was to delete Glossary definition and modify 103.17.3C; committee agreed with Marilyn indicating that she liked it in both places
  - vi. Discussion moved to “valid time” definition and whether to add; Kathy agreed; Clair (?) asked whether need to address situations for records and Charles clarified that this only defines what constitutes an accurate (valid) time which can then be used for determination of an official time for consideration for records; no further discussion.
  - vii. Charles suggested a motion to table R-1 for reconsideration after update with alternative proposal for malfunction definition in 103.17.3C. MS (Rand/Claire) to table R-1. Motion passed.
- b. R-2 – Glossary: Meet Announcement
- i. Charles reviewed the background/rationale for this proposal and suggested that Glossary definition can be added now and then addition of a more detailed check list to Appendix B, as discussed/approved at April meeting, can be covered in the future.
  - ii. No discussion.
  - iii. MS (Mollie/Claire) to recommend R-2 to HOD. Motion passed.
- c. R-3 – Glossary: Meet
- i. Charles reviewed the background for this proposal. It arose from a question from National Office regarding a meet that runs two courses on one weekend and whether the intent is to charge 2 sanction fees or is this considered one meet. It was noted that a unique sanction number is needed for each course for database reporting. There was also an instance of a group wanting to run an event over several non-consecutive days within a 10 day period which would have to be called one meet to avoid 2 sanction fees. After review of Part 1 and Part 2, it did not appear to be the intent to charge 2 sanction fees in these cases and this was the interpretation at the time but Glossary definition would need to be updated to remove “single” sanction to cover this.
  - ii. There was discussion on intent and what constitutes/triggers 2 sanctions. Marilyn noted that if the intent is to not preclude running 2 separate meets at 2 different locations within 10 days (current practice), then the intent versus what is written needs to be clarified. Charles asked for the sense of the committee on whether running 2 courses over different days on the same weekend should be consider one or two sanctions. Rand suggested including locale as a pool with a movable bulkhead can have 2 course but if 2 separate pools should be 2 sanctions.
  - iii. Charles asked for clarification on what triggers getting 2 separate sanction numbers from Richard. Richard indicated that sanction requirements is for insurance/liability reasons and thought that location would be key (i.e. one 1 meet, 1 pool 2 different weekends as 1 sanction whereas he sees 1 meet, 2 pools, 2 weekends in same sport as 2 sanctions) but suggested follow up with legal counsel.
  - iv. There was a discussion on meters versus yards meet. Carolyn noted the problem with someone changing age groups between weekends and considers this unfair but this is a different issue that the number of sanction fees to charge. Charles reviewed the proposal U2 from USA Swimming and noted that this is pertinent to this issue and will be discussed in the future.
  - v. Charles asked for options on how to proceed to update the definition to meet the intent and current practice. One option would be to do nothing. Judy and Kathy suggested a simple update based on locale/venue.
  - vi. MS (Rand/Claire) to amend R-3 with addition of “at the same venue”. Motion passed. No discussion.
  - vii. MS (Mollie/Claire) to recommend (amended) R-3 to the HOD. Motion passed.

- d. R-7 – 102.12.1: Swimwear/tape
  - i. Charles reviewed background. This proposal is to codify the current interpretation of the rule as implementation of the rule in competition has been inconsistent.
  - ii. Discussion: Karen noted that the addition of wording after “.....referee” is confusing and suggested clarification. Claire noted that the term “any” is open and wording is not clear. Rand asked if this precludes taping of fingers and Charles clarified that it does not as the interpretation allows for taping not more than 2 fingers but this is not therapeutic tape. Marilyn, Kathy and Charles suggested amendment to clarify – move “Therapeutic tape is prohibited” and remove “other” from final sentence. MS (Rand/Claire) to amend R-7. Motion passed.
  - iii. Discussion on amendment: Claire asked if “on the body” is needed. Rand indicated yes as could be on suit. No additional discussion
  - iv. MS (Mollie/Claire) to recommend (amended) R-7 to the HOD. Motion passed.
  
- e. R-9 - 103.10.5: Relay Takeoff Judges
  - i. Charles reviewed this proposal and noted that this is to provide more clarity for officials and codify current practice.
  - ii. Discussion: Judy and Kathy approve of proposed changes. Mollie asked if it was decided that relay take off (RTO) equipment could be used to overturn a decision and, if so was concerned that current proposal would not allow for this. Charles confirmed that RTO equipment could be used to overturn and entertained a motion to amend.
  - iii. MS (Carolyn/Claire) to amend to add “or overrule” after “...confirm.....”. Motion passed. No discussion on amendment.
  - iv. MS (Mollie/Claire) to recommend (amended) R-9 to the HOD. Motion passed.
  
- f. R-24 – 105.2.2: Top 10 Times/splits
  - i. Charles reviewed proposal to add reference from article 105 in article 103 for clarity. No discussion
  - ii. MS (Mollie/Claire) to recommend R-24 to HOD. Motion passed.
  
- 6. Meeting Schedule
  - a. Charles reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule: Sun, July 8, Tues, July 10, and Thurs, July 12 (but noted that this may need to be re-scheduled)
  - b. Charles asked the committee to review transgender policy [Transgender policy](#) (for discussion of R-5 and R-6), timing rules historical document [Timing rules history](#) (for discussion of R-10, R-11) and media event policy [media event policy](#) (for R-8).

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:29 pm EST.

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