

Participants: Patty Kramer, Gail Lynch, Joe Schweitz, Don Steinberg, Drew Walden

Meeting Convened at 7:10 PM.

Rule 1.4.1 Obtaining a Meet Sanction/Approval: Request from LSC HOD to add requirement to have Meet Information, for Meets accepting entry reservations, sanctioned/approved prior to the Meet Reservation Date.

Committee Recommendation: A Meet Host, for a Meet accepting entry reservations, must submit Meet Information along with its Meet Bid; LSC Sanctioning Chair reviews and sanctions/does not sanction the Meet at least two weeks prior to the Meet Entry Reservations Date.

Further, the Committee recommends that the Sanctioning Chair add to the Meet Bid Form a requirement that the Meet Host, for an Invite Meet, identify the Teams invited. Also, Drew Walden will work with Dale Nickels, LSC Webmaster, to post LSC Rule for Meet Information Requirements on the LSC web site.

Rationale: Clubs need to know Meet Information, especially events, prior to the reservation date. Some misunderstandings have occurred among teams regarding those invited, not invited to Invitational Meets.

Rule 1.4.2 Distance Rule: Request from LSC HOD to delete Rule requiring a distance event for every Meet.

Committee Recommendation: Delete distance rule. The Committee also proposes amending Rule 2.8.1.C.6, (Quality Meets) to include a Pentathlon Meet that requires:

Swimmers 11 & Older: 4 events of 200 yd/m of each stroke and 400/IM
Swimmers 10 & Under: 4 events of 100 yd/m of each stroke and 200 IM

Rationale: Deleting the distance rule provides Meet Hosts, especially those conducting one day Meets, with more flexibility to satisfy their needs and to conclude sessions within the four hour rule. Adding Pentathlons offers another Meet with Distance Events.

Rule 2.2.1.T Meet Information: Request from Officials Committee to add requirement to identify considerations for an outdoor Meet.

Committee Recommendation: Meet Information should include specifics on Meet Managements plans to handle inclement weather as it relates to closing the pool, resuming the Meet, and, if any, handling refunds for events not competed.

Rationale: Coaches, swimmers, parents need to know what to expect in even of foul weather occurring during an outdoor Meet.

Rule 4.7.4 Life Guard Certification: LSC Safety Coordinator requests updating certifications for Life guard.

Rule 4.7.5 Life Guard: Housekeeping in conjunction with item above.

Committee Recommendation: Expand the certifications to include both YMCA and American Red Cross, as well as to identify other required certifications for first aid and CPR.

Rationale: The Wisconsin Administration Code HFS 172. 03(6) specifies Life Guard certifications to which pool facilities must adhere and the LSC Rules need updating.

Rule 4: Meet Conduct: Several coaches recommended positive check-in for long course Meets.

Committee Recommendation: While members endorse positive check-in, especially for distance events, at long course events, the committee recommended that Technical Planning do an expansive review of long course swimming as other options may be available.

Rationale: Swimmers do not have sufficient opportunities to compete in long course events and time exists prior to the 2007 long course season to make changes based on recommendations of Technical Planning

Rule 11.5 Payment of Fines: Patty Kramer asked for suggestions to reduce the amount effort and time required of the LSC Treasurer to obtain compliance with Meet Hosts submitting post Meet Reports.

Committee Recommendation: The LSC Treasurer should inform the LSC Sanctioning Officer when a Meet Host has outstanding Meet Reports as the Sanctioning Officer should withhold sanctioning other Meets for that Meet Host, in accord with current Rule 11.5.1.B

Also, the Committee proposes an amendment to Rule 11.5.1.B to require the Sanctioning Officer to rescind a sanction/approval for a Meet previously sanctioned/approved, when the Meet Host has failed to submit post Meet Reports for an earlier Meet.

The LSC Treasurer, at LSC HOD meetings, may want to recognize Meet Hosts that properly submit their reports, as well as to identify Meet Hosts who are delinquent.

Rule 12. Travel Fund: LSC Finance Chair and the Subcommittee on Travel Fund recommend several changes to designate the Travel Fund as a separate account and to stabilize it and revise requirements for swimmer eligibility, including collegiate swimmer, to request travel reimbursement including collegiate swimmers

Committee Recommendations: Concurs with proposed Rules that establish the Travel Fund as a separate account and procedures for its stability. However, the Committee does not recommend changes to the requirements for eligibility for travel reimbursement.

Rationale: The travel Fund has been a separate account by custom and needs permanency. The current requirements for eligibility for travel reimbursement work and the Committee is concerned about additional documents and work for the LSC Treasurer.

Rule 13, Athlete Representatives: The Rules Committee proposed and the LSC Athlete Representative concurs with revisions to specify athlete duties and the voting procedures as well as to specify provision for filling an unexpired term.

Committee Recommendations: Rule 13 needs revision to conform to the LSC Bylaws and current practice of conducting the election in conjunction with the LSC Short Course Championships. The Committee also recommends defining “Senior Athlete Representative” and “Junior Athlete Representative” to distinguish them from Junior and Senior status in high school.

Glossary – National Time Verification
Glossary – Observed Swim

Committee Recommendations:
Update the definition of NTV to eliminate the three part for that no longer exists.
Update the definition of Observed Swim to specify two Stroke and Turn Judges, the need for the Meet to be a season culminating championship and add the conditions for an Observed Meet.

Rationale: Makes the definitions consistent with USAS definitions and Rules.

Index: The Committee endorsed an Index to the Rules that identifies the Rule and major sections.

Prepared by _____ May 25, 2006
Patty Kramer, Chair

Attached: Committee’s proposed Rule changes for LSC HOD Meeting, June 24, 2006