

USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 -1:00 PM EST (Virtual Meeting)

Present: Derek Paul (Chair), Topher Bishop, Nicole Caruso, Stephen Cassidy, Brad Craig, Maria Davila-Cadena, Dana Covington, Jimmy Feigen, Joe Finke, Christina Fox, Clark Hammond, Suzanne Heath, Charles Hughes, Ellen Johnston, Greg Lockard, Brendan McHugh, Robert Pearson, Taylor Rogers, Kathleen Scandary, Herb Schwab, Sandy Searcy, Michelle Steinfeld (staff), Rachel Stratton-Mills, Jay Thomas, Josie Uerling, Shannon Vreeland, Beth Winkowski (staff)

Absent: Dana Covington, Robert Pearson, Andrew Wilson, Sarah Gibson, Simon Lamar

Guests: Larry Alexander

Call to Order: 1:04 PM EST

Agenda:

- Mr. Paul began the meeting by reading the mission, Committee mission, and priority results.
- Mr. Paul solicited volunteers to serve as voting members of the 2024 House of Delegates.
 - Non-Athlete Volunteers: Maria Davila-Cadena, Suzanne Heath, Taylor Rogers, Kathleen Scandary, Herb Schwab
 - Mr. Paul is designated as a voting member of the House as Chair of the Committee.
 - All athletes on the Committee are already voting members of the House. They will coordinate with the Athletes' Executive Committee to see if the AEC can re-assign any of their votes.
 - The Committee may meet in person on the Thursday before the House of Delegates meeting for those in attendance in Colorado. If you are attending, please email Beth to confirm.
- The Committee reviewed the legislative packet:
 - **R-1: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed whether the bracketed language would be removed once the legislation had passed.
 - The Committee discussed whether a working group has standing to submit legislation.
 - The Committee discussed whether a designee to the House of Delegates must come from the committee or if it can come from the general membership.
 - **R-2: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed the need to clarify who will assign duties for the Deck Referee.
 - **R-3: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - **R-4: Moved to Housekeeping and immediately changed to align with AQUA.**
 - The Committee discussed changing the glossary language to "ON THE BACK – position of the body when the shoulders are past vertical towards the back"
 - The Committee discussed a need for further training and education that nothing has changed except for the 1^o on the back.
 - **R-5: Moved to Housekeeping and immediately changed to align with AQUA.**
 - **R-6: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed that, except for loading the times into SWIMS, this is already allowed. If the lead off times are loaded into SWIMS for these relays, it would be inconsistent with other events that are not loaded into SWIMS, including lead off splits.
 - **R-7: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed the possibility of adding 50's for 15-18 athletes. The AEC had also discussed this but would like to start with the 13-14 athletes.
 - **R-8: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - **R-9: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed whether the /LSC/ designation should be added to 130.17.2.B
 - **R-10: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed whether there may be operational challenges with loading these times into SWIMS and monitoring registrations.
 - **R-11: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee requested Mr. Paul connect with the Senior Committee for feedback on this proposal.
 - **R-12: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**

- **R-13: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee discussed that 501.1.2.D should mirror the language from the AAC.
 - The Committee noted that 501.1.2.B is different from current policies for all operating committees.
- **R-14: Motion to withdraw. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee expressed concerns that a reduction in committee size would further reduce the opportunities for non-coach, non-athlete volunteers to serve.
- **R-15: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- **R-16: Motion to recommend approval. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
- The Committee will review the housekeeping items at the next meeting.
- **RESOLUTION: Motion to postpone to the next meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**
 - The Committee noted that the Board of Directors is still discussing this Resolution and the Committee will wait for more information before discussing.
- The next meeting of the Rules & Regulations Committee was set for Tuesday, June 4 at 1:00 PM EST.

Adjournment: Mr. Paul adjourned the April 28, 2024 meeting of the Rules & Regulations Committee at 4:06 PM EST.