

2003 Proposed Changes to the USMS Rules of Competition  
Final Wording

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

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**R3 104.5.10C** P.48 Championship Committee

One recall rope operator for each course if a recall rope is used.

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**UH1 107.4** p.53

- .1 Pool bottom lane markers:** Minimum 10 inch (25-centimeter) wide lanes of a dark contrasting color (preferably black) shall be provided in the middle of each racing line on the bottom of the pool. The lines shall, preferably, be uninterrupted the length of the course and shall with a distinctive cross line 3 feet 4 inches (1.0 meters) long and the same width as the bottom marker. The line, including the cross line, shall terminate 6 feet, 7 inches (2.0 meters) from each end wall. [M\*, NC]
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**UH2 108.1.2** p. 57

**108.1 GENERAL**

**108.1.2 – Responsibilities**

**B Referee** (no change to 1 or 2)

- .3 Modifications** – Some of the modifications which the Referee may make to accommodate the athlete will be required.  
(no further changes)
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**U1 102.14** p.31

**102.14 STARTER**

- C.** On the starter's command "Take your mark," the swimmers shall immediately assume their starting position with at least one foot at the front of the starting platform. Swimmers starting in the water must have at least one hand and one foot in contact with the wall or starting platform. When all swimmers are stationary, the starter shall give the starting signal.
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**U2 103.10.5** p.32

**103.10.5 -- Relay Take-Off Judges**

- C** When automatic relay exchange judging equipment is in use, the system printout will provide the information to judge relay exchanges. Integrated back-up timing cameras may be reviewed by the Referee to confirm the automatic system's results. When back-up timing cameras are not available, the Referee will determine the confirmation process.
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**U3 108.1** p. 57

**105.1 General**

**Use of ID Card for Swimmers with a Disability** -- All swimmers with a disability, who have an International Paralympic Committee Committee authorized classification, will be issued an ID card listing their specific International Paralympic Committee swimming rule exceptions on the reverse of the card. Swimmers shall be judged under these specific exceptions.

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**U4 103.12.2** p. 34 (insert and renumber)

**103.12.2 – Timing System Designation**

**B Secondary System - ...**

- (1) Back-up timing cameras recording a minimum of 100 images per second. The cameras must be fully integrated with the timing system.
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**U5 107.2.3** P.52

**107.2.3 – Water Depth**

**A Starting end** – Minimum water depth ...

- (1) In pools with water depth less than 4 feet 0 inches (1.22 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or from the water [M]  
(2) Delete  
(3) Renumber to 2

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**U6**    **107.2.3**    p.52

**107.2.3 Water Depth**

- .3 **Starting end** -- Minimum water depth for racing starts, as measured for a distance of 3 feet, 3 ½ inches (1 meter) to 16 feet, 5 inches (5 meters) from the end wall, during either competition or practice shall be as follows:
- (1) In pools with water depth less than 3 feet, 6 inches (1.07 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start within the water.
  - (2) In pools with water depth 3 feet, 6 inches (1.07 meters) to less than 4 feet (1.22 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or from within the water.
  - (3) (no change)

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**U7**    **107.12.3**    p. 55

**107.12.3 – Number of Lane Lines**

A single lane line between racing lanes shall be used in long course and short course meters competition. Multiple lines may be installed for short course yards competition, provided the width of water between dividers is not reduced to less than 7 feet. [M\*, NC]