

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	N/A
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover		
Minutes recorded by:	David Benjamin	Date/time of meeting:	March 24, 2024 / 7:30 PM ET

Actions Taken:

1. none

Number of committee members present:	10	Absent:	2	Guests:	0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): David Benjamin, Kathy Casey, Christina Fox (Vice-Chair), Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Claire Letendre, Barbara Protzman, Kris Wingenroth, Patrick Weiss, Ben Wyckoff					
Not present: Susan Nolte, Jason Weiss					
Ex Officio present: Mike Abegg (USMS Officials Committee Chair), Julie Dusliere (USMS Vice-President of Administration), Stephanie Gauzens (USMS Legislation Committee Chair)					
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Guests: none					

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm ET.

Mollie asked all the members of the committee, voting and ex-officio, to introduce themselves.

Mollie emphasized that after a member commits to a meeting date, it is important that the member appear for that meeting. The Rules Committee is smaller this year; absent members can result in the lack of a quorum and the inability of the committee to act.

Mollie set as a committee priority a review of Part 1 of the Rule Book to identify policies, as opposed to rules, that can be more appropriately placed in another document. She asked all members to review Part 1 to identify policies that might be candidates for removal from the Rule Book. Julie informed the committee that the same task is also a priority of the USMS Board, and Mike reported that other committees are being asked to perform a similar review. Kathy stressed the importance to the organization of not losing track of material that is removed from the Rule Book.

Claire reported on the work of the transgender task force. Julie reported on the Board’s areas of focus. There is nothing for the Rules Committee to take action on at this time.

Christina reported that there may be rule changes from the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee. That committee’s next meeting is April 9, and its deadline for the submission of legislative proposals is May 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm ET.