

USA SWIMMING

**RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
ACTIONS TAKEN ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

September 28, 2024

No.	Description	Location	Action
R-1	To make the current composition of the House of Delegates permanent.	Article 6 Corporate Bylaws	Adopted
R-2	To define officiating terminology.	OFFICIAL GLOSSARY	Adopted
R-3	To reflect current practice and allow the Starter judgement in the use of the command, dependent on the level or experience of the field. To reflect current practice of using a 'stand' command as procedural and remove implied reference to it as a rule.	101.1.2 101.1.3 102.12	Adopted
R-4	To allow for mixed relays at novice and developmental level meets to be of any gender composition as determined by the host club, and to encourage maximum participation in relays at novice and developmental meets.	101.7.3	Adopted
R-5	To provide additional competition opportunities for still-developing 13-14 year old athletes by adding the 50s of strokes as eligible competition events.	102.1.2	Adopted
R-6	To provide a minimally invasive method to support regularly occurring finger and toe injuries, and adopt a rule that has been an interpretive decision by USA Swimming, as well as a current rule for World Aquatics.	102.8.1	Adopted
R-7	To clarify the required height of the backstroke flags for National Championship events.	103.17	Adopted
R-8	To allow athletes who leave a club for a period (e.g., High School) before the end of the registration year to register upon returning to the club in the current registration year and have times achieved at observed meets during the period their registration lapsed eligible for entry into the SWIMS database.	202.8	Defeated
R-9	To clarify that each Zone may govern their Senior Zone Championship to the benefit and needs of their zone, including meet dates, qualifying and eligibility standards, and participant requirements.	205.7	Adopted
R-10	To update the Rulebook to reflect the current process and to remove language for items that no longer apply.	205.9	Adopted
R-11	To conform with requirements of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee.	304.3.2	Adopted
R-12	To clearly define the roles and duties of the Coach Advisory Council.	501.1 501.1.2 501.1.3 501.1.4 501.1.5 501.1.6	Adopted
R-13	To reflect current practice with the distribution of Rulebooks.	503.2	Adopted
R-14	To provide greater flexibility for local meet directors with regards to the use and application of wetsuits at non-championship level events. To add consistency to the Zone Open Water Championships as it applies to the Junior National Championships. To update Open Water National and Junior National Championship awards to reflect current event format.	OFFICIAL GLOSSARY 701.1 701.4 704 705	Adopted
HK-1	To be consistent with World Aquatics terminology.	OFFICIAL GLOSSARY 101.3	Adopted
HK-2	To be consistent with World Aquatics terminology.	101.6	Adopted
HK-3	To change all references from mixed gender to mixed competition category for consistency.	101.7 102.1 104.2.2 705.6	Adopted

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HK-4	To add clarity to the use of alternates in Finals heats.	102.5	Adopted
HK-5	To remove unnecessary wording.	102.8.1 F	Adopted
HK-6	To correct the title of the Committee Chair.	102.10.5 A	Adopted
HK-7	To remove the reference to the horizontal plane requirement for breaststroke starts and turns.	105.5.1 E (4)	Adopted
HK-8	To correct the title of the Program & Events Coordinator and the President/CEO.	202.4.11	Adopted
HK-9	To update the current committee structure to reflect that the times and recognition functions are a part of the Registration/Membership Committee.	202.6.4	Adopted
HK-10	To correct the title of the President/CEO.	206.3.1	Adopted
HK-11	To correct the title of the Committee Chair.	501.1.3	Adopted
HK-12	To correct the title of the Committee.	607.1	Adopted
HK-13	To correct reference to the President/CEO.	705.3	Adopted
HK-14	To remove unnecessary wording describing the President/CEO.	705.4	Adopted
HK-15	To use consistent language in referencing the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair.	Multiple Occurrences	Adopted
HK-16	To change FINA to World Aquatics and to use gender-neutral references.	Multiple Occurrences Required LSC Bylaws	Adopted