



Wisconsin Swimming
Rules Committee Meeting Minutes



Sept. 25, 2013
UW-Waukesha, Room C158
Waukesha, WI

- I. **Call to Order by Kim Stoll:** At 6:38 pm
- II. **Attendance:** Kim Stoll (Chair), Jeanne Drzewiecki, George Geanon, John Gupton, Michael Patton, Drew Walden
- III. **Review of minutes from June 25 meeting:** Approved as submitted
- IV. **Old Business Discussion:** Recommendations tabled in the June 25 committee meeting, for presentation in the Oct. 22 HOD (only the recommended verbiage changes will be listed here, not the entire clause.)

A. Recommendation, R-1: Policy 11 Fines

11.1 Add: These fines are recommendations only and may be increased for repeat violations, as determined by the Board of Directors.

11.2.2 ~~\$50-\$100~~ The fine is assessed against the club, or if the coach is unattached, against the coach person.

11.2.3 ~~\$50-\$100~~

11.2.4 Delete entirely: ~~\$50 — Person functions as a group member's Safety Coordinator and is not a USA Swimming registered non-athlete member. The fine is assessed against the group member.~~

11.3.1 ~~\$75-\$100~~

11.3.2, 11.3.4, 11.3.5, 11.3.6 Increase fine: ~~\$50-\$100~~

11.3.7 This fine increases by ~~\$25-\$50~~ for each additional week of delay.

11.3.8 Increase fine: ~~\$50~~ \$200

11.3.10, 11.3.11 Increase fine: ~~\$50~~ \$100

11.4.2 Add: Any such fine shall be levied by the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Swimming.

11.5.1 Failure to pay a fine, pursuant to Bylaws 603.9 FAILURE TO PAY, means:

- A. The athlete is unable to compete.
- B. A Meet Host is unable to obtain another Meet sanction.
- C. A Wisconsin Swim Club shall be denied annual LSC registration renewal.



D. A Wisconsin Swimming Club shall not participate in the Meet Bid process for LSC Championship Meets, pursuant to Bylaws 603.9 FAILURE TO PAY.

11.5.2 Fines ~~shall be paid~~ ~~are payable~~ to Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. ~~within sixty~~ ~~days after being levied~~ and ~~shall be~~ sent to the LSC Treasurer for deposit for the LSC's general operations.

Comment [KS1]: Please note that we did not discuss this exact language at our June 19 meeting – we touched on interest, etc. Currently there is no prescribed time frame by which a fine must be paid, so George and I put this verbiage in and we can discuss this further at our Sept. 25 meeting when we will be reviewing the Fines rule.

B. Recommendation, R-2: Policy 8 LSC Championship Competition

It was the consensus of the committee to withdraw R-2 for discussion at HOD. Further review by the committee is needed.

V. New Business Discussion

A. George Geanon and Jeanne Drzewiecki attended the USA-S HOD held on Sept. 14. George distributed the document, “2013 Legislation Adopted by USA Swimming House of Delegates” for committee review. Only non-Technical adopted recommendations may necessitate revising the LSC Policies and LSC Bylaws

1. R-8, “202.2 Sanction and Approval Procedure”. Jeanne will review the USAS changes and recommend the appropriate LSC Policy changes.

2. R-11, R-12, R-13, and R-14 are adopted “304.4 Code of Conduct” changes. George Geanon will review the USAS changes and recommend the appropriate LSC Policy changes.

B. Kim Stoll has been working on updating the master “Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. Bylaws” document. This entails integrating previously revised Bylaw sections and adding newly adopted USA Swimming 2013 Legislation.

1. Additional changes discussed:

605.17.1 MAIL VOTE, 605.17.2 E-MAIL VOTE: change “seven (7) calendar days” to “fifteen (15) calendar days”.

607.4 DUTIES AND POWERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS: Add verbiage taken from the USA-S template.

607.8 MEETINGS OPEN; EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSIONS - Meetings of committees and sub-committees other than the Personnel Committee shall be open.

C. The committee consensus is that Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. Bylaws and Policies documents are in compliance with USA-S LEAP Level 1.



D. George Geanon presented the committee with his draft of new Policy 18 MEET MARSHALS

1. The following additions were suggested:

- a. *Add new section 18.2.4 Ensure all non-athlete adults that are on deck are displaying proper current USA Swimming credentials.*
- b. *Renumber section 18.2.4 to 18.2.5. Add to 18.2.5.A **ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING.***
- c. *Correct redundant numbering in section 18.2.5. Delete ~~€~~ Absolutely no diving.*

E. Jeanne Drzewiecki presented the committee with proposed changes to Policy 13 Athlete Representatives. Committee members are requested to review these changes and contact Jeanne with any more suggested corrections/additions prior to the WSI Board meeting of Oct. 4. Final proposed changes will be voted upon at the January 2014 HOD.

F. George Geanon suggested there be a new Policy drafted to address reimbursement of expenses to LSC coaches who participate in any Zone-designated meet. This topic will be further discussed with the Tech Committee.

G. The September 14 letter from Dan McAllen, "Interpretation of USA Swimming Article 205.3.1F (4 hour rule)" was discussed. Jeanne Drzewiecki discussed different scenarios where WSI will grant waivers should the Meet Host find their meet will exceed 4 hours. WSI will take into consideration where the heats of the Age Groups of 12 & Under fall within an extended meet before granting a waiver. Therefore, it was the consensus that Wisconsin Swimming, Inc operates within the spirit of USA-S interpretation in granting waivers or assessing fines to Meet Hosts when the timelines exceed 4 hours.

VI. Adjournment by vote: At 10:02 pm