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**HOD PROPOSAL**

Change the reference in the current version of the meet information template for the WSI State Championship Meets under scratch procedures from ~~USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6~~, to USA Swimming Rule 207.11.6(D) and (E)(2). The change would be effective with the 2017 Winter State Meet.

Explanation of the Proposal

The proposed change would eliminate the current scratch procedures at State Meets for Preliminary Heats and Timed Finals Heats but retain the current scratch procedures for Finals Heats.

Rationale for the Proposal

The current scratch procedures for prelimins cause great consternation for swimmers, coaches, parents and meet officials, without providing sufficient benefits. The current procedures are taken from the US Nationals Championship Swim Meet, which is of such a different nature that the procedures do not translate well to the WSI State Meets.