

Report of the USMS Rules Committee

The following proposed rule amendments were approved by the rules committee: (Passage requires a simple majority of the House.)

R MSR 2 p 158 - add

V.B (1) Individual Events - 19-24 ~~(not to be swum at National Championships)~~, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, and 90 and older.

A MSR 3b p 158

add 320+ age group to relay age groups.

A MSR 4 p 158 - add

V.E(1) ... 101.3.1, ... 102.14.2A.

MSR 7 p 159 delete and substitute

A V.E(13) (a) Forward start: on receiving clearance from the referee (for all events except backstroke and medley relay) the starter shall direct the swimmers to step on the starting block or platform and assume a position with at least one foot at the front of the block before the command "take your mark".

MSR 14 p 161

P V.F(3)(f) Records established ~~by a swimmer in the first leg of a relay race or~~ by a swimmer's split time in an individual event shall be acceptable as an individual performance for all official purposes if recorded by fully automatic officiating equipment and provided such splits are brought to the attention, in writing, of the LMSC Records Chairman. Relay leadoff split times will not be considered for records or top ten times.

D MSR 17 p 163 add

(xi)... A written evaluation ^{SHALL} ~~should~~ be submitted to the meet host.

A MSR 20 p 165

V.H(5)(h) The deadline for receipt of entries from National Championship Meets shall not be more than ~~30~~ 35 days prior to the first day of competition.

A MSR 22 p 165

V.H(5)(k) ... Participants therein must have entered the meet ~~30~~ 35 days in advance. Relays ...

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MSR 23 p 165 add

V.H(5)(k) Official USMS relay cards must be used.

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MSR 27 p 166 add a Schedule 2 order of events for National Championships V.H(5)(o) ... If this option is chosen, the resulting second day program shall be interchanged with the resulting third day program. There shall be two basic schedules for National Championship Meets, as follows:

Schedule 1 (present text from p 166-167)

Schedule 2

Short Course

100 Yd IM
200 Yd Fly
50 Yd Free
200 Yd Back
50 Yd Breast
200 Yd Free Relay
500 Yd Free

1st Day

Long Course

200 M Fly
50 M Free
200 M Back
50 M Breast
200 M Free Relay
400 M Free

2nd Day

100 Yd Breast
200 Yd Free
50 Yd Back
200 Yd IM *100 FLY*
200 Yd Medley Relay
200 Yd Mixed Free Relay

100 M Breast
200 M Free
50 M Back
200 M IM
200 M Medley Relay
200 M Mixed Free Relay

3rd Day

100 Yd Free
400 Yd IM
50 Yd Fly
200 Yd Breast
100 Yd Back
200 Yd Mixed Medley Relay

100 M Free
400 M IM
50 M Fly
200 M Breast
100 M Back
200 M Mixed Medley Relay

4th Day

1000 Yd Free
1650 Yd Free

800 M Free
1500 M Free

The Meet Organizing Committee, with approval of the USMS National Championship Meet Committee, shall have the option of choosing from the four formats.

MSR 29 p 167

3rd Day

200 Yd Free
50 Yd Breast
100 Yd Back
50 Yd Fly
~~400 Yd IM~~
200 Yd Mixed Free Relay
400 Yd IM

200 M Free
50 M Breast
100 M Back
50 M Fly
~~400 M IM~~
200 M Mixed Free Relay
400 M IM

A MSR 33 p 168 add

V.H(5)(t) ... A copy of Current USMS registration card must accompany entry.

A MSR 34

V. delete entire section and substitute from the NEW proposed Rule Book the Glossary, Part One and Part Two (with the exception of Articles 201, 202, and 203).

^P MSR 35 p 158

V.B (1) Individual Events - 19-24 (not to be swum at National Championships), 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, and ~~90~~ 95 and older.

A MSR 36 p 158

V.B(2) Relay Events

(a) Short Course (25 yard) - 19+ ... 65+, ~~and~~ 75+ and 85+.

A MSR 38 p 161 - Delete

V.F(3)(ii) Open USMS Record - The fastest time by any swimmer in each event in USMS sanctioned competition.

A MSR 39 p 161

V.F(3)(i) ~~American~~ USMS National Records

The following proposed rule amendments were approved as amended: (Passage requires a simple majority of the House.)

MSR 7b p 159 delete and substitute

V.E(13) (b) Backstroke Start:

- (i) The swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands placed on the gutter or the starting grips.
- (ii) The feet may be placed in any position on the end of the pool, and the swimmer may assume any desired starting position which does not remove either foot completely from the water, nor either hand from the starting grips or the pool edge. Standing in or on the gutter is not permitted at any time either before or after the start. A backstroke starting block may not be used.

MSR 8 p 160 add

V.E(15) The minimum number of officials at USMS sanctioned or approved meets shall include the following, ^{should} one of whom must be a USS, YMCA or NCAA certified referee, starter, or stroke and turn judge effective January 1, 1990.

MSR 19 p 164 add

V.H(5)(c) ... prior to the first day of the meet. The meet information booklet shall include each twentieth place time (or last place time and number of swimmers, if fewer than twenty swimmers placed in the event) from the previous year's National Championships, for all events over 200 meters.

MSR 21 p 165

V.H(5)(j) Swimmers affiliation as stated on the entry form, if valid as of the first day of the meet, will apply throughout the meet, except that swimmers may unattach at any time.

The following proposed rule amendments were rejected by the committee: (Passage requires a two-thirds majority.)

MSR 1 p 158 - add

V. RULES FOR MASTER SWIMMING - Effective January 1, 1989, USMS shall conform to Articles 101 and 102 of USS Technical Rules to Govern all Masters competitions, except as noted in V.E (1) pp 158-160.

MSR 3a p 158 delete (a) and (b) and substitute

V.B(2) Relay Events - 76+, (not to be swum at National Championships), 100+, 120+, 160+, 200+, 240+, 280+. The aggregate age of the four relay team members shall determine the age group.

MSR 5 p 158 - add

V.E(1) ... 102.7.1, 102.7.2, 102.7.3 ...

*Substitute under VE 1 ...
102.7 for (104.2)
Rsc. MAST.COMP*

MSR 6 p 159 - delete

V.E(17) THE SHORL COURSE STAY SHALL BE USED FOR ALL EVENTS

MSR 9 p 160 add

V.E(15) The minimum number of officials at USMS sanctioned or approved meets shall include the following. The minimum number of officials will be three (3).

MSR 10 p 160 add
V.E.(15) The minimum number of officials at USMS sanctioned or approved meets shall include the following. The minimum number of officials will be three (3), at least one of whom must be a USS certified referee, starter, or stroke and turn judge.

MSR 11 p 160 add
V.E.(16) In long course National Championships in which heats are started from both ends of the pool, no heat may be started while any swimmer from a preceding heat is still swimming.

MSR 12 p 160 add and reletter
V.F(1) (b) Times to be considered for Records and Top Ten listing achieved at an altitude of 3000 feet or above may be adjusted according to the following chart:

Event Distance	300-4200 Feet	4251-6500 Feet	Above 6500 Feet
200		0.50 Sec.	1.20 Sec.
1.60 Sec.			
400 or 500	2.50 Sec.	5.00 Sec.	7.00 Sec.
800 or 1000	5.00 Sec.	10.00 Sec.	15.00 Sec.
1500 or 1650	11.00 Sec.	23.00 Sec.	32.50 Sec.

Subtract the time indicated above from the actual time achieved at altitude. Information relative to the adjustment must be reported including the full name and age of the swimmer, event, date of performance, elevation, location, actual time, corrected time and signature of LMSC Records Chairman. Source of adjustment: USS 206.8.3

MSR 13 p 161
V.F(3)(e) Records shall require 3 watches, manual /electronic timing or fully automatic timing officiating equipment.
(1) When a record is claimed, an official record application form shall be signed by the designated officials, and transmitted immediately following the performance, with all supporting data, including official meet results, and the primary printout tape and/or copy of the entry card with the timers' signatures to the Records and Tabulation Chairman....

MSR 15 p 162 add
(c) Men's and women's short course (25 meters) swimming championships, which shall be held between October 1 and December 31 or January 1 and March 31.

MSR 16 p 162
V.H(2) The official name shall be (insert year) United States Masters Swimming National (insert short course yards, Short Course Meters or Long Course) ~~course~~ Championships.

MSR 18 p 163 add
V.H(4) Beginning in the year 1991, replace the blank line with SCM where occurring, and change SC to SCY.

MSR 24 p 165 delete and substitute
V.H(5)(k) All relays must be pre-entered by the meet deadline which shall be not more than 30 days prior to the first day of competition.

MSR 25 p 166 delete and substitute
V.H(5)(1)(vii) All relays will be deck seeded.

MSR 26 p 166 add

V.H(o) Change heading by adding Yards to Short Course and adding:

(o) Short Course Meters

<u>1st Day</u>	<u>2nd Day</u>	<u>3rd Day</u>	<u>4th Day</u>
<u>200 M Back</u>	<u>200 M Breast</u>	<u>200 M Free</u>	<u>800/1500 M Free</u>
<u>100 M Breast</u>	<u>100 M Fly</u>	<u>50 M Breast</u>	
<u>50 M Free</u>	<u>50 M Back</u>	<u>100 M Back</u>	
<u>200 M Fly</u>	<u>100 M Free</u>	<u>50 M Fly</u>	
<u>100 M IM</u>	<u>200 M IM</u>	<u>400 M IM</u>	
<u>200 M Med Relay</u>	<u>200 M Free Relay</u>	<u>200 M Mixed Free Relay</u>	
	<u>200 M Mixed Med Relay</u>		

MSR 28 p 167 delete

V.H(5)(o) ~~Swimmers may enter only one of the two longest freestyle events at the meet.~~

MSR 30 p 167 new and reletter

V.H(5)(p) With approval of and with a format approved by the Championship Meet Committee, the host organization may conduct a five-day National Championship.

MSR 31 p 167

V.H(5)(r) ~~Team scoring will be tabulated in three categories, those with 22 or fewer will fall into Division II for that category.~~ Meet results in the appropriate form ~~and team scores~~ will be published within thirty days of the last day of the meet ... and Tabulation Chairman.

MSR 32 p 168 add

V.H(5)(t) ...Each entrant must either submit a photostat of his or her valid USMS registration card (or foreign travel permit) with his or her entry, or show the card (or permit) in person at the meet registration.

MSR 34 p 168

V.I(2) MSI Records - Details of U.S.M.S. long course and short course meters National Meet results shall be supplied to MSI.

MSR 40 p 166

V.H(5)(vi) The 1000/1650 yards or 800/1500 meters freestyle shall be deck seeded by time only as in (ii) above. On occasions when only one pool is used for both men's and women's events, heats shall be apportioned and alternated by sex. Willing and able in freestyle events over 200 meters, competitors may shall swim 2 to a lane when only one course (7,8,9 or 10 lanes) is available for the events. Heats with 2 or a lane or be completed before the heats with a single competitor per lane.

P MSR 41 p 165

V.H(5)(i) Competitors may enter and swim in a maximum of 65 individual events in a four-day National Meet, with a maximum of 3 individual events per day.

if deemed necessary by U.S.M.S. Championship Committee