

USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee Minutes

May 30, 2023, Virtual Meeting

Present: Derek Paul, Herb Schwab, Beth Winkowski, Mitch Gold, Michelle Steinfeld, Rachel Stratton-Mills, Greg Lockard, Nicole Caruso, Kathleen Scandary, Suzanne Heath, Matt Wilson, Ellen Johnston, Julia Milner, Eddie Hughes, Olivia Carter, Brad Craig, Joe Fink, Maria Davila Cadena, Brendan McHugh, Sid Cassidy

Absent: Christina Fox, Josie Uerling, Sandy Searcy, Jimmy Feigen, Clark Hammond, Robert Pearson, Taylor Rogers, Sarah Gibson, Kaersten Meitz, Katrina Konopka, Carol Zaleski,

Guests: Courtney Intara

Call to Order: Committee Chair Derek Paul called the meeting of the Rules and Regulations Committee to order at 11:30AM MT.

Agenda: Legislative Review

Discussion:

- Mr. Paul began the meeting by reading the mission of USA Swimming and the Rules and Regulations Committee.
- A quorum was established with 11 voting members present.
- Informal discussion pertaining to how to improve attendance and scheduling of the committee meetings.
- Ms. Steinfeld Introduced the new USA Swimming position, Secretary Rules Editor to be filled by Greg Lockard.
- Motion to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to approve chair to interpret rules between committee meetings. Approved unanimously.
- Mr. Paul discussed the creation of Rules and Regulations Committee Working Groups. Discussed option to keep sub-committees open to all members with three (3) members assigned as permanent members of the newly created sub-committees.
- Mr. Paul discussed the importance of reviewing the legislative package for correct language and free from conflict of existing rules/provisions.
- Mr. Paul led a discussion of each individual item included in the legislative package:
 - o R-1: Added non-athlete to line 64. Added full title of AEC to read as Athletes Executive Committee to line 39. Added eligibility after same on line 58.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-1 adopted unanimously.
 - o R-2: No discussion
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-2 adopted unanimously.
 - o R-3: Change conduct to offer on line 102. Add eligibility and set by zone to line 108. Added Senior to line 110. Remove amend Article 205.7 on line 94.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-3 adopted unanimously.
 - o R-4: Added Development to line 114. Reworded the description of Purpose on line 115. Changed option to discretion on line 129.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-4 adopted unanimously.

- R-5: Added Meet to Referee to all cases. Changed has a hearing loss to hard of hearing on line 179. Changed precedence to precedent on line 183.
 - Motion to refer R-5 to committee for further action adopted unanimously.
 - R-6: Changed effective date to immediately on line 189. Added duly cast to line 199.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-6 adopted unanimously.
 - R-7: Changed effective date to immediately on line 207. Strike update Article 202.7 to line 204. Strike and interpretations on line 212. Strike Book on line 215.
 - Motion to refer R-7 to committee for further action adopted unanimously.
 - R-8: Changed effective date to immediate on line 228.
 - Motion to approve the recommendation for R-8 adopted unanimously.
 - R-9: Added in order to on line 265.
 - Motion to refer R-9 to committee for further action adopted unanimously.
- Proposed next meeting date/time discussed. Next meeting TBD.

Adjournment: Mr. Paul adjourned the meeting of the Rule and Regulations Committee at 2:27 PM MT.