

2021 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Championship Committee	Session #:	Report#:
Committee Chair:	Jim Clemmons	Vice Chair:	Erin Sizelove
Minutes recorded by:	Jim Clemmons	Date/time of meeting:	May 2, 2021 7:00pm, EST

Motions Passed:

1. Requesting waiver to rule 104.5.2 (in arrears), Publication of order of events 6 months in advance of meet start date.
2. Requesting waiver to rule 104.5.4 A (2), Entry Eligibility, Foreign Swimmers
3. Requesting waiver to rule 104.5.5, Seeding
4. Requesting input from BOD and Rules for possible waiver to 104.5.10, Personnel
5. Requesting extension to Rule 105.1.2, Deadlines

Number of committee members present: 7

Absent: 6

Number of other delegates present: 0

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Jim Clemmons (Chair), Erin Sizelove (Vice-Chair), Sandi Rousseau, Pete Tarnapoll, Linda Irish Bostic, Rob Heath, Steve Nichols

Committee Members Absent: Cheryl Kupan, Mark Moore, Jeff Roddin, Ed Saltzman, Jay Eckert (Ex-O), Onshalee Promchitmart (Ex-O)

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm, EST

The chair apologizes for the last minute request to hold the call and understands that some were unavailable to participate due to the lack of adequate notice.

The primary subject of the call was discussion of rules and issues possibly affecting holding SCY Nationals in Greensboro because of ongoing social distancing requirements due to Covid-19. The original list of rules that we had been discussing on the committee forum thread follow, with notes (**in blue bold**) of the discussion from the call.

Items discussed and being requested for BOD/Rules action:

- **104.5.2** defines that the **Order of Events** will be published no less than 6 months prior to the meet start. We will need an extension for this for Greensboro as we need to develop a new five day OOE. **Requesting waiver in arrears for 104.5.2**
- **104.5.3 B Relays:** Do we consider eliminating relays for either or both meets this year? **The committee decided to recommend having relays only if safety and length of day issues can be worked by meet host however it appears to the committee members that the timeline may be the limiting factor.**
- **104.5.4 A (2) Entry Eligibility - Foreign Swimmers:** We doubt many will be able or want to travel this year but we should consider. **Due to number of entries being limited and to give preference to USMS registered members, the committee voted to recommend not allowing foreign swimmers to enter.**
- **104.5.5 Seeding** - No splitting of age groups into am and pm sessions: We've discussed having a number of sessions by age group in order to limit the amount of people in the facility. **Requesting waiver from BOD/Rules to allow split sessions, however, at this time, we're still not certain it will be two per day or three.**
- **104.5.10 Personnel** - We've discussed having only one backup timer. The rule states there will be two. This one needs looking at if we want to reduce the number. **The committee understands the intent to reduce the number of personnel on deck at any given time but current rules state that with only one backup timer, should the automatic electronic timing fail, we'd be relying on the button otherwise no National records can be set with only one watch. Therefore, A) either the rule needs to be waived to allow one backup timer and we count on them being able to work both one button and one watch or, B) if we can't waive the rule and decide to go with one backup timer, the meet information needs to clearly state that no records will be**

set in the event of automatic timing failure, unless one button is acceptable or C) there needs to be two backup timers on deck. Our understanding is that if the primary automatic system (touch pads) fail, then the secondary semi-automatic system (button) will still qualify for a record. The issue is if both the primary and secondary systems fail, one stop watch cannot qualify for a National (or World in the case of LCM or SCM) record. A major challenge, not just for records, is that we are relying on the same person to stop the secondary system and the tertiary system (stop watch), so we feel the likelihood of our secondary and tertiary failing together increases. Then the time wouldn't count at all if the pad malfunctions, the finish isn't captured on the button, for whatever reason, and only one watch catches the finish.

- **105.1.2 Deadlines**—Times to be considered for records and Top 10 times shall be achieved and submitted as follows. **The committee discussed and voted to recommend that the BOD and Rules extend the records and TT deadlines for both SCY and LCM nationals this year.**

Items discussed and not being asked for BOD/Rules action:

- **104.1.1** Dates of competition relates to Spring, **104.1.2** relates to Summer so the new dates are approved. **N/A for BOD/Rules action**
- **104.5.3 A Event Limit** - Indiv Events: Do we consider reducing the number of indiv events from six to ? to assist in speeding up the meet? **N/A for BOD/Rules action. Host, liaisons and NO staff previously decided to go with standard amounts**
- **104.5.3 C (2) Event Limit** 3 events allowed without meeting NQT: We need to consider whether or not this needs to be modified for this year's circumstances. **N/A for BOD/Rules action – maintaining normal standard of 3**
- **104.5.4 D Entry Fee** - CC determines indiv and relay fees. **N/A for BOD/Rules action** Host, NO and Liaisons earlier discussed having a Covid surcharge to offset some unplanned costs that the host would bear and USMS would probably bear additional burdens due to limiting number of entries. Covid related surcharge has been determined and added (\$30.00) by agreement between Nat'l office, Host and Liaisons.
- **104.5.7 Awards** - We've discussed allowing the host to tally the number of awards needed following the event, ordering and mailing after completion. This will eliminate extra handling and the need to staff an award booth, maintaining distancing. **N/A for BOD/Rules action** Host ordering awards in advance

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. No discussion