

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Rules Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Mollie Grover		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Julie Dusliere	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	29 June 2021 / 8:00 PM ET

**Actions Taken:**

1. Approved minutes from Rules Committee meeting on 24-June-2021.
2. MSA to recommend HK-2 to the HOD.
3. MSA to recommend HK-7 to the HOD.
4. MSA to recommend HK-8 to the HOD.
5. MSA to table U-2 pending further action by USA Swimming.
6. MSA to withdraw R-5.
7. MSA to withdraw R-6.
8. MSA to table R-7 for tonight.
9. MSA to table R-8 for tonight.

<b>Number of committee members present: # 12</b>	<b>Absent: # 1</b>	<b>Guests: # 0</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Carolyn Boak, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dusliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Mark Marshfield, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
<b>Not present:</b> Ian King		
<b>Ex Officio present:</b> Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Chris Colburn (VP of Administration), Steve Hall (USMS National Office), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
<b>Ex Officio absent:</b> Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Clark Hammond (USA Swimming)		
<b>Guests:</b> n/a		

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm ET.

Approval of Minutes

1. M/S (Claire/Christina) to approve the minutes of the June 24 meeting with corrected attendees listed. Passed unanimously.

2021 Proposals

1. HK-2
  - a. M/S (Christina/Claire) to remove HK-2 from the table.
  - b. Marilyn gave a brief overview of the formatting changes. Charles raised the point regarding restructuring of an article and whether that is housekeeping or a substantive change. The committee held a discussion on best way forward with this proposal and whether to retain as housekeeping or revert to an R number proposal.
  - c. Motion to recommend HK-2 to the HOD passed unanimously.
2. HK-7
  - a. M/S (Claire/Judy) to remove HK-7 from the table.
  - b. Motion to recommend HK-7 to the HOD passed unanimously.
3. HK-8
  - a. M/S (Claire/Christina) to remove HK-8 from the table.

- b. Motion to recommend HK-8 to the HOD passed unanimously.
4. U-2
  - a. M/S (Claire/Jason) to remove U-2 from the table.
  - b. Claire reached out to USA Swimming for clarity. Terminology should be “deaf or hard of hearing” as per USA Swimming response. The committee held a brief procedural discussion about how best to manage additional USA Swimming amendments to this language.
  - c. M/S (Carolyn/Claire) to re-table U-2 pending further action by USA Swimming. Passed unanimously.
5. R-5
  - a. M/S (Claire/Carolyn) to recommend R-5 to the HOD.
  - b. The committee discussed semantics within the proposed language. For consistency of wording, suggestion to look at the language in 101.7.3C. Additional conversation ensued regarding genesis of the proposed change and whether there has been a problem with the current language.
  - c. Procedurally the committee may withdraw R-5, and the packet will not need to be re-numbered.
  - d. M/S (Claire/Jason) to withdraw R-5. Passed unanimously.
6. R-6
  - a. M/S (Claire/Jason) to recommend R-6 to the HOD.
  - b. Terri raised the practical considerations from an officiating perspective regarding the proposed language.
  - c. M/S (Charles/Judy) to withdraw R-6. Passed unanimously.
7. R-7
  - a. M/S (Claire/Jason) to recommend R-7 to the HOD.
  - b. The committee discussed the notated “exception” as referenced in the change and determined that further clarification is needed.
  - c. M/S (Claire/Jason) to table R-7 for tonight. Passed unanimously.
8. R-8
  - a. M/S (Claire/Jason) to recommend R-8 to the HOD.
  - b. The committee discussed the merits of “should” versus “shall” in section 104.1.4. Further discussion ensued regarding how enforcement of the rule would be handled if changed to “shall”. The committee also noted the location of the proposed change into 104 (National Championship Meets) and noted that it replicates language in 202.1.1 as well as in Part 5 (502.10 and 503.5).
  - c. Recommendation to delete duplicative language and re-write to insert pointers to relevant sections in Part 5.
  - d. M/S (Carolyn/Kathy) to table R-8 for tonight. Passed unanimously.
9. R-12
  - a. M/S (Claire/Jason) to recommend R-12 to the HOD.
  - b. The committee held a discussion regarding the merits of the change. USMS rule currently aligns with FINA. The new proposal aligns with USA Swimming. The committee also discussed the ability of all types of timing systems currently in use to reverse lane numbering in order to accommodate lane numbering as needed.
  - c. Judy called the question.
  - d. Motion to recommend R-12 to the HOD failed. 4 yes, 7 no.

M/S (Judy/Christina) to recess the meeting until Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm ET, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm ET.