

# USMS Convention—Dallas, Texas. 2010

<b>Committee Name:</b> Rules	<b>Session #:</b> 3	<b>Report #:</b> 15
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Kathy Casey	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Kris Wingenroth	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Kris Wingenroth	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/17/10, 9:30 AM	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

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## Motions Passed:

1. N/A

<b>Number of committee members present:</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Kathy Casey, Chair, Kris Wingenroth, Vice Chair, Carolyn Boak, Peggy Buchanan, Sally Dillon, Maria Elias-Williams, Barry Fasbender, Judy Gillies, Laura Groselle, Leon Kief, Cathy Kohn, Leo Letendre, Jessica Seaton, Kelly Sharitt, Skip Thompson, Bill Tingley, Ginny Trimble, Charles Cockrell (ex-officio), Susan Ehringer (ex-officio),		
Not present: none		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

R 10 – Wish to stay with FINA rules. (1 comment)

R 11 – Likes to keep an honest age. (1 comment)

R 12 & R 13 – Does not wish to change our current method since FINA does not swim yards, we can do what we always have. (1)

Other Masters sports use a calendar year birthday. (1 comment)

Would like to keep rules the same for yards and meters (2 comments)

We tried changing this before and it didn't work well and we changed back. (1 comment)

It's better for small teams to be able to use cumulative ages (1 comment)

R 18 – We should allow snaps and zippers (1 comment)

Time to move on and stay with the current rules restricting swimwear. (5 comments)

Allowing this would reward those that can afford to buy two suits. (1)

Tech suits are not large enough for some older women, so it is unfair to them to allow others to wear them. (1)

Europeans have already been transformed to the new suits and it was neither a problem nor a discussion issue. (1 comment)

Inquiry about the application process for exemptions. (1)

R. Santos does believe suit manufacturers would make suits for Masters and encourages us to be different, but some restrictions are necessary. New suits are more fun, lets keep swimming fun. (1)

R 19 - Doesn't see a big benefit (1)

Likes the proposal (1)

R 48 - Currently splits are only acceptable if automatic timing is used. USA and FINA do allow splits from manual watches.

This is more accurate than an automatic time with no back-up. We should follow USA's levels. (1 comment)

Does not agree that manual watches may be more accurate than a touchpad. Manual times are often faster because of the start reaction time. Suggests we allow manual times for Top Ten, but not records. (1 comment)

R 52 - Likes the intent of having a time period, but would like the time period to be 1 or 2 years from the date of the swim.  
(1 comment)

Reason for the proposal is because FINA has a 60-day timeline for world records. Sometimes new records are not discovered until the end of the season when Top Times are submitted. People do submit years after the fact and that's not fair to those that thought they had a record but don't after someone files years later. (5 comments)

We should be strict similar to FINA, not leave it wide open. (1 comment)

R 54 - Does not think we should compare ourselves to NCAA because we don't have as many swimmers. We have events that don't have a lot of swimmers, disagrees with going 5 deep, it cheapens All American status. (1 comment)  
This would lead to about 2500 All Americans (1 comment)

R 55 - This would lead to many more All Americans (1 comment)

This cheapens the honor. (1 comment)

R24 - Getting more qualified officials is a laudable goal, but it may be premature until we have a training system in place.  
(1 comment)

Cockrell – the Officials Committee has added information to LMSC handbook concerning official's training.

R 49 - Would prefer to process split times when they occur rather than 30 days after the swim has been completed. (1 comment)

As a meet director, split requests are a hassle and having to go back 30 days is even worse. (1 comment)

This is impractical from a Meet Director's perspective; signatures are needed for split requests, which could not be gotten after the meet is over. (3 comments)

The meeting was recessed at 10:19 AM.

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