

# USMS Convention—Dearborn, Michigan 2006

<b>Committee Name:</b> Rules	<b>Session #:</b> 2 – Rules Forum	<b>Report #:</b> 23
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Kris Wingenroth	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/15/06 9:30 AM	

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## Proposed Expenditures

None

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## Action Items

None

<b>Committee Chair:</b> Kathy Casey	<b>Vice Chair(s):</b> Charlie Cockrell	
<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 14	<b>Absent:</b> 8	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 27
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Kathy Casey, Charlie Cockrell, Peggy Buchanan, Leianne Crittenden, David Diehl, Sally Dillon, Judy Gillies, Laura Kessler, June Krauser, Sandi Rousseau, Jessica Seaton, Anthony Thompson, William Tingley, Kris Wingenroth		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

1. The Committee Chair, Kathy Casey, explained that the purpose of this forum was for members to have the opportunity to discuss any of the proposed rule changes.
2. The following rules were pulled for discussion:
  - R1
  - R3
  - R5
  - R6, R6A
  - R7
  - R10
  - R20
3. R1: Concerns about the safety of sprinting for older members were presented, the positive aspects of shorter races was discussed and the Chair reminded members that our rules currently allow meets to include nonconforming events such as 25s.
4. R5: Concerns about the procedure of registering an 18-year-old on the first day of the meet were discussed. Carolyn Boak explained that she expected to have registration blanks from the appropriate LMSCs at the championship site so the athletes can register with their home LMSC and that the athlete will sign the liability release at the meet. If an athlete has already turned 18 before the meet, they may register with USMS at home or at the meet. Legal counsel has approved this process.
5. R7: Members expressed concerns about smaller women swimming the 400 IM in lanes next to large men.
6. R10: There was much discussion about the problems with names on relay cards. At times, meet directors cannot identify the swimmer named on the card and thus the relay time may not be able to be accepted for official purposes. Members expressed concerns over the difficulty in listing relay names as they appear on someone's USMS membership card.
7. R20: The question was asked whether this rule applied to backstroke starts also. Kathy Casey will check with USA-S to get their opinion on this and determine if the language needs to be modified.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

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