

# USMS Convention - Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012

<b>Committee Name:</b> Rules	<b>Session #:</b> 3	<b>Report #:</b> 18
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Kathy Casey	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Leianne Crittenden, Matt Hooper	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Kris Wingenroth	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/14/12 4:30 p.m.	

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## Action Items:

1. R 56, MSA as amended
2. R 94, MSA as amended
3. R 49 MSA as amended
4. R 75, MSA
5. R 37, MSA
6. R 53, MSA
7. R 55 Tabled
8. R 32, MSA as amended
9. R 4, MSA
10. R 16, Tabled
11. R 17, MSA
12. R 48, MSA
13. R 50, Withdrawn

**Number of committee members present: 13**

**Absent: 4**

**Number of other delegates present: 1**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Present: Kathy Casey (Chair), Leanne Crittenden (Vice Chair), Matt Hooper (Vice Chair), Kris Wingenroth (Secretary), Carolyn Boak, Charlie Cockrell, Sally Dillon, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Brian Hoyt, Jessica Seaton, Steve Unruh

Absent: Marilyn Fink, Robert Mitchell, Kelly Sharitt, Ginny Trimble

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. All motions to approve for recommendation to the HOD were made by Leianne Crittenden and seconded by Matt Hooper.
2. MSA to reconsider R 56

MSA to amend R 56 to switch the order of words to read: “ B. (1) If two of the three button times or two of the three watch times agree, the time of the two buttons or two watches in agreement shall be the time for that timing system.

MSA as amended, R 56

3. The Chairman informed the Committee that there was a typographical error in the published minutes for Meeting # 1 in item 29, R 83. R 83 should read “ Water temperature from 25 to 28 degrees Celsius (77 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit).”
4. MSA as amended, R 94

MSA to amend R 94 to read: “... All bids for a national championship meet shall be returned to the chair of the Championship Committee no later than July 1 (or the next business day if July 1 falls on a Sunday or holiday).”...

5. MSA to remove R 49 from the Table

MSA to amend R 49 to read:

### **103.8.5 Start Commands**

**C** On the starter's command "Take your mark," ~~the~~ each swimmer shall immediately assume a starting position ~~with at least one that maintains at least one foot at the front of the starting platform; or at the edge front of the pool deck or on the wall.~~ Swimmers may not adjust the front foot position forward following the "take your mark" command. A swimmer starting in the water must have at least one foot on the wall and at least one hand in contact with the wall or starting platform. When all swimmers are stationary, the starter shall give the starting signal.

**101.1.1 Forward Start**—The forward start may be taken from the starting block, the pool deck or a push from the wall. At the commencement of each heat, the referee shall signal to the swimmers by a short series of whistles to remove all clothing except for swimwear, followed by a long whistle indicating that they should take their positions with at least one foot at the front of the starting platform or the ~~edge of pool deck or on the wall~~ before the command "Take your mark:." ~~These Swimmers~~ starting in the water should take their positions on the wall with ~~must have~~ at least one hand in contact with the wall or starting ~~block~~ platform and one foot in contact with the wall before the command "Take your mark".

Since this rule may still lack clarity, it was recommended by the Committee that an official interpretation be published by the USMS Rules Chairman.

6. MSA, R 75
7. MSA, R 37
8. MSA, R 53
9. R 55 Tabled
10. MSA as amended, R 32

MSA to amend R 32 to read "Medical alert identification items may be worn."

11. MSA, R 4
12. R 16, Tabled
13. MSA, R 17
14. MSA, R 48
15. MSA to withdraw R 50

The meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

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