

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Teleconference #5
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chairs:	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
Minutes recorded by:	Christina Fox	Date/time of meeting:	Tuesday 7/10/18 8pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to recommend R-6 as amended to the HOD.
2. MSA to table R-8
3. MSA to recommend R-10 to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend R-11 as amended to the HOD.
5. MSA to recommend R-13 to the HOD.
6. MSA to recommend R-14 to the HOD.
7. MSA to recommend R-15 to the HOD.
8. MSA to recommend R-16 to the HOD.
9. MSA to recommend R-17 to the HOD.
10. MSA to recommend R-18 to the HOD.

Number of committee members present: 15 Absent: 3

Number of other guests present: 1

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Claire Letendre, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Laura Groselle, Judy Gillies, Matt Hooper, Barb Protzman, Bob Seagraves, Jessica Seaton, Rand Vaillancourt

Ex Officio and EC: Bill Brenner, Peter Guadagni, Teri White

Guests: Jeff Rodin

Committee Members Absent: Karen Harris, Jay Thomas, Steve Unruh

Minutes

The teleconference was called to order at 8:02 pm EDT.

The following topics were covered during the teleconference:

1. Charles reviewed the meeting schedule. Next meeting will be Thurs, July 19 at 8 pm EDT.
2. MS (Claire/Marilyn) to accept meeting minutes from July 1, 2018 meeting. Marilyn noted a partial sentence in 5.d.ii. Charles noted an incorrect abbreviation in 5.e.ii. Minutes to be updated. Motion passed to approve minutes as updated.
2. Proposed Rules Changes for 2018
 - a. R-6 – 102.5.3: Events
 - i. Motion to recommend R-6 to the HOD was tabled from previous meeting. MS (Mollie/Claire) to remove motion from the table. Motion passed.
 - ii. Charles reviewed the updated proposal. Article 102.5.3 has be modified for clarity and article 102.14.6 (from rejected USA Swimming proposal U-1) has been added to this proposal. MS (Rand/Claire) to accept the amendment.
 - iii. Discussion on amendment: Rand asked whether should use “chair of Rules Committee” rather than “Rules Committee” so whole committee does not have to convene. Charles noted that the Rules Committee can delegate to the chair if necessary and this is the usual language. Marilyn asked if new 102.14.6 is in conflict with 102.14.2 and Charles noted that the interpretation in 102.14.6 is more specific. Motion to amend R-6 passed.
 - iv. Discussion on R-6 as amended: Matt asked if the amendment has been shared with the LMSC at this time. Charles noted that, as this was submitted to Rules Committee, the procedure is to provide any amendments to the LMSC after the committee’s consideration and action.

- v. No further discussion. Motion to recommend R-6 as amended to the HOD passed.
- b. R-8 – 102.16: Camera and Video Equipment
- i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-8 to the HOD. Charles reviewed the USMS Media Even Policy which has similar content as R-8 for context. Bill Brenner commented that the current policy was the result of an identified need in this area.
 - ii. Discussion: Marilyn noted that the media policy covers commercial situations whereas R-8 is intended to protect privacy of swimmers and ensure smooth conduct of events. Matt noted that his LSC has a camera free policy and asked whether there is a national policy for USA Swimming and does R-8 mirror USA Swimming. Charles indicated that he was not aware of a USA Swimming blanket policy.
 - iii. Charles noted that as written this would preclude most pictures, even with a media pass and suggested that any addition to the rule book be more general and modified to state “in accordance with media policy”. Claire, Mollie and Kathy agreed that less specific would be better. Charles suggested a motion to amend or table for further work.
 - iv. There was discussion on possible wording for an amendment. Marilyn noted that the proposal for this addition came from a situation where officials asked for clarification on restrictions and there was no reference in the rule book and the LMSC would like to have something in the rule book.
 - v. Sense of the committee was to amend to balance intent of LMSC proposal with appropriate level of specificity and reference to the media policy and to add language regarding drones (Kathy). Marilyn asked if a LMSC could have a more restrictive policy and Charles indicated that this was possible.
 - vi. MS (Kathy/Rand) to table R-8. Motion passed. Claire will provide amendment for consideration at next meeting.
- c. R-10 – 103.18.5: Records and Top 10 times using an Automatic Primary Timing System
- i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-10 to the HOD. Charles noted that this proposal is to remove circular logic issue. No discussion.
 - ii. Motion to recommend R-10 to the HOD passed.
- d. R-11 – 103.18.5: Records and Top 10 times using an Automatic Primary Timing System
- i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-11 to the HOD. Charles provided context for this proposal. At a recent meet (Nationals), the timing system operator inadvertently turned off the lane so there were no pad and no button times and, based on the FINA changes adopted last year, the swimmer lost a record. This proposal reinstates the acceptance of watch times as a tertiary system when both the automatic and semiautomatic systems fail.
 - ii. Charles proposed amendments to the LMSC proposal for consistency: insert new 103.18.5C using original language from 2017 rule book and delete existing 103.18.5F. He also noted that the LMSC proposal deletes 103.18.6C but that this has no effect on the situation described in the rationale as 103.18.6 only applies to semiautomatic primary systems.
 - iii. Discussion: Marilyn commented that this situation was a likely scenario at some point after the rule change and suggested determining the absolute minimum requirements for each timing situation and work back from there. Kathy agreed that she expected this situation to happen at some point but not so soon and at not at Nationals.
 - iv. Charles noted that the accuracy to set a record is currently automatic timing. Carolyn commented that the current requirements for records should be maintained and that records cannot be established with semiautomatic primary systems.
 - v. There was discussion (Charles, Matt, Kathy and others) on operation of different timing systems, the rules/protocols for turning off lanes and how this situation may have been mitigated. Charles commented that, regardless of the decision on the rule proposal, a protocol should be formulated with input from Officials, Rules, and Championship.
 - vi. Charles reviewed the rationale for retaining 103.18.6C (deleted in LMSC proposal): the rationale for the LMSC proposal only refers to automatic primary systems (pads) and article 103.18.6 only applies to semiautomatic primary systems so 103.18.6C needs to be retained as deletion has no effect/is not relevant. Christina (Oregon LMSC) commented that this deletion was intended to address the inconsistency that would be created if proposed 103.18.5C is accepted where records could be established with a manual system if an automatic primary system fails but not if

a semiautomatic primary system fails when reliance on a manual system backup is required due to a primary system failure in both cases. She also noted that there would need to be an additional amendment to 103.18.6 (similar to 103.18.5) to allow for records. Charles and others noted that this is bigger change which may need to be addressed at a later date.

vii. MS (Claire/Mollie) to accept the amendment (modification of 103.18.5C; deletion of existing 103.18.5F and retention of 103.18.6C). No discussion. Motion passed

viii. No further discussion on R-11 as amended. Motion to recommend R-11 as amended to the HOD passed.

e. R-12 - 104: National Championship Meets

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-12 to the HOD.

ii. Discussion: Carolyn noted that there was agreement from the review sub-committee that this article was needed in the rule book, that no substantive changes were being proposed and that she is opposed to this proposal. Kathy agreed that this is needed in the rule book. Charles commented that there is a balance between the work required to maintain the content in the rule book versus policy that may be a consideration in the future.

iii. Motion to recommend R-12 to the HOD failed.

f. R-13 – 104.1: Meet Categories

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-13 to the HOD.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed

g. R-14 – 104.4.3: Assistance to Meet Hosts

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-14 to the HOD.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed.

h. R-15 – 104.5.1: Information for Participants

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-15 to the HOD. Charles noted that this is a substantive change but it codifies current practice.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed.

i. R-16 – 104.5.2: Format

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-16 to the HOD.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed.

j. R-17 – 104.5.2 and 104.5.3: Format and Event Limit

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-17 to the HOD. Jeff Rodin clarified the rationale for this proposal.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed.

k. R-18 – 104.5.5: Seeding

i. MS (Claire/Mollie) to recommend R-18 to the HOD.

ii. No discussion. Motion passed.

3. Next meeting

a. Next meeting will be Thurs Jul 19 and the following proposals/items will be considered: R- 19 through R-23, USA Swimming amendments U-2 through U-5 and the process for updating Appendix B

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:35 pm EDT.
