

# Proposed Amendments to the USMS Rules of Competition

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The following proposals have been submitted to the USMS Rules committee in accordance with 601.2.

R1 104.5.2 p40 Ohio – Changes Championship Schedules 1 and 2

## A Meet Schedule 2001-2002

Schedule 1 2002 Short Course	Schedule 2 2001 Short Course 2001 Long Course
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Day**</u> 800/1000 freestyle 1500/1650 freestyle <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Day</u> 400 IM 50 back 200 freestyle 100 breast 200 fly 200 medley relay 200 free relay <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day</u> 400/500 freestyle (men) <u>200 mixed medley relay</u> 50 fly 200 breast 100 back 50 freestyle 200 IM <del>200 mixed medley relay</del> <u>4<sup>th</sup> Day</u> 400/500 freestyle (women) <u>200 mixed free relay</u> 100 IM* 100 fly 50 breast 200 back 100 freestyle <del>200 mixed free relay</del>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Day**</u> 800/1000 freestyle 1500/1650 freestyle <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Day</u> 400 IM 50 back 200 freestyle 100 breast 200 fly 200 medley relay 200 free relay <u>3<sup>rd</sup> Day</u> 400/500 freestyle (men) 50 fly 200 breast <u>200 mixed medley relay</u> 100 back 50 freestyle 200 IM <del>200 mixed medley relay</del> <u>4<sup>th</sup> Day</u> 400/500 freestyle (women) 100 IM* 100 fly <u>200 mixed free relay</u> 50 breast 200 back 100 freestyle <del>200 mixed free relay</del>

*Rationale:* This proposal is only asking that relays at USMS National meets not be the final event of the day. Entire National meets are now deck seeded, so the logistics of moving relays should not be a problem for the officials. Which relays are moved where is not the purpose of the proposal, just that relays not be the final event, especially on the final day of the meet.

Theoretically relays involve the greatest number of swimmers on deck at a national meet. Also many swimmers consider the relay events the most fun. Relays at the end of a long day cause many swimmers great inconvenience:

1. very late dinners
2. canceled dinner arrangements
3. miss the "meet social"
4. arrange to take last flight home (red eye)

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5. miss relays because of flight times disappointing 3 other club members.  
Moving relays, especially on the final day of the National meet, to an earlier time would give swimmers who travel long distances greater flexibility with travel arrangements. It would also help with “scratched” relays on the final day of the meet.

Moving relays towards the middle of the day, would result in swimmers that may be swimming only an “early” event in the day staying to swim on a relay, as well as allowing those swimming a late event to not need to come early and spend the entire day.

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**R2 105.5** p 48 Metropolitan LMSC

## **105.5. WORLD RECORDS**

Applications and documentation for world records (25 meter and 50 meter courses only) shall be supplied to the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee chair as detailed in Appendix B (see also article 103.13.3). World records may be achieved at a sanctioned event only.

If approved, the following changes would be required:

**202.1** p 60 (subject to approval of the Legislation committee)

### **202.1. SANCTIONS**

Times achieved at sanctioned events are considered for USMS national records, ~~and~~ Top Ten times, and world records.

**APPENDIX B** p 130

## **USMS AND WORLD RECORD APPLICATIONS**

### **Documentation requirements for world records:**

*Add additional requirement*

- Record must be achieved at a sanctioned event.

*Rationale:* This is to clarify that a world record must be achieved at a sanctioned meet and not at a recognized event.

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**R3 105.3.10 USMS National Records** p48 Kentucky

**105.3.10**—When a record is claimed, an official record application form shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials, and transmitted immediately following performance with all supporting data, including official meet results, the primary printout tape, and/or copy of the entry card with timers’ signatures, to the LMSC records and tabulation chair for the LMSC in which the event was sanctioned or recognized. Responsibility for this lies with either the LMSC records chair or the official scorer of the meet. The LMSC records and tabulation chair shall send the supporting data to the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee for verification. Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee shall immediately publish the new record on the USMS website.

*Rationale:* With the availability of the Internet, USMS membership should be informed, in a timely manner, of any new USMS record once it has been verified by the USMS Records and Tabulations chair or Long Distance chair. At the 2001 Short Course Nationals, there were five national records in the 19-24 age group that had been bettered 10 weeks before the start of the Nationals. All of the supporting data was in the hands of the USMS Records and Tabulations chair within 2 weeks of the swims, yet the published records at the Nationals did not reflect these records being bettered.

If the proposal passes, the following changes to Appendix B (page 130):

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## Documentation requirements for USMS records:

- ~~Completed- Complete the~~ “Application for USMS and/or World Record.”
- ~~Compile the following supporting data:~~ copy of the tape from the electronic timing device bearing the signature of the meet referee *and/or* the time card bearing the times from three stopwatches, the signature of each timer, and the signature of the meet referee.
- Forward the supporting data to the LMSC records and tabulation chair, who shall then forward the supporting data to the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee for verification.
- Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee shall immediately publish the new record on the USMS website.

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## Documentation requirements for USMS long distance records:

- ~~Completed- Complete the~~ “Application for USMS and/or World Record.”
  - ~~Completed- Complete the~~ “Application for USMS Long Distance Record.”
  - Provide proof of achieved time or distance swum.
  - For postal events, provide a lap-count check-off sheet listing all split times and bearing the signature, name, address, and phone number of the lap counter/timer.
  - For cable swims, provide the technique used to measure the course, and the signature, name, address, and phone number of the person who measured the course.
  - Forward the above to the USMS Long Distance Committee chair for verification.
  - Upon verification, the USMS Long Distance Committee chair shall immediately publish the new record on the USMS website.
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