

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING
9/26/97 2:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Leo Letendre as requested by Tom Boak who could not be present.

Discussion was held over what would constitute an emergency in regard to rule changes.

R-1 - It was moved and seconded that R-1 be deemed an emergency rule change.
Motion Approved

It was moved and seconded to amend R-1 to read:

101.5.1 Start – The forward start or the short course yard backstroke start shall be used.
Motion Approved

The committee also approved the addition to Appendix B which describes the differences between USMS and USS rules. Add to the end of the section on Forward Start:
The forward start or the short course yard backstroke start shall be used for freestyle events.

R-3 - It was moved and seconded that R-3 be considered an emergency rule change.
Motion Defeated.

R-4, R5A, and R5B were withdrawn by Minnesota.

Championship Committee proposed a rule change (R-2) regarding relays.
This was not deemed an emergency rule change after determining that this would not be an issue at either of the upcoming National Championships held before next September.

The document "Instructions for Submission of Proposed Amendments" was discussed.
It was moved and seconded that this document be accepted and made available to the LMSCs through the LMSC handbook and in the mailing to the LMSCs which annually informs them of the submission deadline.
Motion Approved.

Proposed USS rule changes were discussed. One of the changes proposed by USS would reword the policies on smoking. It was noted that the USS and the USMS wording are different and that USMS had not adopted alternative wording. It was moved and seconded that the committee submit the USS wording as housekeeping.
Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Wingenroth.

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The committee reports out favorably the following emergency proposal as amended:

R1(17) PMS 101.5 **FREESTYLE**

.1 **Start** - The forward start or the short course yard backstroke shall be used. *start*

Rationale: Clarifies that a "backstroke-style" start may be used when a swimmer is swimming backstroke in a freestyle event.

The committee did not consider the following proposal as amended an emergency:

R3(40) **Champ 104.5.3 Event Limit**

B. **Relays** - Competitors shall be allowed to swim in only one freestyle relay, one medley relay, one mixed freestyle relay, and one mixed medley relay of each distance. ~~per meet.~~

R4, R4A and R4B were withdrawn by the submitter.

The committee submits the following as housekeeping replacing the current wording:

R5(26) **Rules 102.17 SMOKING** - Smoking and use of other tobacco products is prohibited on the pool deck, in locker rooms, in spectator seating or standing areas, and in all areas used by swimmers, during the meet or during the warmup periods in connection with the meet.

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AMENDMENTS TO PART FOUR

(Changes noted in bold face/italics)

NOTE: These amendments have been approved by the Legislation Committee.

403.1 REPORTING -- Any individual or his/her estate (hereinafter, "grievant") who alleges that a violation of his/her rights (including, but not limited to, those rights enumerated in Article 401 or any of the matters enumerated in Article 402) has occurred, or is about to occur, as a result of actions taken by any person or organization affiliated with USMS, shall notify the chairman of the LMSC in which the violation occurred. The LMSC shall use whatever means deemed appropriate to resolve the matter. If all attempts to resolve the problem by the LMSC have failed, the grievant may then file a written report of the alleged violation with the executive secretary. Any such report shall include the following:

Add new section and renumber:

404.1 APPEALS BOARD -- The president shall appoint three members of the Board of Directors to constitute an appeals board to carry out the appellate duties set forth in article 404.

404.2 FINAL APPEAL -- An appeal may be made if the grievant or the respondent disputes the judgment of the investigative committee/officer. Any judgment made in accordance with Articles 402 or 403 may be appealed only to the appeals board.

404.3 DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL -- An appeal to the appeals board shall be timely filed when mailed to the executive secretary within 30 calendar days of the date on which the written decision was sent, and shall be accompanied by a \$50 filing fee, payable to USMS.

404.4 APPELLATE PROCESS -- The appeals board shall consider the appeal. The appeals board shall consider only the evidence presented to the investigative officer/committee that issued the written decision. The appeals board may modify, reverse, or remand the decision of the investigative committee/officer.

404.5 WRITTEN DECISION -- The USMS secretary shall send to the grievant and the respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, the written decision of the appeals board, including findings of fact and conclusions on which it has relied, within 10 calendar days of the conclusion of its deliberations.

1 Note: Items require a 50%+ 1 affirmative vote for passage unless otherwise stated. The following Items were timely
2 unless noted. Effective Date: Date shown follows mandate of Rule Book unless otherwise indicated.
3 Key: L = Legislation Committee jurisdiction; R = Rules Committee jurisdiction;
4 RL = Joint jurisdiction; HK = Rules and/or Legislation Committee housekeeping item.
5 Code: Note from Legislation Committee; ~~Deleted language~~; New language; No change from present language;
6 Duplicates Rule Book style only.
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8 The following will apply to USMS (see p. 15, 2nd paragraph of
9 rule book).
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11 **HK-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled**

12 Location: PAGE 13 ARTICLE 101.1.3 CONSIDERED HOUSEKEEPING

13 Proposed by: Rules Committee

14 Purpose: To conform to FINA Rule SW 7.4.

15 Recommendation: The Rules Committee recommends adoption to achieve the stated purpose.
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21 **101.1 BREASTSTROKE**

22 .1 (no change)

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24 .3 Kick - All vertical and lateral movements of the legs shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal
25 plane. The feet (no further change in section)
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30 **HK-3 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled**

31 Location: PAGE 36 ARTICLE 102.26 CONSIDERED HOUSEKEEPING

32 Proposed by: Rules Committee

33 Purpose: To more accurately title the section.

34 Recommendation: The Rules Committee recommends adoption to achieve the stated purpose.
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39 **102.26 SMOKING TOBACCO (no further change in section)**
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Location: PAGE 15 ARTICLE 101.3.3
Proposed by: Arvydas Barzdukas
Purpose: To resolve perceived conflict regarding initiation of the backstroke turn.
Recommendation: *The Rules Committee recommends adoption to clarify the rule.*

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101.3 BACKSTROKE

.3 Turns -- Upon completion of each length, some part of the swimmer must touch the wall. During the turn the shoulders may be turned past the vertical toward the breast after which a continuous single arm pull or a continuous simultaneous double arm pull may be used to initiate execute the turn. Once the body (no change to end)

RESOLUTION (Adopted) Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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Location: PAGE 34 ARTICLE 102.18
Proposed by: Rules Committee
Purpose: To delete a procedure no longer generally used.
Recommendation: *The Rules Committee recommends adoption in keeping with the stated purpose.*

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ARTICLE 102.18 CLERK OF COURSE -

.1 (no change)
.2 (no change)
.3 ~~All scratches which have occurred after the printing of the heat sheet shall be reported to the clerk of course. The clerk of course shall notify the Referee and scoring desk in writing of the failure of any swimmer to report.~~