

<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>	8 July 2021 / 8:00 PM ET

**Actions Taken:**

1. Approved minutes from Rules Committee meeting on 29-June-2021.
2. MSA to withdraw R-7.
3. MSA to recommend R-8 as amended to the HOD.

<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), Ian King, Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Mark Marshfield, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton		
<b>Not present:</b> Jason Weis		
<b>Ex Officio present:</b> Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Chris Colburn (VP of Administration), Steve Hall (USMS National Office)		
<b>Ex Officio absent:</b> Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Clark Hammond (USA Swimming), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
<b>Guests:</b> n/a		

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 pm ET.

Approval of Minutes

1. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to approve the minutes of the June 29 meeting. Passed unanimously.

Part 2 Reorganization Discussion

1. Last week Legislation discussed the proposed package at their meeting. Legislation is requesting Rules reconsider an indivisible package. If it is not an indivisible package there is the potential that the language could be inserted in both places and/or deleted in both places.
2. Kathy noted that if the sanction/recognition language isn't moved to Part 1, then consideration should be made for replicating the language in Part 1.
3. The committee held a brief conversation around the goal of the reorganization and the evolution of the proposals from last year to this year. Additionally, the committee discussed the timeline and logistics to continue the discussion and formal review of the proposal at upcoming meetings.

2021 Proposals

1. R-7
  - a. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to remove R-7 from the table.
  - b. Kathy explained the intent behind the proposed change noting differences between lane timer and head timer. Charles shared rationale behind why the proposed exception language is not necessary respective to the role of the head timer.
  - c. Claire withdrew her motion to recommend R-7 to the HOD.
  - d. M/S (Kathy/Claire) to withdraw R-7. Passed unanimously.
2. R-8
  - a. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to remove R-8 from the table.

- b. Kathy shared the rationale behind adding the language to Part 1 based on the number of questions that have arisen about the respective rules [502.10 and 503.5] which are currently located in Part 5.
  - c. M/S (Carolyn/Marilyn) to amend the language in the proposed 104.1 title to read “meet categories and dates”. Passed unanimously.
  - d. The committee briefly discussed most relevant location in the rulebook for this language to be included.
  - e. Motion to recommend R-8 as amended to the HOD passed. 7 yes, 4 no.
3. R-9
- a. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to recommend R-9 to the HOD.
  - b. Charles raised the issue of equitability for those with no access to long course pools for a verifiable entry time. The committee discussed the timeframe for proof of time for long course eligibility and noted that the rulebook language defines a two-year window. Subsequent discussion ensued regarding qualification times from all three courses for long course meets and the pros and cons of such, particularly the relevant database infrastructure for proof of entry.
  - c. Christina made a point that similar proposed rule changes have come up in prior years and noted that this should be shared with Championship Committee.
  - d. Claire called the question.
  - e. Motion to recommend R-9 to the HOD failed. 0 yes, 11 no.
4. R-10
- a. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to recommend R-10 to the HOD.
  - b. The committee discussed the rationale behind this proposal and noted that this change would be permanent in contrast to other proposals (i.e. R-11) that only impact the current year. It was noted that in the rulebook the HOD has the power to change a rule, and the BOD only has the emergency power to suspend with consent of the committee of jurisdiction. Subsequent discussion centered on the contradiction this proposed rule change could bring about respective to the language in Part 5.
  - c. Claire called the question.
  - d. Motion to recommend R-10 to the HOD failed. 1 yes, 10 no.
5. R-11
- a. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to recommend R-11 to the HOD.
  - b. Championship amended the language from the original proposal in order to lengthen the window to achieve LC times for Top Ten [extension from 30 September to 10 October]. The intent is to include Long Course Nationals within the window for this year’s Top Ten tabulation. This change would only be applicable to the current year.
  - c. Judy called the question.
  - d. Motion to recommend R-11 to the HOD failed. 4 yes, 7 no.
  - e. The committee held a subsequent discussion regarding language in R-11, amending that language, and reconsidering the motion at a future meeting.

The committee held a brief conversation about the future work that is needed to review the transgender policy.

M/S (Claire/Judy) to recess the meeting until Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm ET, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm ET.