

Wisconsin Swimming, Rules Committee
May 16, 2012, Wednesday, 7:00-9:30 PM
University of Wisconsin Center-Waukesha, Room A-100
1600 University Drive, Waukesha

Meeting Minutes and Recommendations to LSC House of Delegates

ATTENDEES: Jeanne Drzewiecki, George Geanon, John Gupton, Patty Kramer (Chair), Pat Lewno, and Drew Walden

The Rules Committee took the following actions to forward to the LSC House of Delegates at its next meeting, June 19, 2012:

1. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES ON BOD:
 - a. Recommends housekeeping changes to Bylaw 605.1 to add "Committee" for both Senior Chair and Age Group Chair and to change "Rules" to "Policies Procedures."
 - b. Recommends amendment of Bylaw 605.2 (BOD Athlete Representatives) to add one Athlete Representative (for a total of 4) to the LSC Board of Directors to insure Athlete Members constitute at least 20% of the BOD members;
 - c. Recommends revising LSC Policy 13 (Athlete Representatives) for consistency with recommended changes to Bylaw 605.2 (Athlete Representative); and
 - d. Recommends changing Bylaw 605.5 to specify that the limit of three members from the same club member that may serve of the LSC BOD at any time applies separately to Athlete Members and Individual Members.
 - e. Recommends amending Bylaw 605.6 to limit the rights of appointed BOD members to voice, but no vote to establish a reasonably sized BOD with at least 20% Athlete Representative members.
 - f. Recommends amending Bylaw 605.8 to appoint two Athlete Members to the Executive Committee to provide for at least 20% Athlete Members on the Committee.
 - g. Recommends amending Bylaw 606.7.11 to specify that the elected Senior Athlete Representative has an LSC vote at the USAS Convention.
2. APPOINTED MEMBERS OF BOD HAVE VOICE, BUT NO VOTE:

Recommends amending Bylaw 605.6.1 (BOD Members) to make appointed members of the BOD serve with voice but no vote to allow a reasonable sized BOD that has at least 20% Athlete Members.
3. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES AND HOD AT-LARGE MEMBERS:

Recommends amending Bylaw 604.1.2 (HOD At Large House Members) regarding athlete members as Bylaw 604.1.1 already has a provision to insure 20% of the HOD members are athletes.

4. MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ELECTION: Recommends amending Bylaw 604.8.1 to include the Immediate Past General Chair as a member of the Nominating Committee as required by the new USAS Bylaws for LSCs.
5. ACTIONS BY E-MAIL: Recommends amending Bylaws 604.13 (HOD Mail Vote), 605.16 (BOD Action Taken by Written Consent), and 605.17 (BOD Mail Vote) 607.10 (Action by Written Consent –Committees) to permit completing HOD, BOD, Committees and subcommittees actions by e-mail.
6. ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES ON LSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Recommends amending Bylaw 605.8.2 (Members of LSC Executive Committee) to require two Athlete Members on the committee so athletes constitute at least 20% of its members.
7. SPLIT TIME: Recommends adding the term “Split Time” to the Policy Glossary as this is a commonly used term.
8. DIVE CERTIFIED: Recommends adding to Policy 2.2.1 (Meet Announcement):
2.2.1.W The statement: “Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member –coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.” Per USAS Rule 202.3.4.A
9. LSC INFORMATION IN HEAT SHEETS: Recommends adding to 2.4 (Meet Host Responsibilities) the LSC long standing policy that a Meet Host must provide for up to two pages in its Heat Sheet of LSC announcements.
10. LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING: Recommends eliminating Policy 9 (Long Distance Swimming) as the LSC does not have such a program. Policy 9 would become available for future use.
11. TRAVEL FUND: Recommends revising Policy 12.4.2 (Travel Fund) to specify that a swimmer is eligible for reimbursement for only one meet of the three meets (Central Zones--14 & Under, Senior Zones, or LSC Sectional Meet). Clarification of existing policy.
12. IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR TRAVEL FUND CHANGES: Recommends October 1st as the implementation date so the changes do not occur during a travel reimbursement cycle. Travel Fund changes were approved at April 24th LSC HOD meeting.

13. UNPAID PROOF OF TIME: Recommends adding a means to enforce Policy 2.7.4.F (Proof of Time) by having the Meet Director inform the LSC Membership/Registration Coordinator to advise the party owing a penalty the team or the unattached swimmer may not enter a sanctioned or approved Meet.
14. FEES: Recommends specifying in Policy 2.8.3.c that splash fees are deposited in the LSC General Fund and in Policy 2.8.4 that the Meet Host retains any proof of time penalty for clarification.
15. SURCHARGE FEE: Recommends eliminating 2.8.5 (Surcharge Fee) so Host Team may charge one without LSC approval and Team may decide to participate or not.

In addition, the Rules Committee discussed other actions and deferred them to obtain further information.

1. POLICIES ON MEETS; Rules Committee will review Policy 1 (Meet Sanctions), Policy 2 (Meet Entry Procedures), and Policy 4 (Meet Conduct) to eliminate redundancy and to better organize information. Pat Lewno and Jeanne Drzewiecki will review for next meeting.
2. DECK DIVE Deferred -- Add to 2.2.1.1 ((Dive Certified Swimmer) Rules Chair will ask Officials Chair to ask the following question of the USAS Rules and Regulations Chair: "Under what conditions may a swimmer begin a race with a start from the deck?"
3. UNASSIGNED/UNACCOMPANIED/UNESCORTED ATHLETE: Deferred -- Considered adding to 2.4 (Meet Host Responsibilities) a requirement for assigning an unescorted/unaccompanied swimmer to a USAS member-coach for warm-ups. Drew Walden will discuss need for such a provision with USAS.
4. LIFE GUARD: Deferred-- Review Policy 4.7.3 and 4.7.4 regarding Life Guard(s). Danni Caldwell will review.
5. CLUB GRANT PROGRAM: Deferred – As the 2013-2014 expected to provide funds to award Club Grants, George Geanon's draft will be put in usual policy format. Patty Kramer will draft.