

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover	Vice Chair:	Christina Fox
Minutes recorded by:	David Benjamin	Date/time of meeting:	May 20, 2025/7:30pm ET

Actions Taken:

1. None

Number of committee members present:	10	Absent:	2	Guests:	0
Committee members present: David Benjamin, Kathy Casey, Christina Fox, Mollie Grover (Chair), Susan Nolte, Jason Weis, Patrick Weiss, Kris Wingenroth, Benjamin Wyckoff, Rome Yount					
Not present: John King, Claire Letendre					
Ex Officio present: Mike Abegg, USMS Officials Committee Chair, Julie Dussliere (USMS Vice-President of Administration), Stephanie Gauzens (USMS Legislation Committee Chair), Onshalee Promchitmart (USMS National Office)					

Minutes

Mollie called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm ET and announced the agenda for the meeting: 1) Welcome and introductions; 2) Items of interest since last meeting; 3) Priorities for the year; 4) Update on transgender eligibility protest from Spring Nationals.

1) Mollie welcomed new members John King and Rome Yount, and all members briefly introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their Masters swimming backgrounds.

2) Mollie noted that, since our last meeting, she has addressed various issues regarding swimwear waivers. She also called the committee’s attention to eligibility protests that have been brought under the USMS transgender policy, arising out of Spring Nationals. Those protests are being addressed by an Eligibility Review Panel as called for by the organization’s transgender policy. Mollie also stated that the Attorney General for Texas is investigating USMS. Mollie reminded us that while individual committee members may have their own personal opinions on these matters, committee members cannot speak for the Rules Committee or USMS. Mollie and Onshalee encouraged committee members to refer any inquiries they may receive on the transgender policy to membership@usmastersswimming.org

3) Mollie anticipates that issues relating to the transgender policy may dominate the committee's agenda this year. If possible, however, she would like to continue to identify policy and operational matters that can safely be removed from the Rule Book, and to address proposed amendments to the Rule Book brought by World Aquatics, USA Swimming, and our own LMSCs. Committee members brought forward various ideas on how to modernize the Rule Book.

4) The update on transgender eligibility protests is described above under item 2).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm ET.