

# 2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Rules Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Charles Cockrell	<b>Co-Vice Chairs:</b>	Mollie Grover & Claire Letendre
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Mollie Grover	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Monday 31-Aug-2020 / 8 pm ET

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve minutes of July 23 meeting.
2. MSA to recommend R-4 as amended to the HOD.
3. MSA to withdrawal R-10 from the delegate packet.
4. MSA to recommend R-9 as amended to the HOD.

<b>Number of committee members present: 12</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 27</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Charles Cockrell (Chair), Mollie Grover (Vice Chair), Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Carolyn Boak, Kathrine Casey, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mark Marshfield, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Julie Dusliere, Ian King		
<b>Ex-officio:</b> Chris Colburn (VP Administration), Terri White (Officials Chair)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm ET.

1. Charles briefly explained the purpose of the Rules Committee and the annual process of doing committee business.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. M/S (Claire/Christina) to approve the minutes of the July 23 meeting. Minutes approved: 11 yes, 0 no.
3. 2020 Proposals
  - a. Amending of R-4 to include missed instances of “meet announcement” in Part 1
    - i. Charles explained quickly the purpose of the changes proposed in R-4, which was to align the language throughout Part 1 when talking about meet announcements/meet entries/etc.
    - ii. M/S (Claire/Christina) to reconsider and amend the proposal to add the language change in article 106.1.3, which was missed in the original proposal (8 yes, 0 no).
    - iii. M/S (Claire/Christina) to amend the proposal as explained. Motion passed (8 yes, 0 no).
    - iv. M/S (Claire/Christina) to recommend the proposal as amended to the HOD. Motion passed 9 yes, 0 no).
  - b. Withdrawal of R-10 as requested by the Kentucky LMSC
    - i. Charles explained why Kentucky LMSC was asking to withdrawal the proposal. They felt that this year was not the right time to add verification of NQTs due to the pandemic.
    - ii. M/S (Claire/Christina) to withdrawal the proposal from the delegate packet. Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no).
  - c. Reconsideration of R-8 as requested by Records & Tabulations
    - i. Charles explained that this proposal came from Records & Tabulations related to automatic splits and the evolution of allowing automatic splits at meets other than National Championships. However, there was never a rule that required the automatic splits to be listed in the final results

from meets. For National Championships, the processing of split requests is radically different than for smaller meets. This means that the change the Rules Committee proposed would create an undue burden on the National Championship meet hosts.

- ii. New language was proposed for 103.18.2 D that would codify the treatment of automatic splits at both non-national championship meets and national championship meets.
- iii. M/S (Claire/Christina) to reconsider the proposal (9 yes, 0 no).
- iv. Mary Beth Windrath explained that 103.18.2 D may not be needed at all based on the wording in 103.18.2 A. Charles then asked for a sense of the committee as to the feelings of either deleting 103.18.2 D or amending D with the newly proposed language. Discussion ensued related to the newly proposed wording for how it would work in reality at national championship meets. Alina de Armas explained the process and reinforced how much of a burden it would be to extract all of the splits at nationals (there is no script or process in the software for national championships). Charles asked for input into how modify the newly proposed language to best align with the current processes used at national championships. Changing the phrase “administrative referee” to “meet announcement” to reflect the current practice was suggested.
- v. Charles then asked for a motion to amend 103.18.2 D within R-8. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to change the phrase “administrative referee” to “meet announcement” as suggested above. Charles asked Mary Beth if this change alleviates the concerns from Records & Tabulations. She confirmed that it does make her committee feel better about what is required for automatic split requests. Motion passed (9 yes, 0 no) to amend R-8 as proposed.
- vi. Motion to recommend the proposal as amended to the HOD passed (10 yes, 0 no).

#### 4. New Business

##### a. FINA General Congress

- i. Charles mentioned to the committee that he has a call on Wednesday night with the other US Aquatic Sports NGBs to talk about rule changes in the bylaw sections of the FINA rule book. He had previously solicited ideas from various stakeholders within USMS and there were a few potential amendments. He asked the committee to send any other suggestions to him in time for the call on Wednesday.

##### b. L-22 Discussion (Omnibus to reorganize Part 2)

- i. Charles briefly described the reasoning behind the proposal and explained that the Legislation Committee decided ultimately not to recommend the proposal to the HOD. Charles asked if the committee thought it would be worth proposing an amendment on the floor to remove the bylaws-related changes to see if that would give the omnibus a better chance of passing. (The bylaws-related changes seem to be the sticking point in the Legislation Committee.) There was no further discussion on the proposal.

##### c. Charles then asked for any other new business. There was none.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm ET.