

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2018

Committee Name:	Rules	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
Minutes recorded by:	Christina Fox	Date/time of meeting:	9/27/2018; 11:30 am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to authorize the chair to interpret Part 1 rules in between meetings of the Rules committee
2. MSA to reconsider U-6
3. MSA to table U-6
4. MSA to recommend U-7 to the HOD

Number of committee members present: 15	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 37
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Christina Fox, Laura Groselle, Judy Gillies, Karen Harris, Matt Hooper, Barb Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Steve Unruh, Rand Vaillancourt, Pete Guadagni (ex-officio), Teri White (ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Claire Letendre, Bob Seagraves

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am

1. Charles asked for introductions from the committee.
2. Charles reviewed the process for convention meetings. He noted that all proposals had been considered by the committee prior to convention and the committee decision is provided in the packet. If the committee feels that other action is needed, then a motion to reconsider would be required by a committee member who voted in the majority.
3. Charles introduced the following proposals to be covered in this meeting:
 - a. R-4 (Relay age groups)
 - i. This proposal changes the method for determining SCY relay age groups. Kathy noted that the proposed change had been tried for a trial period and the current system was a compromise.
 - ii. Dave Robinson (PV) asked if there was any data available from the trial period. Meg Smath noted that this was tried and changed back after minimum time (2 years). Rand asked if this change would be proposed periodically based on changing demographics. Barbara Dunbar (SI) noted that there were considerations for the impact on records.
 - iii. Dave Robinson (PV) noted that there is a way to handle records and that a statistical analysis of the data is planned by PV.
 - iv. Charles asked the committee if any other action/motion was required. No further committee action required.
 - b. R-6 (Competition category and gender)
 - i. This proposal covers the eligibility of transgender athletes and gender category for official recognition.
 - ii. Charles asked for any additional information from the committee – none. Sarah Welch (PNA) noted that she would like to work with Rules committee to integrate the Diversity task force findings. There was discussion on the Transgender policy on the website. Jessica noted that this was the current policy and suggested that a link also be added to the registration page.
 - iii. No further committee action required.
 - c. R-8 (Use of camera, video equipment and drones)

