

**RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center**  
**May 30, 2008**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Bruce Stratton, Julie Bare, Arvydas Barzdukas, Alan Beste, George Block, Jim Crampton, Ellen Johnston, Claire Letendre, Pat Lunsford, Blake McKay, Ed Miller, Wells O'Brien, Jamy Pfister, Mike Saltzstein, Jim Sheehan, Jay Thomas, John Wilson, and Carol Burch. Guests: Dan McAllen, John Morse. Spectators: Nancy Beck, Mook Rodenbaugh, unidentified.

**Absent:** Brittany Boldizar, Kathy Casey, Anneliese Eggert, Cecil Gordon, Jake Grosser, Don Hart, Jim Kelly, Susan Peterson-Lubow, Paul Sigfusson, and Carol Zaleski.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Stratton. Introductions were made.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and reordered, with two discussion items added (Texas A & M issue; definition of closed competition).

**Minutes:** The minutes to the Rules meeting in Garden Grove, September, 2007 were approved.

**Reports from Affiliated Organizations:**

- **FINA** – Carol Zaleski furnished Bruce with a written report. The FINA Technical Congress will meet next year in Rome to vote on any rules changes. Submissions for any rules changes are due by the end of 2007. Carol reports that nothing major has been submitted yet.
- **FINA Open Water** – Jay Thomas distributed a written report (Attachment A) summarizing the rules changes approved at the Congress held in Manchester, England. There are some items that may warrant future consideration for USA Swimming rules changes, but for now, these items can be handled effectively in Meet Books and General Meetings. The items needing attention include starting command, false starts, emergency abandonment, and rendering assistance to a swimmer in distress.
- **YMCA** – Ed Miller indicated that things are going well with the new rules and that the Y continues to work closely with USA Swimming.
- **NCAA** – no report
- **NFHS** – Alan Beste reported that they meet annually and have benefited from the input from the Our Kids Initiative. Rules changes passed this year include the numbering of lanes, dual confirmation of false starts, changing the potential timing system malfunction from  $\geq 0.3$  to  $> 0.3$ , and changing to the concept of stationary (as opposed to motionless) at the start.
- **USMS** – postponed pending the arrival of Kathy Casey.
- **OKI** – Pat Lunsford reported that they will be meeting in October.

**Review of Significant Interpretations Issued Since Last Meeting** – none.

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| <p><b>Motion:</b> <i>Authorize Bruce Stratton as Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee to interpret rules on behalf of the Committee.</i> Passed.</p> |
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**Discussion Items:**

- **120-day rule waiver for Olympic Trials** – Bruce reported that everyone on the Committee who responded was in favor of the waiver which was granted largely because of funding issues for NCAA athletes and because there are no relays at Trials and nothing is scored. Jim Wood subsequently raised concerns about the repercussions from said waiver, particularly as they apply to coaching issues and recognition. The Committee will study the ramifications as they develop and discuss this further at the September meeting (after Trials).
- **Texas A & M Issue** – Letters from parties affected by a decision made at the Texas Senior Circuit Meet, May 16-18, 2008, held at Texas A & M University were distributed. At this meet, it was discovered that the course was too short for five of the six sessions and the times from those five sessions were negated. There were swimmers who swam times that would have qualified them for entry into Olympic Trials and other national level meets had their times not been invalidated. Solutions to the dilemma of not punishing athletes for administrative mistakes without compromising the integrity of the SWIMS database were discussed, as well as the authority of the Rules Committee to act on this matter.

The Committee could find no basis in the Rules and Regulations to allow times achieved in a course shorter than the length mandated by Article 103.3, and agrees that the times swum are invalid and not eligible for entry into SWIMS.

However, an organizational error was made when the meet host and facility failed to comply with conditions of sanction as issued by the LSC on behalf of USA Swimming. Because the LSC (Gulf) was a co-host of the meet and was therefore issuing the sanction to itself, it can be argued that USA Swimming, through the LSC, made an administrative error and USA Swimming has an obligation to take action to mitigate the error.

The Rules Committee believes that the three athletes who, at the Texas Senior Circuit meet (May 16 – 18, 2008) at Texas A & M University, appeared to achieve first time Olympic Trials standards, but subsequently had certain times invalidated, should not suffer because the facility host failed to properly set the course.

**Motion:** *The Rules Committee strongly urges and recommends that the National Team Head Coach/General Manager, pursuant to Article 207.6 of Rules and Regulations, invite these three athletes, assuming they are otherwise eligible, to participate in the Trials by allowing them to enter said event(s) at the slowest time standard.* Passed Unanimously.

**Motion:** *Recommend to the Board of Directors that invitations be issued to any athlete who made a national-level cut (Juniors, Nationals, U.S. Open) at the Texas A & M meet at one of the sessions where the course was too short, to participate in the meet for which they made the cut by entering the event(s) for which s/he qualified, at the conforming time standard.* Failed.

The consensus of the Committee (on Friday) was that the Rules Committee has the authority under 202.2.12, to waive 207.8.1 (proof of time for individual events) for those athletes who achieved national cuts at the Texas A & M meet who apply for such a waiver. Swimmers whose times were below the national standard(s) should be advised to ask their LSC, Region, Section about use of their times. Mike Saltzstein was charged with drafting a motion to be presented to the Committee the following day. Further discussion was postponed until then.

- **Watches as Pacing Devices** – A watch, in and of itself is not a pacing device. The Referee has the authority to determine if an athlete was using the watch as a pacing device.
- **Definition of Closed Competition** – The Rules Committee has been asked to furnish a definition of “closed competition” as it relates to the reference in Article 203.3 (120-day rule). After lengthy discussion, John Morse was charged with writing a definition. Discussion was postponed until the following day.

The meeting was adjourned until Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bare, Secretary

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**Absent:** Brittany Boldizar, Anneliese Eggert, Cecil Gordon, Jake Grosser, Don Hart, Jim Kelly, Susan Peterson-Lubow, Paul Sigfusson, and Carol Zaleski.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Bruce Stratton.

**USMS** – Kathy Casey reported that this is a rules year for Masters and they are looking at changes to their scoring at Nationals and minimum requirements for officials at Nationals. They have been comparing their book to ours and will advise us of any typos or problems they encounter in ours. As Rules Chair, Kathy has been receiving lots of questions regarding watches as pacing devices, the new swim suits, combined USMS-USA Swimming meets, and disabilities.

Bruce reported that the insurance companies for USA Swimming and USMS have been working to hammer out an agreement relating to combined meets. There will probably be an agreement in place by September.

**Definition of Closed Competition** – John Morse presented the following definition for consideration:

Closed Competition – for the purposes of club representation by an athlete member in accordance with Section 203.3, competition exclusively among two or more clubs within one organization or group (e.g., YMCA, high schools, summer leagues, etc.) formed for the specific purpose of such competition or series of competitions.

**Motion:** *Use this definition as a replacement for the current definition in the Glossary.* Failed.

**Motion:** *In Article 203.3, amend the last sentence to read: This 120-day rule does not apply to representation in closed competition even if it is sanctioned or approved.* Passed (Will be put forth as an R item (requiring 90% approval) with a recommendation for approval.

**Motion:** *Use John's definition of closed competition (below) to issue an interpretation.* Passed. Bruce will write the interpretation and distribute it to the Committee members for approval. It was suggested that a few concisely-worded examples be included. Once approved by the Committee, the interpretation will be widely distributed via email, on the web site, and handed out at Convention.

For the purposes of club representation, closed competition shall mean competition exclusively among two or more clubs within one organization or group (e.g., YMCA, high schools, summer leagues, etc.) formed for the specific purpose of such competition or series of competitions. Note, it may be necessary to indicate that this applies to organizations/groups other than LSCs and USA Swimming.

**Review of Committee Responsibilities for Recommendations**

- Properly and concisely worded
- Not in conflict with existing rules or policies
- Identify other affected provisions
- Special consideration to legislation from Committees
- Provide good and valid reasons for any recommendations for rejection

**Procedures for Withdrawal of Legislation and Approval Percentage**

- Items received by May 15<sup>th</sup> may be withdrawn only with the consent of the HOD.
- All proposals received after May, including those from the Rules Committee, require a 90% approval.

**Legislation** – See summary for recommendations on each item (Attachment B). Only those items that were changed are included below.

**R-2**

- Amend line 38 to read: The swimmer’s time includes the period the swimmer is out of the pool.

**R-4**

- Lines 90-91 – strike “(i.e. 10 & U.....) shall conform to USA Swimming rule 102.9 and”
- Lines 91-92 – strike “(the acromial process – a triangular projection of the scapula)”
- Lines 94-96 – strike all
- Line 97 – strike “(2) Note” and move remaining sentence to end of B above.
- Line 97 – strike “an” and replace with “a”; strike “open/”
- Line 98 – strike “open/” and replace with “senior”; strike “will” and replace with “shall”

Motion to recommend rejection passed. Jim Crampton will furnish rationale.

**R-6**

- Line 188 – Insert “Any” prior to “such modification” in second sentence
- Lines 189-190 – strike the sentence beginning “The Referee’s decision” and extend the previous sentence by saying: “...Rules and Regulations, shall affect only the current meet, and does not set precedent.”

**R-9**

- Delete last two sentences, lines 251-253.

**R-10**

- Re-state purpose to say: “To stress that pace clocks must be available during warm-up. Technology has made some language obsolete.”
- Delete last three sentences, lines 265-267

**R-11**

- Revise purpose to cover open water as well
- Line 286, should read, “do not conform to Parts 1, 2 and 7...”

**R-12**

- Line 303, replace “international” with “FINA”
- Line 303 – strike “after” and replace with “when”

**R-13**

- Line 339 – Insert sentence at beginning: “If a bulkhead has been moved prior to a U.S. Open competition or above, the pool shall be measured prior to competition.”
- Some of the proposed language appeared to be in the wrong section of the Rule Book, so the item was referred back to the committee rather than trying to make all of the necessary corrections on the spot.

**R-14**

- Line 383 – Replace “They” with “A swimmer”; replace “they” with “the swimmer”

**R-19**

- Line 476 – replace “Cognitive Disability” with “Cognitively Disabled”

**R-20**

- Line 494 – insert “someone on” between “from” and “the deck”
- Line 497 – rewrite to read: “Shall use a forward start for freestyle, breaststroke and butterfly. The Referee...”

**R-21**

- Rewrite lines 523-524 to read: “...may be established by a majority vote of the LSC House of Delegates.”

**R-23**

- Rewrite to include ability to grant approval to member clubs for closed competition

- Line 542 – add “or its designee” to end of last sentence.
- Ultimately, it was determined that this item should be withdrawn and referred back to Mike Unger.

**R-24**

- Line 562 – strike “and not the clubs” and replace with “or swim unattached”

**R-25**

- Line 586 – strike “meet” and replace with “meets”
- Line 587 – add “/U.S. Open” after the first “Championships”; add “respectively” at end of sentence

**R-28**

- Lines 662-663 – replace “is” with “shall be” on each line

**R-29**

- Change to read: “These times are the 10<sup>th</sup> fastest time in each single age group from the previous year.”

**R-30**

- Change sponsor to Governance Committee
- John Morse Did the following rewrite which was approved after lunch.

.5 Any sexual conduct, or advance or other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards an athlete by (i) a coach member, (ii) a non-athlete member, official, trainer or (iii) any other adult person participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming or its LSCs (whether such adult is a member or not) who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete. Any nonconsensual physical sexual conduct, or pattern of unwelcome advances or other sexual harassment in connection with or incidental to a USA Swimming-related activity by any person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming or its LSCs (whether such person is a member or not) directed toward any member or other person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming or its LSCs.

**R-31**

- Line 699 – remove apostrophe from LSC’s
- Line 709 – strike “compete for or become a member of the another swim” and replace with “leave that”
- Line 710 – strike “clubs” and replace with “affiliation”
- Line 710 – strike “coach of” and replace with “designated club representative of”
- Line 719 – replace “paragraph” with “section”
- Line 721 – change to read: “thereof, as appropriate.”

**R-32**

- Change sponsor to Governance Committee
- Line 736 – strike “in 304.3.1 through 303.14.14”

**LUNCH BREAK**

**Texas A & M Continued** - Bruce recapped what we had decided so far and indicated he thought that we were being inconsistent in our approach – namely, (1) making a recommendation to the National Team Head Coach/General Manager relative to those who would have qualified for Olympic Trials had their times not been invalidated, and (2) granting a waiver to those who would have qualified for a national-level meet had their times not been invalidated. Bruce suggested that we not grant a waiver to the proof of time requirement, given that he did not feel the Rule Book gave us such authority, but that we instead consider making a recommendation to Program Operations relative to national-level meets other than Trials class.

A motion accomplishing same was put forward by Mike Saltzstein.

The motion that was passed yesterday regarding a recommendation to National Team Head Coach/General Manager about Trials was read and there was concern about the “invite” aspect of that wording.

**Motion:** *Reconsider the motion regarding Olympic Trials.* Passed

**Motion:** *Replace the Olympic Trials motion with parallel wording to the previous motion.* Passed

Concern that the motion to Program Operations did not cover the U.S. Open which is governed by Senior Development Committee was expressed.

**Motion:** Replace all previous motions with the following: Passed

It is the opinion of the Rules Committee that athletes at the Texas Senior Circuit Meet (May 16 – 18, 2008) at Texas A & M University, who appeared to achieve certain first time standards, and whose times subsequently were invalidated due to pool length, should not suffer because the facility host potentially failed to properly set the course.

**Motion:** *The Rules Committee strongly urges and recommends that:*

*2008 Olympic Trials:*

*If requested in writing to National Team Head Coach/General Manager, by or on behalf of a swimmer who competed in any of the first five sessions of the Texas Senior Circuit Meet (May 16-18, 2008) at Texas A & M University, and who in one of these sessions achieved a qualifying time for the 2008 Olympic Team Trials, and whose time has been invalidated by the incorrect pool configuration, that such a swimmer be allowed to enter the specific event at the minimum qualifying time standard.*

*2008 Junior National, National:*

*If requested in writing to Program Operations Vice President, by or on behalf of a swimmer who competed in any of the first five sessions of the Texas Senior Circuit Meet (May 16-18, 2008) at Texas A & M University, and who in one of these sessions achieved a qualifying time for one or more yet to be competed 2008 National Meets excepting Olympic Trials (Appendix 2-A, page 77), and whose time has been invalidated by the incorrect pool configuration, that such a swimmer be allowed to enter the specific event at the minimum conforming qualifying time standard.*

*2008 U.S. Open:*

*If requested in writing to the Senior Development Committee, by or on behalf of a swimmer who competed in any of the first five sessions of the Texas Senior Circuit Meet (May 16-18, 2008) at Texas A & M University, and who in one of these sessions achieved a qualifying time for the 2008 U.S. Open, and whose time has been invalidated by the incorrect pool configuration, that such a swimmer be allowed to enter the specific event at the minimum conforming qualifying time standard.*

Passed unanimously.

#### **R-33 and R-34**

- R-33 - Jim Crampton, member of the Governance Committee, indicated that the Committee probably did not want this section as restrictive as its new interpretation by John Morse, Chair of NBOR, so the item will be referred back to the Committee.
- R-34 – This item will be referred back to the Board of Directors with the suggestion that they pursue another means of dealing with this problem other than placing it in Code of Conduct.

#### **R-39**

- This item will be moved to Housekeeping

#### **R-40**

- Line 914 – delete “beginning 2009-2012”
- Dan McAllen indicated that the LSC Evaluation is a work in progress which may or may not be ready by Convention
- Consideration of this item was postponed until such time as the LSC Evaluation is ready. It is conceivable that the item will be withdrawn and presented in 2009, given that LSCs will have until 2012 to comply.

#### **R-41**

- This is not an appropriate legislative item and will be dropped from the packet.

**R-42**

- As part of this legislation, 702.1.4 will also be listed for deletion
- Swimmers' names, times, dates, teams will not be listed with the stricken records, only the names of the events.

**R-43**

- This item will be moved to Housekeeping
- Line 996 – strike “Note:”
- Rewrite whole thing to read: “See sections 207.1, 207.3, 207.6, 207.8, 207.10, 207.12 for additional rules pertaining to Open Water National Championships”

**R-44**

- Line 1017 – replace “will” with “must”
- This will be sent back to John Leonard for potential revision.

Bruce extended his thanks to Michael Lawrence for chairing the Task Force on LSC Bylaws and complimented the Task Force on all that they accomplished. Michael and Bruce gave some background and explanations on the proposals coming from the Task Force.

Wells pointed out that “business days,” “calendar days,” and “days” are all used throughout Part 4 and that we would be wise to take steps to make sure there is no ambiguity attached to the word usage, either by using “calendar days” exclusively or by putting definitions in the glossary.

**Motion:** Use “calendar days” throughout. Passed. John Morse will go through and alter numbers as necessary because of this change.

**TF-1**

- Line 45 – Change second sentence to begin, “Resolution of any dispute..”
- Line 47 – Replace “determination” with “resolution”
- Lines 52-53 – Change to read: “Any complaint involving athletes, ~~or~~ other members, ~~or~~ any other person participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming or its LSCs (whether such a person is a member or not) during a national or international event; or”
- Line 94 – the word “official” should not be stricken
- Line 215 – change “panel” to Board of Review”
- Lines 225-226 – delete “of less than six (6) members”
- Line 472 – add “406” prior to “407.”
- Line 487 – replace “LSC” with “National”
- Line 542 – change to “Articles 408 or 409”

**TF-2**

- Lines 568-570 - 601.2 was rewritten by Wells: “Pursuant to the status of USA Swimming under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code, LSCs are exempt from federal income taxation and contributions, bequests, and gifts are deductible for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes under Sections 170(c)(2) and 2522(a)(2) respectively.” Wells will check with H & R to make sure the correct statutes are listed.
- Lines 662-664 (Inland Empire) and lines 707-708 (Oregon) will be altered to reflect the changes from R-41.
- Lines 773-774 – replace “by a majority vote of its membership at a regular club meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose” with “by a vote of the club in accordance with its Bylaws”
- Line 830 – delete “Junior Olympic”
- Line 831-832 – put a period after “Zone” and delete remainder of sentence and next sentence.
- Line 871 – add “or Zone” after “LSC”

**TF-5T**

- Line 1055 – capitalize “Review”
- Lines 119-1120 – should be stricken
- Line 1160 – put in a reference to 610.2.11C

Suggestions were made as to the best method of presenting all of the Task Force material. A means of identifying that which is conceptually new or that which is being deleted completely (i.e., not moved elsewhere) needs to be found,

perhaps by shading. Cross-references would eliminate the need to have the text in there twice (once as underlined, once as moved; rather we will put a memo indicating that this section was moved to xxx rather than showing the strikeout, and will say this text came from zzz rather than showing it as underlined.

**Unfinished Business**

- Bruce will write up the interpretation of “closed competition” and send it out to the Committee for approval.
- The possibility of including an index was discussed, but no one jumped on the bandwagon. Kathy Casey indicated that we could save ourselves some work if we used the USMS index as a guide for key words, should anyone decide to tackle it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bare, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

May 29, 2008

From: Jay Thomas - FINA Open Water Representative  
 To: Bruce Stratton – Chairman, USA-S – Rules and Regulations Committee

Subject: FINA Open Water Rules Change Report

1. Attached is a summary of the rules changes approved at the Congress convened at the World Championship in Manchester, England.
2. There are some items that may warrant future consideration for USA-S rules changes. In the interim, these items can be effectively dealt with in Meet Books and the General Meeting of events. These new FINA rules are noted with @@@@.
3. We expect additional rules modifications after the inaugural Marathon Swim in Beijing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Thomas

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| <b>OWS 1</b>             | <b>DEFINITIONS</b>   |
| <b>OWS 1.1.1</b>         | <b>Long Distance Swimming</b> shall be defined as any competition which takes place in rivers, lakes, oceans or water channels except for 10K events.                            |
| <b>OWS 1.1.2</b>         | <b>Marathon Swimming</b> shall be defined as any 10KM event in Open Water competitions. over 10 kilometers.  |
| <b>OWS 3</b>             | <b>DUTIES OF OFFICIALS</b>   |
|                          | <b>THE REFEREE shall:</b>  |
| <b>OWS 3.2.1 (new)</b>   | In case of hazardous conditions that jeopardize the safety of the swimmers and the officials, in conjunction with the Safety Officer he can stop the race.                       |
| <b>OWS 4</b>             | <b>THE START</b>   |
| <b>OWS 4.1 (amended)</b> | All Open Water competitions shall start with competitors standing on a fixed platform or treading water in a depth sufficient for them to commence swimming on the start signal. |
| <b>OWS 4.1.1 (new)</b>   | When starting from a fixed platform competitors shall be assigned a position on the platform, as determined by random draw.  |
| <b>OWS 4.6.1 (new)</b>   | On the starter command "take your marks" they shall take up a starting @@@@ position with at least one foot at the front of the platform.  |
| <b>OWS 4.6.2 (new)</b>   | The starter will give the starting signal when he considers all swimmers are ready.  |
| <b>OWS 4.8 (new)</b>     | If in the opinion of the Referee an unfair advantage has been gained at the start the offending competitor will be given a yellow or red flag in @@@@ accordance with OWS 6.3.   |
| <b>OWS 6</b>             | <b>THE RACE</b>  |
| <b>OWS 6.17 (new)</b>    | Abandonment Procedure  |
| <b>OWS 6.17.1 (new)</b>  | In cases of emergency abandonment for races of distances 10 kilometres and under, the race will be re-started from the beginning at the earliest                                 |

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|                         | moment.  |
| <b>OWS 6.17.2 (new)</b> | In cases of emergency abandonment for any race longer than 10                |
| @@@                     | kilometers where the lead swimmer has accomplished at least 3/4 of the       |
|                         | race, the final ranking will be as reported by the Head Referee. If the lead |
|                         | swimmer has not completed 3/4 of the race, it will be restarted from the     |
|                         | beginning at the earliest moment possible.                                   |
| <b>OWS 6.7.1 (new)</b>  | Rendering assistance by an official Medical Officer to a swimmer in          |
| @@@                     | apparent distress should always supersede official rules of disqualification |
|                         | through "intentional contact" with a swimmer (OWS 6.3.1)                     |
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| <b>OWS 7</b>            | <b>THE FINISH OF THE RACE</b>  |
| <b>OWS 7.2.1</b>        | When automatic Officiating Equipment is used for timing of competitions in   |
|                         | accordance with rule SW 11, microchip transponder technology should be       |
|                         | added to the Equipment. Use of microchip transponder technology is           |
|                         | mandatory for competitions at the World Championships. Microchip             |
|                         | transponder timing technology will be recorded officially in tenths of       |
|                         | seconds. When results are even through tenths of a second, the final         |
|                         | places will be determined by the referee based upon the finish judges'       |
|                         | report and the finish video tape   |
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|                         | <b>BYLAWS</b>  |
| <b>BL 8.3.7.3 (new)</b> | For Olympic Games the start shall be from a fixed platform.                  |
| <b>BL 8.3.7.4 (new)</b> | The numbering of athletes is to appear on the arms, upper backs and          |
|                         | hands of competitors. On the arms the numbers shall be arranged              |
|                         | vertically. On the upper backs and hands the numbering is horizontally.      |
|                         | The numbering of the arms and backs is made with an ink template:            |
|                         | 100mm high x 60 mm wide. The numbering of the hands of competitors is        |
|                         | allowed by marking pens. For athletes with darker skin and full body swim    |
|                         | suits a white marker pen will be required.                                   |

## ATTACHMENT B

**PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
May 31 - June 1, 2008

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Location</b>                 | <b>Recommendation</b>                 |
|------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| R-1        | Substitute FINA wording for deliberate delay at the start   | 101.1.5                         | Approval                              |
| R-2        | Remove rule regarding long distance pool swimming from Open Water section and place in blue section   | 101.8 (new)<br>701.2.3          | Approval                              |
| R-3        | Clarifies event limitations when prelims and finals are on different days   | 102.2.5<br>(new)                | Approval                              |
| R-4        | Restriction on swimwear for Age Group competitors (to keep the cost down)   | 102.9.1                         | Rejection                             |
| R-5        | Allow Referee to act as Starter; expand conditions of sanction to allow for contingencies   | 102.12.3<br>102.12.4<br>202.3.7 | Rejection                             |
| R-6        | Modifications made by a Referee under Article 105 at one meet do not set precedent  | 102.13.8                        | Approval                              |
| R-7        | Limits required information on a DQ slip to event, heat, lane, and infraction   | 102.15.3-.4                     | Approval                              |
| R-8        | Allow for 10 lanes to be used at Nationals  | 103.3.2A                        | Rejection                             |
| R-9        | Clarifies language regarding lane lines   | 103.13.2                        | Approval                              |
| R-10       | Requires pace clocks during warm-up; delete obsolete language   | 103.17                          | Approval                              |
| R-11       | Allows for observed swims to be eligible for records  | 104.2.1C                        | Approval                              |
| R-12       | Must be able to represent the USA in international competition in order to set American record  | 104.2.2A                        | Approval                              |
| R-13       | Alter pool measurement procedures   | 104.2.2C<br>104.2.3B            | Referred back to Committee            |
| R-14       | Update language to reflect current terminology regarding cognitive and visual disabilities  | 105.1.1<br>105.2.1-.2           | Approval                              |
| R-15       | Coach/athlete must request specific modifications under Article 105   | 105.1.2A-B                      | Approval                              |
| R-16       | To clearly state that an athlete with a disability may not use aids for buoyancy or speed   | 105.1.3<br>105.5.2              | Approval                              |
| R-17       | To discontinue mandated use of IPC ID cards at USA Swimming competitions  | 105.1.4                         | Approval                              |
| R-18       | To diagram the signal that indicates short whistles to the deaf   | 105.3                           | Approval                              |
| R-19       | Clarifies language regarding cognitive disability modifications   | 105.4                           | Approval                              |
| R-20       | Update and clarify language regarding physical disabilities modifications   | 105.5.1A-E                      | Approval                              |
| R-21       | Before an LSC may impose additional requirements and/or conditions of sanction/approval, those requirements or conditions must be approved by the LSC's House of Delegates. | 202.1                           | Approval                              |
| R-23       | Limit approvals to non-member clubs/organizations only unless otherwise approved by USA Swimming Board of Directors   | 202.4.1                         | Withdrawn pending approval of the HOD |
| R-24       | Allow Zones to offer a Zone Senior Championships  | 205.7(new)                      | Approval                              |
| R-25       | Provide for short course Junior Nationals   | 207.4.1                         | Approval                              |
| R-26       | Provide for scoring when 10 lanes are used at Nationals   | 207.12.9C                       | Approval                              |
| R-27       | Provide for awards for top 10 finishers in timed final events when 10 lanes are used at Nationals   | 207.13.2A                       | Approval                              |
| R-28       | Include names of awards (individual high point & meet performance)  | 207.13.2A-D                     | Approval                              |
| R-29       | Explanation of NAG Recognition Times  | Appendix 2-B                    | Approval                              |
| R-30       | Extend sexual misconduct provisions to include all members  | 304.3.5                         | Approval                              |
| R-31       | Expansion of Code of Conduct recruiting provision   | 304.3.13                        | Approval                              |
| R-32       | Clarification of Code of Conduct  | 304.3.15                        | Approval                              |
| R-33       | Clarification of Code of Conduct  | 304.3.15                        | Referred back to                      |

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|      |  |                                    | Committee                           |
| R-34 | Adds illegal use of photographing, video-taping, etc. of certain USA Swimming meets and events as a violation of Code of Conduct | 304.3.11<br>(new)                  | Referred back to Board of Directors |
| R-35 | Requires that members of a club's board of directors hold individual memberships to USA Swimming                                 | 502.2.1C<br>(new)                  | No Recommendation                   |
| R-36 | Clarifies that an LSC may not impose additional membership requirements for clubs or individuals                                 | 502.2.1C<br>(new)<br>502.3.5 (new) | Approval                            |
| R-37 | Clarification that all coaches must satisfy membership requirements, not just club coaches                                       | 502.4.3<br>502.4.5                 | Approval                            |
| R-38 | Permits President to appoint a representative to serve on the Investment Committee in his/her stead.                             | 506.5.1                            | Approval                            |
| R-39 | Delete obsolete language regarding members of Operations Committee   | 507.2.7                            | Approval                            |
| R-40 | Requires each LSC to complete LSC evaluation each quad   | 509.4 (new)                        | Postponed                           |
| R-41 | Changes LSC boundaries of IE and OR  | Appendix 6D                        | Remove from Packet                  |
| R-42 | Delete obsolete records from Rule Book   | 703.1<br>703.2<br>Records          | Approval                            |
| R-43 | Reminder that some procedures for Open Water Championships are included in Article 207   | 704                                | Approval                            |
| R-44 | Mandate minimum age of 18 years for members of LSC Board of Review   | LSC Model Bylaws<br>610.3.3C       | Referred back to Maker              |

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| TF-1  | Incorporate Article 610-T (Hearings & Appeals) from LSC Bylaws into Part Four of Rules & Regulations   | Part Four of Rules & Regs    | Approval |
| TF-2  | Reorganize Part Six of Rules & Regulations to incorporate important information heretofore included only in the appendices of the LSC Model Bylaws | Part Six of Rules & Regs     | Approval |
| TF-3T | Provides an introduction to the LSC Model Bylaws   | LSC Model Bylaws             | Approval |
| TF-4T | Expands on instructions for LSC Model Bylaws   | LSC Model Bylaws             | Approval |
| TF-5T | Eliminates much of 610-T from LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion in Rule Book  | 610 of LSC Model Bylaws      | Approval |
| TF-6T | Eliminates Tables of Concordance   | Part 6-B of LSC Model Bylaws | Approval |
| TF-7T | Eliminates Part 6-C of LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion elsewhere or because parts are outdated  | Part 6-C of LSC Model Bylaws | Approval |
| TF-8T | Eliminates Part 7 of LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion elsewhere or because parts are outdated  | Part 7 of LSC Model Bylaws   | Approval |

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| HK-1 | Update language regarding Age Group Recognition; housekeep reporting requirements | 104.2.1H(3)<br>104.2.3B | Approval |
| HK-2 | Correct reference regarding amendments  | 507.2.9                 | Approval |