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TO: Members, House of Delegates  
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

FROM: Patty Kramer, Chair, Rules Committee  
Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.

SUBJECT: ***Rule 4.7.4 and 4.7.5 Life Guard Certifications***

At its May 24, 2006, meeting, based on a recommendation of the LSC Safety Coordinator, the Rules Committee recommended expanding the Rule concerning Life Guard to include certifications other than American Red Cross and to identify certifications required in addition to life guard.

4.7.4 A Meet Host must provide at least one (1) ~~Red Cross~~ certified Life Guard for the pool who is not assigned duties that distract his/her attention from observing persons in the pool or that prevent his/her immediately assisting persons in distress ~~has no other responsibilities~~ in accord with the Wisconsin Administrative Code, HFS 172.05(3). Also, in accord with Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS 172.03(6), a Life Guard must have current certifications:

- As an American Red Cross or YMCA Life Guard;
- For standard first aid from the American Red Cross; and
- For Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) from the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

The size of the pool and the number of swimmers determines the number of Life Guards required.

The Life Guard(s) need not be member(s) of USA Swimming.

**Rationale:**

Wisconsin Administration Code requirements for Life Guard include certifications in addition to life guard and permits certification sometimes from organizations other than the American Red Cross.

4.7. 5 For a facility with a non-contiguous warm-up facility, other than one separated by a bulkhead, ~~and supervised by a Red Cross certified Life Guard~~, the Meet Marshals shall make periodic inspections of this pool, but are not required to observe the warm-up pool on-going, as this warm-up pool must be supervised by a certified Life Guard.

**Rationale**

Delete “Red Cross” as the warm-up pool must be supervised by a “certified” Life Guard.