

Committee Name:	Rules	Session #:	3
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Kathy Casey
Minutes recorded by:	Mollie Grover	Date/time of meeting:	Friday 9/22/2016 10:45 am

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to accept 9/18/2016 teleconference minutes.
2. MSA to accept minutes from Rules meeting #1 on 9/22/2016.
3. MSA to refer the transgender policy as revised by the task force, back to the BOD for acceptance.

Number of committee members present: 13

Absent: 4

Number of other delegates present: 22

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Kathy Casey, Mollie Grover, Barry Fasbender, Steve Unruh, Jessica Seaton, Barb Protzman, Laura Groselle, Brian Hoyt, Matt Hooper, Carolyn Boak, Lucy Johnson, Rand Vaillancourt

Ex Officio: Meg Smath, Brian Albright

EC: Ed Tsuzuki

Committee Members Absent: Marilyn Fink, Ginny Trimble, Karen Harris, Claire Letendre

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:43 am.

1. Meeting minutes from the 9/18/2016 teleconference were approved (Kathy/Barry).
2. Meeting minutes from Rules meeting #1 on 9/22/2016 were approved (Kathy/Rand).
3. Charles went over the transgender policy update and what actions are required by the committee. He then turned the floor over to Jessica for the details of the changes. Jessica mentioned that Sports Medicine revised the version of the policy that is currently posted on the convention webpage. All points of the policy are regarding official times, not participation. Points 3 and 4 of the policy deviate from the IOC policy, in that the USMS policy is more detailed than the IOC policy.
4. Further discussion was had regarding what exactly “discreetly removed from the results” means. Different procedures for removing results was discussed as well. Privacy and confidentiality implications were also discussed by various committee and audience members. Charles and Kathy reiterated that the removal from results will be handled on a case-by-case basis so that the athlete is comfortable with the removal process. Charles then asked if the committee is willing to make a referral motion to the BOD to accept the transgender policy as revised by the task force. MSA (Rand/Barry) to refer the revised document back to the BOD for acceptance.
5. Charles then asked the committee for suggestions on what to work on in the coming year, along with general comments. Charles also took comments and questions from the audience. The following topics were mentioned:
 - a. Rules blog on the USMS forums
 - b. Meet situations database (compilation of interpretations, articles, and blog posts)
 - c. Rules Committee policy document
 - d. Rule book proofreading
6. Kathy complemented Charles on a great first year as chair. Charles thanked Kathy for being willing to take on the vice-chair position. Kathy and Charles then thanked Mollie for being recorder for the year. Charles then thanked the committee for all of their hard work throughout the year.
7. Bill Tingley (Parliamentarian) asked about the status of R27 as an indivisible package from the Rules committee. Charles updated everyone that it will be presented as an indivisible package not recommended from either the Rules committee or the Legislation committee.

8. Bill then asked about the interpretation regarding awarding bids for 2018 national championship meets. The rule requires the bid to be awarded at least one year in advance, and awarding bids for 2018 at convention in 2017 would not be awarded in time, unless this rule was suspended. The rule would have to be suspended by the HOD this year. Additional discussion was had on parliamentary procedures in order to keep everyone compliant with USMS rules.
9. Charles mentioned that USA Swimming has proposed their timed final event limit be increased to six (6) events. This rule change is in one of the sections of their rule book that we would automatically adopt if our committee takes no action on it.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Continue to update the meet situations database.
2. Update the Rules Committee policy document.