

LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 13, 1996

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sally Ann Dillon at 8:06 AM.

Committee members present were: Lynn Hazlewood, Maureen Koss, David Lamott, Craig Tribuzi, Steve Schofield, Alan Levinson, Barney Hungerford, Peter Crumbine, and Ernie Leskovitz. The meeting was "convened" early so the agenda items from Thursday could be completed.

Sally distributed a summary of the Long Distance Rules Section which reflects the many changes that have been made to properly organize our rules. It was pointed out that 304.7 (Age Groups) does not fit in the section any longer. A proposal was made to change it to 301.4 via a rule change (LD-27).

1996 RULES PROPOSALS (continued from Thursday)

LD-27      ~~304.7~~ 301.4      **AGE GROUPS-Age groups in individual events for men and women shall be the same as those listed in Article 102.3.1.**  
Rationale: This rule belongs under Administration and Organization so it covers all events, not just Open Water.

LD-12      **MSP to "untable"**  
**Withdrawn by Pacific**

LD-21      **Failed** (in favor of LD-22)

LD-22      **MSP to amend**  
**MSP as amended to read:**  
**305.9      NATIONAL . . .MEETS      p. 62      Submitted by: LD Committee**  
**~~CLUB SCORING-~~ Club scores may be officially tallied and recognized for National Long distance/Open Water Championship events at the discretion of the event host.**  
Rationale: Club scoring is a good incentive for coaches to use to encourage their swimmers to enter these events.

**Discussion of how to score the One Hour Swim:** It was decided that a rule must be in place, at least for the One Hour Swim, to keep the scoring consistent. Therefore LD-28 was proposed.

LD-28      **MSP to read:**  
**305.9.1      Club scoring for the One Hour Swim will be based on total club yardage. Three divisions will be recognized based on the number of swimmers entered in the event from each club at the discretion of the event host.**  
Rationale: This encourages everyone from a team because all yards swum contribute, not just the top ten finishers as is sometimes done.

LD-25      **Passed, unchanged**

LD-26      **MSP to amend by striking item A**  
**MSP to amend by striking time/ in item D**  
**MSP as amended to read:**  
**306.2      RECORDS      p. 62      submitted by: LD Committee**  
**.5      Long Distance National records may be established by using a swimmer's "split time" in an individual event if:**  
**A.      The intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the event director,**  
**B.      The swimmer completes the full distance of the scheduled event without being disqualified, and**  
**C.      The split is swum during a distance pool event which is a longer version of the record attempt.**  
Rationale: This rule addition will bring Long Distance records in line with the other event records in the rule book.

**The Meet Manager's Guide was discussed:** Editing needs to be done and a committee will get together today to tackle the project. Volunteers for the committee were Peter, Alan, Sally and Steve. Craig Tribuzi was thanked for all of his hard work the past few years on this project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MSP to design and obtain bids for a National Championship patch for Long Distance champions.**  
Ernie will head a committee which includes Craig, Barney and Rob Copeland. We will budget for this item in 1998.
- **MSP to have the Postal 3000/6000 end on October 31 beginning in 1997.**  
This will allow the records to be included in the "current" Rule Book each year.
- **MSP to request through Meg Smath that records for Long Distance Championship Team Events be included in the Rule Book each year.**  
It was felt that if we have records, they should be published. It was agreed that the LD Committee would maintain the records and make them available as well.

**Conversion of pool distances for pool swims:** A suggestion that we allow conversions was dismissed after it was pointed out that 305.2 F-H covers the decision. The One Hour rules allow conversions, the other postal swims don't.

**1998 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BID SELECTION**

The Committee discussed the priorities for selection and agreed that "timely" and "in area" bids will get preference over "untimely" and/or "out of area" bids. The Committee expressed their appreciation to all of the bidders and noted that we had a "record" number of bids this year. In the future, we hope hosts will continue to make efforts to get their bids in by the deadline of 30 days prior to the Convention. **SELECTED BIDDERS ARE ASTERISKED\***

<b>ONE HOUR POSTAL SWIM:</b>	<b>DC MASTERS *</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>
	<b>GREATER INDIANA</b>	
<b>5/10 K POSTAL SWIM:</b>	<b>INLAND EMPIRE MASTERS*</b>	<b>MAY 15-SEPT. 30</b>
	<b>RUTGERS UNIVERSITY/BERKELEY MASTERS</b>	
<b>3000 YD POSTAL SWIM:</b>	<b>ADIRONDACK DISTRICT MASTERS SWIMMING*</b>	<b>SEPT. 1-OCT.31</b>
	<b>DUNWOODY AQUATIC MASTERS PROGRAM</b>	
<b>ONE MILE OPEN WATER:</b>	<b>GREENWICH SWIM COMMITTEE*</b>	<b>JULY</b>
	<b>ADIRONDACK MASTERS SWIMMING</b>	
<b>&gt;1 &amp; ≤3 MILE OPEN WATER:</b>	<b>SIERRA NEVADA MASTERS*</b>	<b>AUGUST 8</b>
	<b>ROGUE VALLEY MASTERS</b>	
	<b>OHIO MASTERS</b>	
	<b>SEAL BEACH SWIM CLUB</b>	
<b>2 MILE CABLE SWIM:</b>	<b>DUNWOODY AQUATIC MASTERS*</b>	<b>JUNE 13</b>
<b>&gt;3 &amp; &lt;6 MILE OPEN WATER</b>	<b>DUNWOODY AQUATIC MASTERS*</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>
	<b>SEAL BEACH SWIM CLUB</b>	
<b>≥6 MILE OPEN WATER</b>	<b>SANTA CRUZ MASTERS*</b>	<b>AUGUST 1</b>
	<b>SEAL BEACH SWIM CLUB</b>	

The proposed Budget for 1997 was distributed to the committee and approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CLERMONT CLASSIC CABLE SWIM:** The cable has been inaccurate for two years. It was emphasized that rule 302.2.1 needs to be followed and that the cable should NOT BE ATTACHED TO A BOAT OR OTHER MOVABLE OBJECT.

**MEDICAL/EVACUATION GUIDELINES:** Alan has volunteered to edit a form for future use for event hosts.

**RECORD SPLIT REQUESTS:** It was decided that we could not "rescind" Keith Bell's split record recognized last year even though it does not fit the rule approved by the committee today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted by: Sally Ann Dillon, Chairman

# LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE USMS RULES

## APPROVED IN COMMITTEE WITHOUT CHANGES

LD-1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24, 25

## APPROVED "AS AMENDED" IN COMMITTEE

**LD-2**      **301.1.2**      **ORGANIZATION**      p. 55      submitted by LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **A.**      A long distance event is any swimming event ~~not previously defined in~~  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ ~~section 102.5~~ and which is a distance based event over 1650 yards  
(1509.8 meters) in length or a time based event ≥ 60 minutes in time.  
The event may be conducted in any body of water, either natural or man-made.

Rationale: Some people are running 30-minute postal swims. It is possible that someone may not reach 1650 in that time.

**LD-6**      **302.1**      **OPEN WATER**      p. 55      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **.1**      **QUARTER-MILE STRAIGHTAWAY.** . . . (AS WRITTEN IN 302.2.1)  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ **.2**      **OTHER OPEN WATER . . .** (AS WRITTEN IN 302.2.2)

Rationale: Open Water should be a section separate from pool events. Open water has cable swims and "other" open water swims.

**LD-7**      **302.2**      **POOL**      p. 55      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ ~~EVENTS Long distance events shall consist of individual and or team competition~~  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ ~~as follows.~~ A long distance pool event may be based on the time to swim a fixed  
distance or the distance swum over a fixed time.

Rationale: Eliminated sentence was an unnecessary filler. Defines a pool event and separates pool and open water events.

**LD-8**      **302.2.**      **EVENTS**      p. 56      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **302.2-3.2** **Time/Distance-The object . . . a tie shall be declared. The events**  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ **shall be swum in a pool at least 25 yards in length. ~~The distance~~**  
**Distances shall be computed by multiplying the total lengths swum**  
**by the length of the pool and adding the last completed 5-yard**  
**increment. In events where the size of the pool is not designated,**  
**all distances shall be reported in yards. ~~if~~ the event is swum in a**  
**metric pool, the distance shall be determined in meters and**  
**converted to yards by multiplying 1.0936 times the number of**  
**meters completed and rounding off the distance to the last completed**  
**5-yard increment. ~~All distances shall be reported in yards.~~**

Rationale: Clarifies method of reporting results

**LD-20**      **305.2.2**      **EVENTS**      p. 60      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **A.**      **Team competitions shall be recognized ~~in the quarter mile~~**  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ **straightaway (2 mile), postal one hour, and postal 3000 yard**  
**events for all Postal Championships and may be recognized for**  
**other Championship events. Such awards, when recognized, shall be**  
**awarded for three-person male and female teams and four-person**  
**mixed teams.**

Rationale: The selection of events for team championships seems arbitrary and without reason.

**LD-22**      **305.9**      **NATIONAL . . . MEETS**      p. 62      submitted by: Pacific Masters  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB SCORING-** ~~No~~ Club scores ~~shall~~ may be officially tallied and recognized for National  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ Long Distance/Open Water Championship events at the discretion of the event host.

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the record attempt.

Rationale: This rule addition will bring Long Distance records in line with the other event records in the rule book (see page 45).

#### APPROVED NEW RULE PROPOSALS FROM THE LD COMMITTEE

**LD-27**      ~~304.7~~ **301.4**      **AGE GROUPS**-Age groups in individual events for men and women shall  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ be the same as those listed in Article 102.3.1.  
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#### FAILED IN COMMITTEE

**LD-16**      **304.7**      **AGE GROUPS**      p. 59      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass \_\_\_\_\_ **.1**      Individual Events-Age groups in individual events for men and women shall be the  
fail \_\_\_\_\_ same as those listed in Article 102.3.1.  
**.2**      Relay/Team Events-Age groups in relay/team events shall be the same as those listed  
in Article 102.3.2.A.

Rationale: Since team events are defined in article 302.2.6, then age groups for teams should be in the rules for non-championship events too.

LD - 17      ARTICLE 305      p. 60      submitted by: Pacific Northwest  
pass       **305**      **CONDUCT OF POSTAL COMPETITION**  
fail       ~~302.2.5.C~~      **305.1**      **SUPERSESION OF RULES**

Postal events conducted in pools must comply with all rules of USMS except those rules specifically superseded by this article and Article ~~302.2.3~~.

(i.e. - move first part of 302.2.5.C to 305.1)

**305.2**      **MEET DIRECTOR'S DUTIES**

1.      The Meet Director shall have the discretion to designate the size(s) of the pools in which the event is swum.

(i.e. - move second part of 302.2.5.C to 305.2.1)

2.      The Meet Director shall have the discretion to request additional verification of completion from any entrant, and may refuse to accept any entry that appears to contain erroneous information.

(i.e. - move 302.2.5.D to 305.2.2)

**305.3**      **Entrants' Responsibility**

~~302.5.B~~ Each entrant in a postal event will be responsible for the validity of the figures and the distance submitted.

(i.e. - move 302.2.5.B to 305.3)

**305.4**      **Required Officials**

There shall be an adult . . . 10.3A(6)(b).

(i.e. - move second paragraph of 302.2.3 to this section)

Rationale: Creates an article specifically dealing with conduct of postal competition. Reorganizes existing articles so that postal competition is consolidated. Clarifies that "pool rules" such as required officials are superseded.

LD - 19      **305.2.2**      **EVENTS**      p. 60      submitted by: LD Committee  
pass       ~~B.~~      ~~Age groups for team events shall be the same as those listed in Article 102.3.2A.~~  
fail

Rationale: If LD-16 is approved, then this article is redundant.

LD - 21      **305.9**      **CLUB SCORING**      p. 62      submitted by: Pacific Northwest  
pass       .1      No club scores shall be officially tallied or recognized for ~~National Long Distance/Open~~  
fail            Water Championship events.  
                 .2      National Postal Championship events may tally official club scores.

Rationale: Permits club scoring of National Postal Championship events only.

**WITHDRAWN BY PACIFIC MASTERS:**

LD - 12      **302.2**      **EVENTS**      p. 56      submitted by: Pacific Masters