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TO: BOARD OF GOVERNORS, UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING
RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MASTERS SWIMMING CODE AND
MASTERS SWIMMING RULES

Attached are 22 of 36 amendment proposals received by June 30, 1981 which the Rules Committee voted to present to the Board of Governors. I have submitted rules 1-2-3-4-5-6. Many hours have been spent scrutinizing the Swimming Rule Book trying to come up with some wording that will help Masters Swimming with regards to Registrations, Sanctions, etc.. Someday we might have to write our own book, but I hate to copy all of the Competitive Stroke Rules and the section on Officials and Running Meets at this time. Please check these items over carefully; all suggestions will be welcome.

At the present time we do not have any rules as to how to propose amendments to our Code (included in number 2) and so I have included them here. I have initiated a Legislation Committee that would handle them in the future.

Sincerely,

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Masters Swimming Rules Chairman

IV ATHLETES AND ATHLETIC EVENTS - Refer to Appendix D, page 152 for LMSC Territories & Reg. #.

(A) Membership of Athletes--All swimmers competing in events sanctioned by Masters swimming must be registered.

- (1) Athlete registration is for a calendar year period. Swimmers applying for registration on or after Nov. 1 will be issued a registration card valid through December 31 of the following year.
- (2) Athlete registration forms may be obtained from the registration chairman of the LMSC. The form, fully completed, shall be submitted with the applicable fee to the registration chairman of the LMSC, who shall issue a registration card.
- (3) The annual registration fee is composed of the following elements:
 - (a) A national sport fee established by the Board of Directors or the Board of Governors.
 - (b) A local ~~administrative~~ fee established or approved by the LMSC.
 - (c) A local ~~sport~~ fee established by the LMSC.
 - (e) Athlete accident insurance fee.
 - (f) Liability coverage per athlete fee.
 - (g) ~~Fee for computerizing the registration list.~~

(B) Sanctions-- All Masters swimming competition must be sanctioned by the LMSC within whose territorial limits the event is held.

(1) Requirements:

- (a) No sanction of any event will be granted with the word "Olympic", or any derivative thereof, is used in any manner in connection with said event unless consent is obtained from USS.
- (b) All sanctions must be signed by the LMSC's registration chairman or his designee, and a record thereof must be retained in a book kept for such purpose.
- (c) The following clause will appear on all sanction application forms and on all forms upon which official sanctions are granted: "In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USMS shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event".
- (d) Application for sanctions must be accompanied by a copy of the entry blank and applicable fee.
- (e) The sanction fee shall be as established by the LMSC.
- (f) No further sanction will be given to any organization which has failed to give awards as stated on the entry blank.

(C) Conditions--All sanctioned events are subject to the following conditions:

- (1) No swimmers' entry will be accepted unless he is registered.
- (2) The registration number of each swimmer must accompany the entry blank and his affiliation must be displayed after his name on the heat sheet or in the program.
- (3) Entry blanks and programs must bear the statement: "Held under the sanction of United States Masters Swimming, Inc.", and ~~include the address of the~~ LMSC.

(D) Competition Outside the United States

- (1) Any competitor touring in a foreign country ~~shall~~ ^{MAY also} obtain from the national Masters Swimming registration chairman or his designee, a written authoritative permission ~~(travel permit)~~ to compete in such country. ~~REG. CARD~~ ^{shall serve as a valid travel}

(E) Representation

- (1) In order for a swimmer to compete as a representative of a club or other organization, that organization must be a member in good standing of the LMSC and the United States Masters Swimming, Inc..

- (2) A swimmer need not reside in the LMSC territory in which the club he represents is located.
- (3) To transfer representation from one club/organization to another, a swimmer must serve one hundred and twenty ⁶⁰ ~~(120)~~ consecutive days without having represented any club/organization in competition, regardless of his residency, ~~with the following exception:~~
- (a) ~~Any swimmer being transferred because of business may represent immediately.~~ 16-12
- (4) When transferring from one LMSC to another, a swimmer shall present a transfer from his previous LMSC indicating his last date of competition.
- (5) An unattached competitor is a registered swimmer who represents no club or other organization.
- (6) All applications for changes of registration (including transfers) must be accompanied by a reasonable fee to be determined by the local registration committee in the LMSC in which the swimmer will be registered after the change of registration.

MS-2 Page 133 - (K) Amendments - delete (2) and add the following:

- (2) An amendment may be proposed only by a local Masters Swimming Committee, a duly constituted committee or the Board of Directors. All proposed amendments to Rules for Masters Swimming (Part IV) shall be considered by the Rules Committee for report and recommendation to the Board of Governors, and all other proposed amendments to the Code shall be considered by the Legislation Committee for report and recommendation to the Board of Governors, in such form as to show the entire section as it will read if adopted, with any changes in language underlined if new and lined out if deleted.
- (3) All proposed amendments to the Code other than Part IV (Rules for Masters swimming) shall be submitted to the chairman of the Legislation Committee not less than 75 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.
- (4) All proposed amendments to Part IV shall be submitted to the Rules Chairman not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.
- (5) A proposed amendment may be modified in any manner by the Board of Governors while under consideration, but such modification must be germane to the subject matter of the proposed amendment.
- (6) All proposed amendments to the United States Masters Swimming Code of Regulations and Rules for Masters Swimming shall be published and mailed to all members of the Board of Governors not less than one month prior to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.
- (7) A majority of the members of the Board of Governors present at a legal meeting can alter, amend, or repeal the technical rules for Masters Swimming in Section IV.
- (8) All amendments approved as prescribed shall become effective on January 1 of the year following their adoption unless otherwise specified at time of adoption.

MS-3 Page 138 - (I) Records - Delete and substitute the following:

(I) Swimming Records

(1) Classification U S

- (a) American Masters Swimming Record - The fastest time by an American swimmer in each event in USMS sanctioned competition.

definition

- (b) U.S. Open Masters Swimming Record - The fastest time by any swimmer in each event in USMS sanctioned competition.
- (c) World Masters Swimming Record - The fastest time by any swimmer in each event in Masters Swimming competition in 50 meter pools.
- (2) Recognized distances and strokes as listed in Section IV (G).
- (3) Requirements
 - (a) Records must be made in accordance with all pertinent rules of Masters Swimming.
 - (b) A record can only be made in still water.
 - (c) Records established by a swimmer in the first leg of a relay race shall be acceptable as individual performances provided that all applicable rules have been complied with.
 - (d) Records set outside of the United States shall be applied for on official record application forms and are subject to all pertinent requirements.
 - (e) Records must be achieved in the relevant stroke-event i.e., a backstroke record must be set in a backstroke event, etc. Records set in freestyle events can be submitted only as freestyle records regardless of the stroke or strokes used.
 - ~~(f) Split times recorded by completely automatic officiating equipment shall be official for all purposes provided the swimmer completes the full scheduled distance of the event.~~
 - (g) Record times registered by automatic equipment shall be submitted in hundredths of a second (two decimal places). If times are tied to 100ths seconds, the results shall be declared a tie and records shared by each swimmer thus tied.
 - (h) When a record is claimed an official record application form shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials, and transmitted immediately following performance, with all supporting data, including official meet results, the primary printout tape and/or copy of the entry card with the timers signatures to the national Records Chairman. Responsibility for this lies with either the records chairman, the recorder of records or the official scorer of the meet.

MS-4 Page 135 - (F) Times (2) - add the following sentence:

Exception: If the National Long Course Championship ends before August 31, times to be considered for records and Top Ten listing for Long Course will be extended to and include the date of August 31.

MS-5 CHANGE ALL WORDING THROUGHOUT THE CODE OF REGULATIONS AND RULES FOR MASTERS SWIMMING TO USE THE TERMINOLOGY UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC. AND ELIMINATE THE WORDING OF LETTERS AAU.

MS-6 Page 127 - Add the following before starting with the Code:

DEFINITIONS:

Association--means a group of athletic clubs in a certain geographic area which has been recognized as an affiliated subsidiary member of USMS. (Appendix D page 152)

Club--means any organization or group of permanent character that actively promotes and/or participates in sports or games.

District--means the geographic territory of an Association.

Zone--means a geographical section and includes all Associations within that area. There are four zones. (page 67 of the 1981 Swimming Rules)

Regions--the 60 LMSC's are divided into 15 regions.(page 66 of the 1981 Swimming Rules)

LSC--means Local Swimming Committee: a division of United States Swimming, Inc. with supervisory responsibilities within the geographic territory of an Association.

LMSC--means Local Masters Swimming Committee: a division of United States Masters Swimming, Inc., with supervisory responsibilities within the geographic territory of an Association.

USMS--United States Masters Swimming, Inc., the entire national organization.

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Registration--refers to the registration of an individual member of the corporation deemed eligible for competition in Masters Swimming (25 years of age and older).

Sanction--is the written approval of a LMSC to authorize registered Masters Swimmers to participate in a specific competition, *swimathon, clinics, exhibition or supervised practice*

International Competition--means competition in which all competitors and/or teams represent their countries, not clubs or other organizations. (not permitted in Masters Swimming)

World Records

MS-7 Page 128 - Section III (B) (1) (c) - Delete and reletter remaining.

MS-8 Page 130 - Section III (E) (1) (d) - Delete Tabulation Men and Tabulation Women and add Tabulation and Legislation.

(f) An Ex-Officio member from U.S. Swimming

MS-9 Page 131 - Section III (E) (8) - Delete and substitute: *including the immediate*

(8) Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote with the *Past Pres.* exception of the Past Presidents who shall have, collectively, one vote. Ex-Officio members shall have voice but not vote.

MS-10 Page 131 Section III (F) (5) - Delete the first sentence and substitute:

(5) The Tabulation committee shall consist of the chairman, appointed by the President for a two-year term, and as many members as to carry out the duties of the committee appointed by the chairmen.

MS-11 Page 132 - Section III (f) - Add a new (9) and renumber remaining

- (9) The Legislation Committee shall consist of the chairmen, appointed by the president for a two-year term. The chairman shall choose from the Board of Governors 10 members with at least 2 members from each Zone. The Legislation Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to all parts of the Code except those relating to Section IV, Masters Swimming Rules, and shall present them to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors with recommendations.

MS-12 Page 135 - (H) National Championship Meets - add:

- (H) National Championship Meets (Recommended for Regional Championships when possible)

MS-13 Page 134 - Section IV (E) - Add a new section (10)

- It is recommended that*
(10) Whenever swimmers are seeded by time and not by age-groups, the fastest two swimmers in each age group shall not be seeded into outside lanes. They shall be moved in one lane, or given the center lane in the next fastest heat, whichever is the most appropriate placement.

MS-14 Page 138 - Section IV - add a new section (L)

- reword*
(L) Medical Equipment - It is recommended that appropriate EMT be in attendance with appropriate equipment for sustaining life in case of coronary or similar circumstances at all meets. *investigate*

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(5) MS-15 Page 136 (6) - change

- at the meet direction*
(6) Competitors may be swum two (2) in a lane in the 1650 and the 1500 meter freestyle when only one course (7,8,9 or 10 lanes) is available for the event... *Stated on entry blank*

MS-16 Page 134 - Paragraph IV (D) Entry Fees - Delete the current rule add:

- (D) Entry fees for local Masters events shall be set by the Local Masters Swimming Committee. Entry Fees for Regional Championships cannot exceed fees specified for National Championships in Section H (7).

MS-17 - Proposal # 1:

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See Jan to transcribe
At National Championship meets, transpose the order of events for the 500 yd/400 mtr freestyle and the 200 yd/mtr medley relay, so that the relay event would be contested prior to the freestyle event.

MS-18 - III (E) (1) (d) - Additions to section to read:

- (d) The Chairperson of the...., Tabulation Women, Championship, Planning and International Masters Swimming

MS-19 - III (F) (9) - Renumber (11), see 3 and 4 below

MS-20 - III (F) (new 9)

- (9) The Planning Committee shall consist of the chairperson, appointed by the President for a two year term, one member from each of the zones, and the other members as may be appropriate. The committee will prepare and revise as appropriate a long range plan including short and long range objectives dealing with the vitality and quality of the organization, meets promotion, sponsorship and other concerns of interest to Masters swimming.

Such a plan would include guidelines and/or criteria that would be used in improving the administrative organization; organizing and conducting National and Regional meets; soliciting, administering, and evaluating the sources and uses of extramural support; and other appropriate matters.

RATIONALE: The growth of Masters swimming requires development of a plan with short and long range objectives. These objectives will contribute to the vitality and quality of the organization and meets, promotion, sponsorship and other concerns.

MS-21 - III (F) (new 10)

- glossary?*
- (10) The International Swimming Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, appointed by the President for a two year term, and other members as may be appropriate. The committee will encourage, promote and coordinate Masters swimming on an international basis.

RATIONALE: Interest in Masters swimming is growing rapidly in the U.S. and the world.

Much could be done to foster future growth and development of Masters swimming world-wide through communications, coordination, and other appropriate activities.

Masters swimming on an international scale has the potential for contributing significantly to improve understanding between people and nations of the world.

MS-22 - IV (F) (4) - Modify to read:

- P135*
- (4) To be considered for Top Ten (National) ... of each swimmer. For all individual events eligibility is based on current U.S. citizenship as noted on the entry card and the results must include the full name and age of each swimmer. *application for Reg?*