

Rules Proposals

USA Swimming Amendments that affect USMS rules

The following amendment, U 1 (Housekeeping), was included in the 2013 USA Swimming Rule Book through their editing process post-convention but was not incorporated into the 2013 USMS Rule Book. The following procedures apply to amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, 102, and 105 for purposes of also amending USMS articles 101, 102, 103, and 108.

601.4.7-USA Swimming Amendments That Affect USMS Rules

Amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, “Individual Strokes and Relays,” 102, “Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition” and 105, “Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability in USA Swimming Meets,” shall automatically be adopted by USMS unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject those amendments. Votes to reject shall not be considered emergency amendments. Amendments to USA Swimming article 103, “Facility Standards,” may be recommended by the Rules Committee for adoption by the House of Delegates. Votes to accept shall not be considered emergency amendments.

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108.3 Deaf And Hard Of Hearing

108.3.1 Visual Starting Signal—Deaf and hard of hearing swimmers require a visual starting signal (i.e., a strobe light and/or starter’s arm signals). The referee may reassign lanes within the swimmer’s heat (i.e., exchanging one lane for another) so that the strobe light or starter’s arm signal can more readily be seen by the deaf or hard of hearing swimmer. Standard starter’s arm signals are shown in Figures 1 and 2. A recall rope is required in the event of a recall, provided the meet host is notified by the entry deadline that a deaf or hard of hearing swimmer will be participating.

Rationale: USA-S change that was missed last year.