

Records & Tabulation Committee Zoom Meeting of August 10, 2021

Committee Name:	Records & Tabulation		
Committee Chair:	MJ Caswell, Oregon	Vice Chair:	Stacey Eicks, Gulf
Minutes recorded by:	Stacey Eicks, VC	Date/time of meeting:	Sunday, 8/10/2021 7:00 PM CDT

Motions Passed:

1. N/A

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present:
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): MJ Caswell (MJ), Stacey Eicks (SE), Walt Reid (WR), Mary Sweat (MS), Cheryl Gettelfinger (CG), Chris Ottati (CO), Ben Wyckoff (BW)		
Committee member absent: Jeanne Seidler (JS)		
EC Present: Ed Coates (EC, USMS BOD – VP of Operations)		
Ex Officio present: Mary Beth Windrath (MB, National Swim Admin)		
Ex Officio absent: Jessica Reilly (National Office)		
Non-Committee members present: Christina Fox, Barbara Dunbar, Barb Protzman (BP), Edward Saltzman, Nancy Kryka, Nadine Day, Ally Sega		

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Summarize challenges in the past year, new information for Top Ten Recorders published in the Guide to Operations, various issues resolved during the year.
3. Review proposed rule changes that affect TT recorders, including the request from the Championship committee to extend the TT deadline for LCM until after the LCM nationals this year. See proposed rules R10 and R11 in the posted Rules packet for details.
4. Request input on educational topics TT recorders would like to have training or documentation on.
5. Discussion of the Top Ten recorder role going forward.
6. Review Meet Observer report language that was confusing and discuss alternatives.
7. Questions and discussion from all.

Minutes:

The meeting started at 7:00 PM CDT

1. MJ said Thank You to everyone that serves on the committee.
2. Biggest challenge of the year: Change to Top Ten deadlines. Many members are very interested in this topic. The R&T Committee has received many emails about this topic. The committee chose to keep the deadlines the same as noted in the Rule Book b/c that is how it is documented and gave people clear guidelines for the year.
3. Cheryl G is continuing to work on the GTO and Training documents. She is working through the documents and removing birthdates from old documents (first priority). MJ also has to-do on reviewing / redoing tutorial documentation.
4. Two rules proposals were submitted related to Top Ten dates. Rules Committee does not recommend the rules proposal submitted by Gulf LMSC (R10). Other rule change proposed by Championship Committee (R11) was recommended by Rules Committee. MJ asked if there were any questions / discussions about R11.
 - a. WR asked if R11 means that any LC meet held up to that R11 end date, in addition to the National Championship LC meet, would be included in LC Top Ten. Answer was Yes.

- b. CO asked if the Rules Committee had any discussion about the inconsistency between SC Top Ten date not being extended and LC Top Ten date begin extended. BP replied for the Rules Committee: SC extension would have been a 2 month extension and LC extension is only 10 days – with SC extension, people would have “aged up” nearly a year – versus LC extension would not have the “age up” implication.
 - c. BW mentioned that with the R11 change being accepted so late in the year, there will be a late announcement of the date change which is unfortunate for swimmer season planning purposes.
 - d. MB would like the date changed because it will affect what data is reported to FINA. WR is in favor of changing the date b/c it will prevent future confusion with what data is included / not included. BW noted that the rationale on R11 does not completely describe the impact of the rule change (i.e. on how times and what times will be / not be reported to FINA).
5. MJ recommended a “parking lot” item for the R&T committee to discuss at another time: Should the Top Ten deadline dates be specifically listed in the rule book, or should those dates be part of policy document from the R&T committee?
 6. MJ asked anyone to speak up if there are any educational items the R&T committee should consider presenting. How Do I Get Times To Count For Top Ten (biggest question R&T committee gets). BW suggested education on how to get times in the database when the swim(s) occurred outside of LMSC, outside of country swims, swims that occur at USA meets etc.
 7. Top Ten Recorders Role: Where is it going? How to improve documentation and automated tools. WR recommended sharing MB’s document on ideas going forward and how to improve. How much information or meet details do Top Ten Recorders need to know to properly process and upload swim results. CG discussed the impact of sanction language and how the sanction details can help with ensuring times are properly handled during the upload.
 8. Meet Observer Report: Observer Report in Appendix B seems to imply that an Observer can validate a meet without actually attending the meet. Should there be a checkbox for “Not Attended” the meet? MB said that the relevant rule says the observer must be at the meet. The form seems to be in conflict with what the rule says or the form language is not clear. MJ asked Christina Fox to remit back to MJ which group is responsible or approves changes Appendix B. MJ will change the form to reflect the Observer must attend the meet and a signature is required to confirm that.
 9. No further questions / discussion:
 - a. MB requested that MJ poll each committee member on which way they will vote on R10 and R11.
 - i. CO wants to read the rule change proposals first
 - ii. BW doesn’t think a poll of the committee matters b/c it will be decided by the HOD
 - iii. SE does not have a strong opinion between R10 or R11 both are in the best interest of the swimmer
 - iv. MJ will post the rule proposals on the R&T forum for the committee to voice a majority prior to HOD
 10. Early September meeting will be called to approve minutes from tonight’s call (8/10/2021). Meeting minutes from 4/18/2021 committee meeting will be approved via electronic vote on R&T Forum.
 11. All in favor of closing meeting at 7:52pm CDT

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm CDT
