

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE USMS LONG DISTANCE RULES OF COMPETITION

- LD1 Participants at sanctioned events p 67 Long Distance Committee
301.2. MEMBERSHIP, REPRESENTATION, AND SANCTIONS
301.2.2—A sanctioned long distance meet must include only sanctioned events and may include both USMS and USA Swimming events, with the USMS events sanctioned by USMS and the USA Swimming events sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming.
Rationale: *Clear up confusion as to who can compete during a sanctioned Long Distance event.*
- LD2 Eligibility for records P 67 Long Distance Committee
301.2. MEMBERSHIP, REPRESENTATION, AND SANCTIONS
301.2.3—One-event registrants shall not be eligible for ~~national~~ records, All-American status, or any other USMS special awards
Rationale: *Clarify that one-event registrants are not eligible for any USMS records.*
- LD3 Liability Release p 67 Long Distance Committee
301.3. LIABILITY RELEASE
The liability release must be signed by each person entering the meet on or before race day.
Rationale: *Define when the liability release must be signed.*
- LD4 Relay Exchanges p 70 Long Distance Committee
302.6. RELAY
... In the exchange in open water events, physical contact must be made between the two swimmers, with the new swimmer tagging some part of the departing swimmer. ...
Rationale: *This defines who is responsible for the tag, in open water relays.*
- LD5 Disabled Escort Craft p 70 Long Distance Committee
303.2. ESCORTED SWIMS
303.2.1— In any event for which it has been arranged that an escort craft or paddler will accompany each swimmer throughout the event, all swimmers shall be accompanied by such an escort paddler or craft. If the escort paddler or craft becomes disabled or cannot continue to accompany the swimmer, the swimmer must either stay in the water next to the escort craft until a replacement arrives, without making contact with the craft, or exit the water and withdraw from the event. In any case, the swimmer is not allowed to hold onto the escort craft, whether or not disabled.
Rationale: *Disallow swimmers from entering or holding on to a disabled escort boat, while they wait for a replacement craft.*
- LD6 Disabled Escort Craft p 71 Long Distance Committee
303.2. ESCORTED SWIMS
303.2.4—Swimmers shall not be assisted by escort craft as follows:
A Swimmers shall not receive floatation or propulsion from any escort craft. ~~propulsive, or towing aid from anyone in escort crafts.~~
Rationale: *Disallow swimmers receiving aid in floatation from their escort craft.*

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303.6. SWIMWEAR

303.6.3— ... Any published results or records must clearly indicate which swimmers wore wet suits.

Rationale: *Clarify that wetsuit competitors are not eligible for any USMS records.*

LD8 Club Scoring p 77 Long Distance Committee

305.9 CLUB SCORING

305.9.1—

A (same)

B Club point scoring for the 3000/6000 yard national championships shall be calculated based on a pre determined formula, approved by the Long Distance Committee, to fit the age group national record times for each gender. A preformatted spreadsheet containing this formula will be supplied to the 3000/6000 meet directors.

C (same as "B" is today)

Rationale: *To promote team competition by having all swimmers efforts count towards team scoring.*