

Committee Name:	Long Distance	Session #: 4	Report #: 1
Committee Chair:	Catherine Rust	Vice Chair:	David Brancamp
Minutes recorded by:	Tim Murphy	Date/time of meeting:	06/29/2025 at 8pm ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

Actions Passed:

Number of committee members present: 11	Absent: 1	Number of other delegates present: 2
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Committee members present: Catherine Rust, Tim Murphy, Bob Kolonkowski, Jim Davidson, Stephen Rouch, Phyllis Quinn , Christie Ciraulo, Vesna Shelnutt, Nicki Phillips, Jay Eckert, David Miner, John Fox

Absent: , , Marnie Whitley, Dave Brancamp (he was trying)

Ex-Officio members present: Robin Smith, Jay Eckert, David Miner

Other: Gretchen Sanders (guest)

Topic: LDC Meeting – June 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm ET:

Welcome and roll call

Introduction of Gretchen Sanders

Reports:

Chair –

Rules – Submitted to National Office for presentation at the annual Meeting. The August 24 LDC meeting is slated for the LDC Forum. The Forum is open to all USMS members for discussion of LDC proposed rule changes.

Interim Transgender policy - The policy will be in effect for the Portland swim. For the 5k/10k Virtual Championship the policy changes from prior policy to new interim policy during the event. The NO has advised all committees that if you have any questions or asked questions to refer to Ed and Dawson.

Annual Meeting – Scheduled for Sept. 12-14 in Kansas City, MO Meeting is hybrid and can either attend in person or virtual, whatever is your preference. Members of the LDC are automatic delegates. Let your LMC Chair know of your delegate status.

USMS Relay OCT 24-26– The LDC has been given slot at relay. Linda Irish Bostic has agreed to give the presentation. Linda runs a Master program with 3 pools 30+ workout/week and is a great motivator and dynamic speaker. Our subject is hosting open water clinics, but we can expand a little on this on how to build the club with OW swimmers and Tri's. Bob K, Dave and Catherine will work with Linda on the presentation.

5K/10K National Virtual Championships May 15-Sep.15 – We received a request to look again at changing the time frame for the 5K/10K. Reasons to not change: the numbers are already low and eliminating anyone would not help in growing the event. So far in 2025 5/15 – 6/15 time frame – 15 swimmers submitted results which is comparable to 2023 and 2024 in numbers. The LDC discussed the request and members brought up the warm pool temps, especially in the Southern US. However, the LDC reached consensus to keep the time frame for 2026 as May 15- September 15.

Goals – The committee has done an outstanding job in reaching goals. Successfully removing procedures from the rule book with the 19 rule changes being submitted. Special thanks to Jim and Christy for editing. There is an increase in OWNC participation. I feel it is due to having 2 OWNC at 1 venue. And with the venue easy for travel and close to a metro area. The Portland Swim is unique in terms of distance and being a long-established event. It is also the only OWNC on the west coast this year.

Vice Chair – Dave B.

No Report

VP Operations –

- All LMSCs are doing a nice job
- Some challenges in spots (registration, pool access)
- Overall USMS is in a good place.

USMS Office– Jay Eckert

5k/10k up to 68 as of now (could change, as results can be reported through Sep 17).

Open Water National O/W 5K and 1 mile: 233 total swimmers, good support from the Long Distance committee. Favorable feedback from the venue. USA Swimming is using the same venue next year, has invited USMS to join (Apr 2-4, 2026).

Continued requests from the National Office for USMS numbers of the participants for results, All American and All Star recognitions. To date the USMS numbers have not been received.

Open Water – David Miner

- 36 sanctioned events for 2025, currently working on a new venue. 5 new events as of June 29.

Nicki (1mile and 2 mile Cable Swims)

- Went very well. Total 190 registered for both swims.
- Great weather and water temp.
- Events ran smoothly, she hopes we can go back there again.
- Several requests to the hosts have been made for USMS numbers of participants of the events. The USMS numbers are needed for results, All American and All Star recognitions. To date have not yet been received by the LDC.

Open Water Service Award:

- So far 5 nominations have been submitted.
- The due date is **July 1**, but it might be possible to email Dave and let him know you are submitting and get an extension.

Other:

- **Interim policy:**

Per Robin, the board, rules committee, were very involved.

Many emails came in.

This is an interim policy, subject to change.

Goals: Old Business –

1. Develop a plan to increase the number of overall USMS sanctioned open water events. Clarify OW strategy between LDC and NO.
2. Continue to remove procedures from rule book
3. Look for more prominent venues for Open Water National Championships

Adjournment

LDC 2025 Meeting Dates 8:00 pm Eastern Time as needed

July 27, 2025

August 31, 2025

USMS Annual Meeting September 12, 2025

September 29, 2025

October 26, 2025

Rules Submitted by Long Distance for USMS consideration:

Recommended by Phyllis/seconded Dave

LD-19	308.1.6 D 3	Eliminates the requirement to notify a virtual national championship event host of an attempt to use a split time to set a USMS individual record.	Recommended for Adoption
	308.1.6 E 3	Eliminates the requirement to notify a virtual national championship event host of an attempt to use a split time to set a USMS individual record.	Recommended for Adoption

Recommended by Christie/seconded by Phyllis

LD-8, 307.3 Long Distance Committee p. 82 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

~~**307.3 Site Selection**~~

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~~**307.3.1**—Suitable bids shall comply with all applicable USMS swimming and open water and long distance rules, policies, and procedures.~~

~~**307.3.2**—All bids shall be submitted to the chair of the Long Distance Committee no later than July 1. If no timely suitable bid is received, the committee shall continue to solicit bids.~~

~~**307.3.3**—Championships shall be awarded by the Long Distance Committee one to three years in advance of the national championship event.~~

~~**307.3.4**—A three area award system may be followed for the bidding of open water championships (see Appendix D for map and description of areas). In this system, suitable bids from a qualifying area shall receive preference over bids from other areas.~~

National Championship Bid Rotation (see article 307.2.2 for distance definitions)			
Year	Area 1 West	Area 2 Central	Area 3 East
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Rationale: USMS has seen a decline in the number of hosts for open water national championships making adherence to the bid rotation impossible. Therefore, site selection should be viewed as a process executed by the LDC and removed as a rule that is not enforced. Renumber the remainder of Article 307.

Appendix: Long Distance Rules Proposals for 2025

TABLE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART 3

The following proposed amendments to the USMS Rules of Competition were submitted to the Long Distance Committee in accordance with Articles 601.2, 601.4.1, 601.4.5, and 601.4.7. If adopted by the House of Delegates, these amendments will take effect on January 1, 2026.

The committee action is indicated as “recommended,” “recommended as amended,” or “not recommended.” Committee actions may be reconsidered at the annual meeting before presentation to the House of Delegates. Comments are invited from delegates at the annual meeting on all proposed amendments.

Amendments that are recommended by the committee require a majority vote of the House of Delegates to adopt.

Amendments that are not recommended by the committee require a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates to adopt.

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
LD-1	301.2	Deletes the requirement for LDC's creation of Open Water and Virtual guides to operations. These are documentation processes. Renumber the rest of 301.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-2	303.1.1	Clarifies that open water event safety plans must be approved the USMS Open Water Coordinator.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-3	303.4	Adds the requirement for an event's swimwear requirements to appear in the event information.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-4	303.5.1	Deletes the recommendation for seeding for an open water event by 1500 meter/1650 yard times and leaves the manner of seeding to the discretion of the event host.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-5	306.6.3	States that the adjusted times (0.99 added to times to the nearest second and 0.09 to times to the nearest tenth) are the official times.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-6	306.10.2	Identifies the different paths for resolving questions on results. One for non-championship events and one for USMS national championships.	Recommended for Adoption

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
LD-7	307.2.2	Gives the LDC the latitude to identify the open water events for a particular year. It specifies that at least three open events will be held each year. This leaves the criteria for All-Americans intact. It also preserves the character of the current open water event definitions while allowing the LDC the ability to identify other events.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-8	307.3	Deleted. USMS has seen a decline in the number of hosts for open water national championships making adherence to the bid rotation impossible. Therefore, site selection should be viewed as a process executed by the LDC and removed as a rule that is not enforced. Renumber the remainder of Article 307.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-9	307.5.1 C	Deletes the requirement for the performance bond since the performance bond for OW event hosts is no longer required.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-10	307.5.2	Deleted since a financial statement for OW event hosts is no longer required.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-11	307.7.8 A	Clarifies times allowed for the event director and LDC Chair to respond to protests. Also, adds restrictions on which judgements made during	Recommended for Adoption

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
		the race may be protested only to the referee. This is similar to language in 102.14.3.	
	307.7.8 B	Changes the authority for resolving protests in virtual events to the LDC Chair and gives the required response time.	Recommended for Adoption
	307.7.8 C	New. Adds language covering protests over eligibility to compete in a gender category with language similar to that in 102.14.6.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-12	307.8.1	Removes the requirement for the order of presentation of individual results (women then men) as a rule.	Recommended for Adoption
	307.8.2	Removes the requirement for the order of presentation of relay results (women then men then mixed) as a rule.	Recommended for Adoption
	307.8.1 C	Removes the requirement for a swimmer's name in results to appear as on the USMS membership card.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-13	307.9.3	Deletes requirements for divisions in club scoring for virtual events. Creation of divisions should be left to the discretion of the National Office.	Recommended for Adoption

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
LD-14	307.10.4	Deleted. Presentation of awards by the LDC should not be the subject of a rule. The LDC can develop procedures for making awards.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-15	307.11.3	Eliminates the requirement for OW hosts to provide All-American lists for their events. Will be handled by the LDC.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-16	307.12.2	Clarifies that national championship swims are required to qualify for All-Star status.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-17	307.1.4 B	States that the adjusted times for (0.99 added to times to the nearest second and 0.09 to times to the nearest tenth) are the official times.	Recommended for Adoption
	307.1.4 C	New. States that to establish a new record, the official time must be less than the current record.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-18	308.1.5 D	Adds the documentation required for applying for a USMS record in a cable event.	Recommended for Adoption
LD-19	308.1.6 D 3	Eliminates the requirement to notify a virtual national championship event host of an attempt to use a split time to set a USMS individual record.	Recommended for Adoption
	308.1.6 E 3	Eliminates the requirement to notify a virtual national championship event host of an attempt	Recommended for Adoption

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
		to use a split time to set a USMS individual record.	
LDHK-1	307.2.2 A-F	Changes numbers to standard form. Changes event names to USMS approved names.	Recommended for Adoption
LDHK-2	308.1.6 E 1	Corrects “with” to “within”.	Recommended for Adoption

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LD-1, 301.2 Long Distance Committee p. 67 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption			
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

~~301.2 Guide to Operations~~

~~301.2.1 Open Water Guide to Operations—The Long Distance Committee shall develop and maintain a guide for conducting open water events for the use of USMS open water officials and event hosts. The guide shall contain the governing policies, management of rules, and links to education applying to open water swims.~~

~~301.2.2 Virtual Guide to Operations—The Long Distance Committee shall develop and maintain a guide for conducting virtual events. The guide shall contain the manner of implementation, governing policies, and management of the rules applying to virtual swims.~~

Rationale: Deleted because it describes LDC processes, not rules. Renumber the rest of 301.

LD-2, 303.1.1 Long Distance Committee p. 70 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated
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303.1.1 Event hosts shall develop and maintain a written safety plan that must be reviewed by the LMSC authorized representative. Safety plans shall then be included in the sanction application and must be approved by the USMS Open Water Coordinator before issue of the sanction.

Rationale: The USMS Open Water Coordinator approves the safety plan.

LD-3, 303.4 Long Distance Committee p. 72 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated
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303.4 Swimwear for Open Water Events

Swimwear allowed for open water events is defined below. It is the swimmer's responsibility to understand the appropriate swimwear allowed at a particular event. **Swimwear requirements for an event shall be included in the event information.**

Rationale: Swimmers must be informed of the swimwear requirements for an event. The event information needs to give the requirements.

LD-4, 303.5.1 Long Distance Committee p. 74 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

303.5.1 ~~When practical, swimmers shall be seeded by their 1500 meters/1650 yards times.~~ The manner of seeding swimmers ~~without times~~ shall be at the discretion of the event host and stated in the event information.

Rationale: Deleted because the manner of seeding is a recommendation not a rule.

LD-5, 306.6.3 Long Distance Committee p. 80 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

306.6.3 When a final time has been submitted to the nearest second, 0.99 second shall be added to the time submitted and becomes the official time. When a final time has been submitted to the nearest tenth of a second, 0.09 second shall be added to the time submitted and becomes the official time.

Rationale: States that the adjusted times are the official times.

LD-6, 306.10.2 Long Distance Committee p. 80 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

306.10.2 ~~Event hosts may request additional verification of completion from any entrant and may request that the Long Distance Committee chair refuse to accept, or disqualify, any entry that appears to contain erroneous information.~~ For non-championship events, event hosts may request additional verification of completion from any entrant and may request

that the Long Distance Committee Chair refuse to accept, or disqualify, any entry that appears to contain erroneous information. For USMS National championships the USMS National Office in conjunction with the Long Distance Committee shall investigate and rule on issues regarding any entry.

Rationale: Identifies the different paths for resolving questions on results. One for non-championship events and one for USMS national championships.

LD-7, 307.2.2 Long Distance Committee p. 81 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

307.2.2 ~~At the discretion of the Long Distance Committee, national championships may be awarded in the following categories~~
Open water national championships shall be awarded at the discretion of the Long Distance Committee. A minimum of three different championships shall be awarded each year. Championships with the names below shall conform to the distances given below:

Rationale: Gives the LDC the latitude to identify the open water events for a particular year. It specifies that at least three open events will be held each year. This leaves the criteria for All-Americans intact. It also preserves the character of the current open water event definitions while allowing the LDC the ability to identify other events.

LD-8, 307.3 Long Distance Committee p. 82 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

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LD-9, 307.5.1 C Long Distance Committee p. 82 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

307.5-Financial

307.5.1 The host organization shall agree to underwrite the full event expenses, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Costs associated with the event (setting up the course, supplies, equipment, etc.).
- B. Cost of all national championship event awards (medals and patches) and/or other appropriate awards.

- C. A fee per individual entrant in the championship swim (or a fee per individual entrant in each championship swim in an event with multiple championship swims), ~~and a performance bond shall be determined by the Long Distance Committee and paid to USMS. All or a portion of the performance bond shall be returned to the host organization, based upon compliance with the conditions set forth in the event contract.~~
- D. Any other costs that may be reflected in national championship event contracts.

Rationale: The performance bond is no longer required.

LD-10, 307.5.2 Long Distance Committee p. 83 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

~~**307.5.2** Complete financial statements shall be forwarded to the Long Distance Committee chair on the championship forms provided.~~

Rationale: The financial statement is no longer required

LD-11, 307.7.8 A,B,C Long Distance Committee p. 83 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

307.7.8 Protests

- A. Any protest arising from an open water championship swim shall be made to the referee within 30 minutes after the release of results at the venue. If results are not released in a timely manner, a protest may be made to the event director in writing within three days after all swimmers are notified of the release of results. **After receipt of a protest, the referee or event director shall have seven days to reply. If the protest is denied by the referee or event director the swimmer will have seven days to appeal in writing to the Long-Distance Committee Chair. The Long-Distance Committee Chair will have seven days to reply.** If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing promptly to the Long Distance Committee chair. **Protests against judgment decisions regarding the start, missing a course turn, failure to achieve a cutoff time, or the finish of a race can only be considered by the referee, and the referee's decision shall be final and may not be appealed.**

Rationale: Clarifies times allowed for the event director and LDC Chair to respond to protests. Also, adds restrictions on which judgements made during the race may only be protested to the referee. This is similar to language in 102.14.3.

- B** Any protest arising from a virtual championship swim shall be made to the ~~event director~~ **Long Distance Committee Chair** in writing within three days after all swimmers are notified of the release of preliminary results or amendments to the preliminary results. ~~If the protest is not resolved, the protester may appeal in writing promptly to the Long Distance Committee chair.~~ **The final decision for any protest will be determined by the Long Distance Committee Chair. After receipt of a protest, the Long Distance Committee Chair shall have seven days to reply.**

Rationale: Changes the authority for resolving protests in virtual events to the LDC Chair and gives the required response time.

- C** **Protests of eligibility to compete in a gender category shall be considered by the Rules Committee in accordance with USMS policy guidelines regarding eligibility of transgender athletes. Athletes shall be permitted to compete in the gender category that corresponds to their USMS registration pending a decision by the Rules Committee.**

Rationale: Adds language similar to that in 102.14.6.

LD-12, 307.8.1, 307.8.2, 307.8.1 C Long Distance Committee p. 84 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

307.8.1 Individual results shall be tabulated electronically by gender and age group in order of finish. ~~Women's results shall be shown first, followed by men's results.~~ As a minimum, the following information shall be reported for each swimmer:

307.8.2 Relay results shall be tabulated electronically by gender and age group in order of finish. ~~Women's results shall be shown first, followed by men's results, then mixed gender relays last.~~ As a minimum, the following information shall be reported for each relay team:

Rationale: The order of presentation of results need not be the subject of a rule.

- 307.8.1 A** Age group.
- B. Age group place.
 - C. Swimmer's name ~~(as it appears on the USMS membership card).~~
 - D. Age.
 - E. Club (official USMS club abbreviation).
 - F. USMS number.
 - G. Official time/distance or disqualified.
 - H. Whether the time or distance is a USMS record.

Rationale: A swimmer's name can be displayed without regard to how it is shown on the swimmer's membership card. Any ambiguity arising from similar names can be resolved by the swimmer's USMS number. Differentiating between how similar names are presented in the results (e.g., adding a middle initial) can be considered process.

Rationale: The order of presentation of results need not be the subject of a rule.

LD-13 307.9.3 Long Distance Committee p. 85 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

~~**307.9.3 Divisions**—Up to four divisions may be recognized for club scoring based on the number of swimmers entered from each club in the event. The number of entrants from a club that shall constitute division I (very large), division II (large), division III (medium), and division IV (small) shall be determined by the Long Distance Committee chair and the event host after the event entry deadline.~~

Rationale: This is not a rule but rather guidance on preparing and presenting club scores. If and how divisions are created varies from event to event and should be left to the discretion of the National Office.

LD-14, 307.10.4 Long Distance Committee p. 86 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

~~**307.10.4** Appropriate awards approved by the Long Distance Committee chair may be awarded to the first, second, and third place club winners in each division if warranted by the size of the event entry. Club awards are not required.~~

Rationale: This is not a rule. The LDC can develop procedures for making awards.

LD-15, 307.11.3 Long Distance Committee p. 86 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

~~307.11.3 The event host shall submit the name, age, date of birth, club affiliation, time or distance, and USMS membership number for each competitor achieving All-American status to the Long Distance Committee chair.~~

Rationale: It is not necessary to burden the host with creation of an All-Americans list for their event. The information is readily available to the LDC and can be compiled by the LDC for inclusion in the annual All-Americans list.

LD-16, 307.12.2 Long Distance Committee p. 86 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

307.12.2 To be eligible for the All-Star Team, a USMS member shall legally complete at least three **national championship** events, of which at least one shall be an open water **national championship event** and at least one shall be a virtual **event national championship**. Cancellation of an open water championship shall not relieve the requirement of completing an open water event to qualify for the All-Star Team.

Rationale: Clarifies that national championship swims are required to qualify for All-Star Status.

LD-17, 308.1.4 B, C Long Distance Committee p. 87 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

308.1.4 Timing for Records

- A. Record times shall be listed in hundredths of a second (two decimal places). If times are tied to the hundredth of a second, the results shall be declared a tie and records should be shared by all swimmers thus tied.
- B. When a record attempt has been timed to the nearest second, 0.99 second shall be added to the time submitted **and becomes the official time**. When a record attempt has been timed to the nearest tenth of a second, 0.09 second shall be added to the time submitted **and becomes the official time**.

C. When times are adjusted, the adjusted times are the official times and must be less than the current record to establish a new record.

Rationale: Adjusted times are the official times. To establish a new record, an official time is required.

LD-18, 308.1.5 D Long Distance Committee p. 87 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

308.1.5 Cable Swims

- A. Cable swim records may be made only in stationary, fresh water. No cable swim records will be recognized in any kind of sea or ocean water.
- B. The official time for establishing records shall be achieved and determined in accordance with articles 303.7.1A and 303.7.4.
- C. Swimmers must wear category I swimwear as defined in article 303.4.2 to be eligible for USMS records.
- D. USMS records for cable swims may not be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event. **Swimmers applying for a cable swim record must submit a copy of the application for a Cable Event Record to the Long Distance Committee Chair.**

Rationale: Adds the documentation required for applying for a cable event record.

LD-19, 308.1.6 D 3, 308.1.6 E 3 Long Distance Committee p. 87, 88 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

- D** An individual may use the split time in one long distance pool event to establish a USMS record in a different long distance pool event if:
- (1) The split is swum as an initial distance within an event.
 - (2) The swimmer completes the full distance or time of the sanctioned event.
 - (3) **For events other than virtual national championships, the** ~~The~~ intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the event director at the time of entry in the longer event, and
 - (4) A stopwatch or electronic timing system is used to record the record split in accordance with article 306.6.

E An individual may use the split time in one long distance pool event to establish a USMS record in a different long distance pool event if:

- (1) The split is swum as an initial distance within an event.
- (2) The swimmer completes the full distance or time of the sanctioned event.
- (3) **For events other than virtual national championships, the** ~~The~~ intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the event director at the time of entry in the longer event, and
- (4) A stopwatch or electronic timing system is used to record the record split in accordance with article 306.6.

Rationale: Since there is no event host on site for virtual championships, this eliminates the requirement to notify the host of an attempt to use a split time during a virtual national championship to set a USMS record.

LDHK 1: 307.2.2 A-F Long Distance Committee p. 81 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

- A. **USMS** Sprint-Distance **Open Water National** Championship (~~1~~ **one** mile swum in a quarter-mile straight- away or open water course).
- B. **USMS** ~~Two~~**2**-Mile Cable Open Water National Championship (quarter-mile straightaway).
- C. **USMS** Middle-Distance **Open Water National** Championship (greater than ~~1~~ **one** mile and less than or equal to ~~3~~ **three** miles).
- D. **USMS** Long-Distance **Open Water National** Championship (greater than ~~3~~ **three** miles and less than ~~6~~ **six** miles).
- E. **USMS** Marathon-Distance **Open Water National** Championship (greater than or equal to ~~6~~ **six** miles and less than ~~9~~ **nine** miles).
- F. **USMS** Ultramarathon-Distance **Open Water National** Championship (greater than or equal to ~~9~~ **nine** miles).

Rationale: Housekeeping. Change event names to USMS approved names. Change numbers to standard form.

LDHK2: 308.1.6 E 1 Long Distance Committee p. 87 Modify

Committee Action: Recommended for Adoption

HOD Action: Adopted Adopted as Amended Defeated

E A relay team may use their split times in one long distance pool event to establish a USMS record in a different long distance pool event if:

(1) Each split is swum as an initial distance within an event.

Rationale: Housekeeping: Corrects “with” to “within”.