

# 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

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| <b>Committee Name:</b>      | Rules            | <b>Session #:</b>            | 1                             |
| <b>Committee Chair:</b>     | Charles Cockrell | <b>Vice Chair:</b>           | Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre |
| <b>Minutes recorded by:</b> | Christina Fox    | <b>Date/time of meeting:</b> | 9/12/2019; 11:30 am           |

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA to authorize the chair to interpret Part 1 rules in between meetings of the Rules committee

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| <b>Number of committee members present: 15</b>  | <b>Absent: 1</b> | <b>Number of other delegates present: 38</b> |
| <b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Claire Letendre, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Karen Harris, Barb Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Rand Vaillancourt, Jason Weis, Teri White (ex-officio), Peter Guadagni (EC) |                  |  |
| <b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Julie Dussliere,   |                  |  |

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

1. Charles asked for introductions from the committee.
2. Charles reviewed the process for convention meetings. He noted that all proposals had been considered by the committee prior to convention and the committee decision is provided in the packet. If the committee feels that other action is needed, then a motion to reconsider would be required by a committee member who voted in the majority. Proposals will be voted on in HOD #4 (Sat am).
3. Charles entertained a motion to authorize the chair to interpret Part 1 rules between meetings of the Rules committee. MS (Rand/Jason). No discussion. Motion approved.
4. Charles provided an update to the committee regarding visual display goggles. There was a question from the National Office and the interpretation was that these would not be legal if used as an aid to pace versus just being worn (same as watches). Discussion ensued (committee and audience) on how these goggles are used/activated and if 'use' can be determined by officials.
5. Review of R-1, R-2 and U-2 (Relay Proposals)
  - a. Charles reviewed relay proposals and committee decisions. The committee did not recommend R-1 (from Indiana) but proposed and recommended R-2. U-2 from USA Swimming was considered but not recommended as this is already an official difference between USMS and USA-S rules.
  - b. Charles asked for comments from the committee (none) and audience. There were comments on the rationale for R-1 (Mel Goldstein, Indiana) and discussion on R-2 (committee and audience) on current procedures and rules, (Teri, Kathy, Claire, audience) and implementation to ensure consistency (Charles, Leo Letendre).
  - c. Charles asked the committee if any other action/motion was required. No further committee action required.
6. Review of R-3 and R-4 (Swimwear Proposals)
  - a. Charles noted that the only systemic issue appears to be questions regarding suits with ties. The committee did not recommend R-3 (from San Diego) as it felt that it would be impractical to include all of the FINA guidelines in code but proposed and recommended R-4 to clarify the FINA ban on fasteners and ties, except for a waist tie.
  - b. No comments from committee or audience. No further committee action required.

7. Committee review of Legislation proposals
  - a. Charles noted that L-13 was proposed to clarify Appendix B jurisdiction. Legislation has recommended L-13 as amended and asked for comments from the committee. Mollie noted that the proposed amendments from Legislation do not provide the actual jurisdiction information and does not agree with the changes. Carolyn agreed. Meg Smath (Legislation) clarified that the intent of the changes was to make the proposal more concise.
  - b. Charles, Mollie, and Kathy will review language with Legislation.
8. Charles briefly reviewed the remaining proposals and asked for any comments. There was a comment (Jeanne Seidler) on R-8 which limits distance events to only swimmers that meet the NQT and noted that this could be exclusive of slower swimmers. There was discussion (committee and audience) on the rationale for this (limiting meet timeline) and options to be inclusive but to also address potentially long meet timelines.
9. MS (Rand/Mollie) to recess. Motion approved.

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## **Tasks for the Upcoming Year**

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

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