

# USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Rules Committee

Session #: 4

Agenda item #: 31

## ACTION ITEMS

### R24 – Approved

Committee Chair: Leo Letendre

Vice Chair(s): Kathy Casey

Number of committee members present: 11      Absent: 6      Total delegates attending this meeting: 11

Committee Members present: Leo Letendre, Tom Boak, Jessica Leaton, Kathy Casey, Joe Kurtzman, Peggy Buchannan, Michael Moore, Charles Cockrell, Jan Kavadas, June Krauser, Judy Gilles

## MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: approximately 1:58 PM

1. Changes enacted by USA-Swimming were presented for discussion. The following changes, shown as applied to USMS rules were enacted by USA-S

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### UI 101.7.2 p.17

#### 101.7.2 – Medley Relay

Four Swimmers on each team, each to swim one-fourth of the prescribed distance ~~continuously~~ in the following order: first, backstroke, second, breaststroke, third, butterfly; fourth, freestyle. Rules pertaining to each stroke used shall govern where applicable. At the end of each leg, the finish rule for each stroke applies in each case.

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### UH1 101.2 p.14

- .5 **Finish** – At the finish, ... . The head may be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during any part of the last complete or incomplete ~~stroke~~ cycle preceding the touch.

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### UH2 103.11.3 p.31

- A Be in position at the start to have an unobstructed view and shall start the watch at the instant of observing the visual starting signal. If the visual starting signal is not observed, the watch shall be started upon hearing the sound of the ~~horn or gun~~ starting signal.

**MSA** to recommend adoption of U1, UH1 and UH2 by the House of Delegates

2. The following change enacted by USA-Swimming is not automatically adopted by USMS. However, the Rules Committee recommends that the House of Delegates adopt the following change to the Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability in USMS Meets.

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### UA1 108.5.1 p.31

**E** For free style, breaststroke, and butterfly, a forward start shall be used. The referee, however, may allow modifications, such as the following:

- (1) ...
- (2) ...
- (3) ...
- (4) For breaststroke and butterfly after the start and after each turn, a swimmer who is unable to push off with the leg/s may perform one asymmetrical stroke to attain the breast position.

**MSA** to recommend adoption of UA1 by the House of Delegates.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 2:02 PM

## TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR