

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Rules Committee	<b>Session #:</b>	
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Mollie Grover		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Julie Dusliere	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	16 August 2022 / 8:00 PM ET

#### **Actions Taken:**

1. Approved the 28-June-2022 Rules Committee meeting minutes.

<b>Number of committee members present: # 14</b>	<b>Absent: # 0</b>	<b>Guests: # 16</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> David Benjamin, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dusliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Timothy Murphy, Christopher Nolte, Barbara Protzman, C.J. Rushman, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
<b>Not present:</b>		
<b>Ex Officio present:</b> Chris Colburn (VP of Administration), Steve Hall (USMS National Office),		
<b>Ex Officio absent:</b> Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
<b>Guests:</b> Bob Bruce, MJ Caswell, Nadine Day, Alina DeArmas, Omar DeArmas, Diana Dolan LaMar, Barbara Dunbar, Jim Miller, Susan Nolte, Phyllis Quinn, Walter Reid, Sandi Rousseau, Robin Smith, Carrie Stolar, Jeff Strahota, Rand Vaillancourt		

#### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm ET.

Mollie welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the guests that this is a normal rules business meeting and that discussion of proposals will not occur tonight. The Rules Forum is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm ET.

#### Approval of Minutes

1. M/S (Claire/Jason) to approve the minutes of the June 28 meeting. Passed unanimously.

#### Update on the U-Proposals (USA Swimming)

1. Mollie shared that the wording that was reviewed by the Rules Committee earlier this summer has been updated by USA Swimming. Mollie updated these proposals in the packet with the updated information that was received from USA Swimming recently.
2. U-1 and U-3 are both pending withdrawal once the USA Swimming HoD approves their procedures for their annual meeting this year. Both proposals are currently still in the USMS packet; however, these two items may not need to be dealt with at the USMS Rules Committee meeting post-convention.

#### Trans-Gender Task Force

1. Chris Colburn shared a brief overview of this task force which will be comprised of individuals from Rules and Diversity & Inclusion. Others may be appointed by the President from Legislation and Sports Medicine. The task force will review the current USMS trans-gender policy, specifically in regard to the new FINA policy on trans-gender.
2. Kathy raised reference to rule number 102.5.3 and jurisdiction of the Rules Committee.
3. Chris shared that the Board is aware of the rule in the context of convening this task force.

4. The committee held a discussion regarding this new task force, history of the policy and the prior task force, and impact of the FINA policy.
5. Mollie called for 1-2 volunteers from the Rules Committee to volunteer. CJ Rushman and Marilyn Fink expressed their willingness to serve on the task force and Kathy Casey will serve as a back-up if needed.

Other Business

1. Mollie briefly polled Rules committee members for annual meeting attendance.

M/S (CJ/Claire) to recess meeting until the annual meeting, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm ET.