

Final Wording of USMS Rules Modified at the 2001 USMS Convention

The following sections should read as follows (editing instructions are shown in *italics*):

Glossary

Seeding - ...

Deck-seeding – with or without check-in, events are seeded at the time of the event using entries received prior to or at the meet.

Pre-seeding – events that are seeded prior to the day of competition.

101.1.5 – Finish

At the finish, the body shall be on the breast and the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above or below the surface of the water. The head may be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during any part of the last complete or incomplete stroke cycle preceding the touch.

103.6.1 - The Referee shall have full authority over all officials and shall assign and instruct them; shall enforce all applicable rules and shall decide all questions relating to the actual conduct of the meet, the final settlement of which is not otherwise assigned by said rules; can overrule any meet official on a point of rule interpretation or on a judgment decision pertaining to an action that the referee has personally observed.

Insert and renumber following sections

103.6.2 – The Referee has the authority to disqualify a swimmer(s) for any violation of the rules that the Referee personally observes and, except for false starts, shall at the same time raise one hand overhead. If the Referee does not make such a signal there shall be no penalty.

103.8.5 – Start Commands

A At the commencement of each heat, the referee shall signal to the swimmers by a long whistle indicating that they should take their positions with at least one foot at the front of the starting platform, the edge of the pool, or on the wall and remain there. In backstroke and medley relay events, at the referee's first long whistle the swimmers shall immediately enter the water and at the second long whistle shall return without undue delay to the starting position (article 101.1.2).

103.8.6 – False Starts

A Any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given shall be disqualified if the independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred. ...

B If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue without recall. If the referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who have false started shall be notified of the disqualification upon completion of the race.

103.8.8 – Deliberate Delay or Misconduct

B The referee shall disqualify swimmers who fail to appear at the starting ready to swim in time for the initial start of their heat.

103.15. MARSHALLS

Shall wear identifying attire and enforce warm-up procedures and maintain order in the swimming venue. The marshal shall full authority to warn or order to cease and desist, and, with the concurrence of the referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe

manner or using profane or abusive language, or those whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.

105.3.10—When a record is claimed, an official record application form shall be filled out, signed by the designated officials, and transmitted immediately following performance with all supporting data, including official meet results, the primary printout tape, and/or copy of the entry card with timers' signatures, to the records and tabulation chair for the LMSC in which the event was sanctioned or recognized. Responsibility for this lies with either the LMSC records chair or the official scorer of the meet. The LMSC records and tabulation chair shall send the supporting data to the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee for verification. Upon verification, the chair of the USMS Records and Tabulation Committee shall promptly publish the new record on the USMS website.