

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover	Date/time of meeting:	26 October 2023 / 7:30 PM ET
Minutes recorded by:	Julie Dussliere		

Actions Taken:

1. MSA to accept U-1.
2. MSA to accept U-2.
3. MSA to accept U-3 as amended.
4. MSA corrections in HK-1.
5. MSA to approve HK-2/HK-3/HK-4/HK-5 as an omnibus.

Number of committee members present: # 13	Absent: # 1	Guests: # 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): David Benjamin, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox (Vice Chair), Mollie Grover (Chair), Susan Nolte, Barbara Protzman, C.J. Rushman, William Tingley, Jason Weis, Kris Wingenroth, Ben Wyckoff		
Not present: Claire Letendre (Vice Chair)		
Ex Officio present: Julie Dussliere (VP of Administration), Michael Abegg (USMS Officials Committee)		
Ex Officio absent: Stephanie Gauzens (USMS Legislation Committee), Onshalee Promchitmart (USMS National Office)		
Guests: n/a		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm ET.

Mollie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023 USA Swimming Proposals

1. U-1
 - a. M/S (Jason/Kathy) to accept U-1.
 - b. The committee held a brief discussion about the impact of this proposal on the referee's ability to control the pace of the meet. The delay of meet rule (103.8.8) gives the referee the authority to disqualify a swimmer for unreasonable delay.
 - c. Motion to accept U-1 passed 11 yes, 1 no.
2. U-2
 - a. M/S (Jason/Bill) to accept U-2.
 - b. Motion to accept U-2 passed unanimously.
3. U-3
 - a. M/S (Jason/Kathy) to accept U-3.
 - b. The committee briefly discussed whether there is a definition of disability and verified that it is included in 107.1.1. The language 'prior to the competition' was also discussed in terms of when this notice is required to be made to the referee.
 - c. M/S (Bill/Christina) to amend sections B.3.a. and B.3.b. The committee restructured the language for clarity. The amendment passed unanimously.
 - d. Motion to accept U-3 as amended passed 11 yes, 1 no.

2023 Housekeeping

1. HK-1
 - a. M/S (Bill/CJ) to correct the sections of 104.5.5 that were inadvertently deleted from the rulebook during editing in 2018.
 - b. Motion to correct as documented in HK-1 passed unanimously.
2. HK-2 / HK-3 / HK-4 / HK-5
 - a. M/S (Bil/CJ) to approve as an omnibus.
 - b. Motion to approve HK-2 / HK-3 / HK-4 / HK-5 as an omnibus passed unanimously.

Proofreading

1. Mollie asked for volunteers to assist with proofreading. Kathy and Kris offered to support Mollie with this task.

Transgender Policy

1. Mollie shared some of the situations that have arisen over the past year. Many of the requests for exception apply to the swimwear policy, significantly within College Club Swimming but also occasionally within the broader USMS community.
2. A new question has arisen recently regarding the timeframe for exceptions – i.e. how long an exception remains in effect, timing of review of existing exceptions.
3. There is a request from the Board of Directors for the committee to stress test the Transgender Policy.
4. The Rules Committee did write and does own the Transgender Policy as outlined in 102.5.3.

M/S (Bill/CJ) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm ET.