

Proposed Changes to the Rules of Competition Adopted By the House of Delegates Dallas, TX -September 13, 2002

The House of Delegates adopted the following changes to the Rules of Competition.

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 cycle preceding the touch.

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 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.

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 starting signal.

R4 p. 39

104.5.2

A Meet Schedules

Schedule 1	Schedule 2	Schedule 3
2003 Short Course 2004 Long Course 2006 Short Course	2003 Long Course 2005 Short Course 2006 Long Course	2004 Short Course 2005 Long Course
<u>1st Day</u> **	<u>1st Day</u> **	<u>1st Day</u> **
800/1000 free	800/1000 free	800/1000 free
1500/1650 free	1500/1650 free	1500/1650 free
<u>2nd Day</u>	<u>2nd Day</u>	<u>2nd Day</u>
400 IM	400/500 free-men	100 fly
50 fly	50 breast	50 breast
200 free	100 fly	100 back
100 back	200 back	200 free
200 breast	50 free	200 mixed medley relay
200 mixed medley relay	200 IM	200 free relay
200 free relay	200 mixed free relay	400 IM
<u>3rd Day</u>	<u>3rd Day</u>	<u>3rd Day</u>
400/500 free-women	400/500 free-women	100 IM*
200 back	100 IM*	200 fly
50 free	200 breast	50 back
100 breast	100 free	100 free
200 IM	50 back	200 breast
100 fly	200 fly	200 medley relay
200 medley relay	200 medley relay	400/500 free-women
<u>4th Day</u>	<u>4th Day</u>	<u>4th Day</u>
400/500 free-men	100 back	200 back
50 breast	50 fly	50 free
100 IM*	200 free	200 IM

200 fly	100 breast	50 fly
100 free	200 mixed medley relay	100 breast
50 back	200 free relay	200 mixed free relay
200 mixed free relay	400 IM	400/500 free-men

*100 IM only for SC; Days 1 & 4 can be interchanged

R3 104.5.1C p 38

104.5.1C—Heat sheets—For pre-seeded events, heat sheets listing the name, age, club, seed time, and heat and lane assignments shall be made available to all swimmers at the time of registration.

For deck seeded events, entry lists listing the name, age, club, and seed time by time or age group, except relays, shall be made available to all swimmers at the time of registration. If, instead, the host chooses to make heat sheets available for deck seeded events, then the heat sheets for each day, except relays, shall be made available in the morning before those events are swum.

R5 104.5.2C p.40 Insert subsection and renumber

104.5.2C Rotation of 800/1500 and 1000/1650—The order of two distance events may be changed by agreement of the meet director and the Championship Committee.

R6 104.5.4C(2) p41

104.5.4C(2)—Relay entry deadline—A relay may be entered until the day before it is scheduled to be swum. Participants therein must have entered the meet by the individual entry deadline.

R7 105.2 p.46

105.2.3-In order for a time to be valid for Top Ten times consideration, a minimum timing quality of two manual times, averaged per USMS rules (see article 103.12.4), shall be used.

R14 105.1 p. 45 Insert and renumber.

105.1.5 Results from events conducted in pools that do not meet the *minimum* pool length requirement (minus 0.00M) shall not be acceptable for Record Applications or Top Ten submissions.

R15 105.1 p.46 Insert after 105.1.5 above and renumber

105.1.6 Pool Certification

- A Record applications and Top Ten submissions will not be accepted unless certification of course length accompanies them or is on file with USMS or USA Swimming
- B Pool certification shall be reported on the USMS pool certification form.
- C Certification data need only be filed once unless structural changes have occurred since original certification

105.1.7 Pool Measurement

- A The exact length of the course, measured for all lanes by a steel tape or other acceptable measuring device in feet and inches and fractions of an inch, or in meters and centimeters, must be attested to by the person performing the measurements.
- B A statement of the conditions under which the course was measured must be included.
- C Where a moveable bulkhead is used, course measurement of the two outside lanes and a middle lane must be confirmed at the conclusion of the session during which the time was achieved.

R16A 107.1 p.48 Insert and renumber

107.1 DEFINITIONS

107.1.3 [M†] Mandatory requirement except that facilities not meeting these requirements may conduct sanctioned events but the results of those events shall not count for USMS Records and Top Ten. Events conducted in these facilities must note that they are noncompliant in the meet entry information.

R16B 107.2.1 p.48 Insert and renumber

C Dimensional Tolerance Against the required length, a tolerance of minus 0.00 meter in each lane on both end walls at all points from 0.3 meter above (if the wall or timing pad extends to this height or to the top of the wall or pad otherwise) to 0.8 meter below the surface of the water is allowed. [M†]

R18 104.5.4D(1) p.42

104.5.4 – Entry Procedures

D Entry fees

- (1) A \$30 surcharge may be charged to be used by the meet sponsor to help pay meet expenses. If a meet host uses a five-day format, the host may charge \$38.

R19 104.5.5(B) p.43 Insert and renumber

B Distance Events

- (3) For any event 800 meters or longer, men and women may be seeded together at the discretion of the Championship Committee. Two-to-a-lane seeding shall not be used.

R22 104.5B p39 Championship Committee

B Rotation of meet schedule

- (1) In odd-numbered years, men's events will be odd-numbered. In even-numbered years, men's events will be even-numbered. On the distance day only, men's and women's heats may be alternated regardless of whether it is an even or odd year.

R23 103.9. P.29

103.9 Recall Rope Operator

The duty of the recall rope operator shall be to immediately, upon sounding of the false start signal, activate the quick release mechanism of the recall rope so that the recall ropes drops across the course.

R 24 102.16.4 p. 26 Insert and renumber.

102.16.4 Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part 1 of the Swimming Rules and the Glossary shall be submitted in writing (on paper or in an electronic file), within 10 days to the USMS Rules Committee Chair who shall issue a decision in writing (on paper or in an electronic file) within five 5 days of the date of receipt of such protest, unless notified by the USMS Rules Committee Chair that the issue must come before the entire Committee. The ruling shall be final and binding on all parties.

UA1 108.5.1 p.31 Add (4) and E designation

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

- (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.