

2023 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

Committee Name: Records and Tabulation	Session #: 1
Committee Chair: MJ Caswell	Vice Chair: N/A
Minutes recorded by: MJ Caswell	Date/time of meeting: 8/14/23 8:00 EDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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Motions Passed:

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Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 22
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): MJ Caswell, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Chris Ottati, Walt Reid, Mary Sweat, Mary Beth Windrath.		
Committee Members Absent: Mike Abegg, Jeanne Seidler.		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 EDT.

1. Introductions of the committee members and guests present were made.
2. MJ thanked all the committee members for their many contributions to this committee and USMS.
3. We need to finalize the new pool measurement form. We have broken the form into 2 parts, one for initial pool measurements and one for bulkhead measurements. Mary Beth has made a small change to make certain that we are clear on whether the measurement is being done wall to wall, wall to pad or pad to pad. She will change it to make it clearer. Chris asked if the USA swimming rules wording has been removed. And that wording has been changed and put at the bottom of the page. Mary Beth will send MJ the latest version and it will be posted to the RT committee forum so that everyone can sign off on it.
4. We discussed 2 rules proposed changes that affect the RT committee R2 and R5. Both proposed rules have been recommended by the Rules Committee to be adopted, so it will only need a majority vote by the HOD to be adopted. R2 deals with how official times are achieved.

It was proposed by the Lake Erie LMSC to make USMS rules in line with USA swimming rules. The section that they would like to change involves only relay swims, and the new language is in red:

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C. A relay leadoff leg, provided:

- (1) The second swimmer does not start in the water when automatic timing is used,
- (2) The second swimmer does not invalidate the pad touch by standing on an active touchpad at the exchange if starting from the deck when automatic timing is used, and
- (3) ~~That swimmers complete the event without being disqualified.~~ The relay is swum by four eligible relay members. The lead-off swimmer's time shall not be nullified by a subsequent disqualification of the remaining relay team members.

It is believed by the Lake Erie LMSC that this would make it easier for officials, dual sanctioning meets, and new masters swimmers. The language is identical to USA rule language. Kathy Casey let us know that this requires the lane timers to check that the swimmers are indeed in the order as listed on the relay card. Barbara Dunbar asked how we would know that it wasn't the first relay member who was disqualified. Chris Ottati said that the DQ slip would indicate which swimmer was

DQed and why. The Meet Manager report would have the information according to Nancy Chapman. Mary Beth Windrath reminded us that masters can be creative and she is concerned that this new rule would be abused.

Records and Tabulations requested the date change in R5:

105.1.2 Deadlines—Times to be considered for records and Top 10 times shall be achieved and submitted as follows:

Course	Times Shall Be Achieved On or Before:	Times Shall Be Forwarded to Records and Tabulation Chair Or Designee By:	Season
Short Course Yards	May 31*	June 30**	June 1– May 31
Long Course Meters	September 30*	October 20**	October 1– September 30
Short Course Meters	December 31	January 26 20	January 1– December 31

*` If USMS requests that a meet host conduct a USMS national championship meet after the season-ending date, times achieved at all USMS/World Aquatics meets up to and including Nationals after the season-ending date (May 31 or September 30) shall be considered for USMS Top 10 for the season that just ended, not the next year’s season.

** Should a USMS national championship meet occur after the submission deadline for that course, times from meets through Nationals shall be forwarded to the Records and Tabulation chair or designee by the last day of the month in which that meet was completed or by the 15th of the following month, if the meet was held in the last two weeks of the month.

This rule change allows 6 additional days for the tabulation of the AQUA (formerly known as FINA) SCM top 10 submission. Barbara Dunbar asked for Mary Beth’s thoughts on this rule change and Mary Beth let her know that she requested the rule change. All of the members of the RT committee are Top Ten recorders and supported this rule change.

5. Action items going forward include 1 FAQ update and 1 Policy change.
6. Open discussion – Sally Dillon asked if we were making any legislative proposals. The RT committee is not making any legislative proposals this year. Sandi Rousseau asked for a status on a new committee description. The RT committee was asked not to make a new committee description part of a legislative proposal this year due to the BOD vote to sunset the RT committee. This committee does not believe that we should be disbanded. Sally Dillon asked why not propose legislation to update the committee description and we have agreed to wait until the task force recommendations so that we don’t end up redoing our committee description 2 years in a row. We have an updated committee description that is in the RT annual report and a task force is looking at Results Processing and making recommendations for results processing within USMS and the continuation of the RT committee. The Results Processing Task Force has MJ as the leader, with Cheryl Gettelfinger, Mike Abegg, Ed Tsuzuki, Paige Buehler, Alina de Armas, and Jason Weis serving. Mary Beth Windrath is a subject expert for the task force. Kathy Casey asked if we have enough committee members to do the work that the RT committee needs to do or do you need more committee members? MJ responded that we have enough members to assist with Top 10 lists, All-Stars and All Americans and keep our documentation up to date. It would be very nice to have a couple of additional committee members, especially ones with sanctioning and software development in their background. It feels like we are at the minimum size to do the tasks that we need to tackle. Kathy noted that she has noticed that overall committee sizes have been shrinking over the years. MJ said that she got the sense from talking to Peter that the BOD and others would like to encourage more volunteers to volunteer at the local level and not necessarily at the national level but that on the RT committee it’s not either/or, all of us do volunteer on all levels. Barbara Dunbar agreed that History and Archives has also gotten smaller and that some folks who wanted to be on History and Archives were not put on that committee. Sally Dillon did a spreadsheet of committee sizes since 2014 to 2023 and the numbers of members has definitely declined. If anyone is interested in a copy of her spreadsheet, contact Sally and she will share it with you.
7. USMS is updating the Sanctions system and the RT committee has a vested interest as we need access to certain information and we currently do not have access to all the info that we need to see, like a permanent copy of a meet entry form. It would be very helpful to have a checkbox to indicate that bulkhead measurements are necessary or that if it’s a recognized meet, that a meet observer report is required. The Meet Processing Task Force is also looking at the sanction system as it relates to end-to-end meet management. MJ would like all committee members to consider what information we need from the sanction system as it relates to Top 10. Linda Chapman reported that the LMSC development committee is working on a

sanctions section to be presented at Relay in October. Linda sent an email to many in the national office regarding items that would make it easier for LMSCs to meet standards on items like bulkhead measurements, system generated email that covers what should be in results and where to send them. The response she received indicated that the Sanctions work would be happening in 2024 1st quarter first phase and that they were not certain that what she was requesting fell within the scope of the project. Linda stated that in the days when we implemented end-to-end meet management, it was a committee of volunteers steering the project and it isn't clear who is designing the new sanctions system. Linda will forward her email to MJ. Linda also asked if meet hosts will be required to upload meet announcements and if others, most especially Mary Beth Windrath would have access to those meet announcements. Ed Coates reported that they are working on re-platforming from our old system and put out a minimum system on Sales Force and then enhancements can be made. He thought this information about desired features is useful for the next phase. MJ stated that she thinks that we need someone in the design process to prioritize feature requests.

8. Kathy Casey asked if anyone from Rules or Legislation is on the Results Processing Task Force. MJ responded that Jason is on Rules but that there isn't anybody on the task force from Legislation. The Committee has one member from the BOD, 2 members from the Officials committee, 3 members from the RT committee, 1 member from Rules and 1 member with a background in the end-to-end meet management system. Kathy believes we should have someone from legislation as well. Sandi suggested that MJ ask that someone from legislation be added to the committee and MJ will discuss that with Peter.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Finalize the updated pool measurement form.
2. Update policies to discuss ties for 10th place.
3. Update FAQ's.
4. Work on a ranked list of desired features for the new sanctions system.
5. Work on a scope document for a new results processing system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 EDT.
