

## USA Swimming Amendments that affect USMS rules

The following amendments have been adopted by the 2011 USA Swimming House of Delegates and will be automatically adopted by USMS unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject them (see text of 601.4.7 below). The USA Swimming amendments appear in this document as they would in the USMS Rule Book with the USMS Rule Book reference number and page number. The corresponding USA Swimming reference number and page number are listed in parentheses.

### **601.4.7-USA Swimming Amendments That Affect USMS Rules**

Amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, “Individual Strokes and Relays,” 102, “Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition” and 105, “Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers with a Disability in USA Swimming Meets,” shall automatically be adopted by USMS unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject those amendments. Votes to reject shall not be considered emergency amendments. Amendments to USA Swimming article 103, “Facility Standards,” may be recommended by the Rules Committee for adoption by the House of Delegates. Votes to accept shall not be considered emergency amendments.

### U 1 Automatically Adopted by the House of Delegates (USA-S R-5)

#### **USMS 103.8.2, p. 19 (USA-S 102.12.1, p. 31)**

**103.8.2 Preparation**—The starter shall stand on the side of the pool within ~~10 feet~~ approximately five meters of the starting end of the pool and, upon signal from the referee, shall assume control of the swimmers until a fair start has been achieved.

(USA-S Rationale: To be consistent with FINA language and allow for more flexibility in determining the best position for the starter at various venues.)

### U 2 Automatically Adopted by the House of Delegates (USA-S R-6)

#### **USMS new 102.15.15, p. 15 (USA-S new 102.22.14, p. 34)**

### **102.15 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

**102.15.15** Underwater video replay may be used to review stroke or turn infractions called on deck. The official(s) reviewing the video may only confirm the call made on deck, overrule the call, or advise the referee that the review proved inconclusive.

(Note: First sentence has been edited from “Underwater video replay to review stroke or turn infraction calls may be used” to move the verb closer to the subject.)

U 3 Automatically Adopted by the House of Delegates

(USA-S R-7)

USMS 103.12.4C, p. 23 (USA-S 102.24.4C, p. 38)

**103.12.4 Determination of Official Time**

**C Primary timing system malfunction**—A primary timing system malfunction may have occurred if:

- (1) The difference between the time obtained by the primary system and the backup system(s) is approximately more than .30 second, or greater; or
- (2) ~~A late or missed touch~~ It is reported the swimmer missed the touchpad or had a soft touch ~~by an official observing the finish.~~

(Note: USA-S also added “The place judge(s) reports a different order of finish.” USMS does not have place judges.)

U 4 Automatically Adopted by the House of Delegates

(USA-S R-8)

USMS 103.12.4D, p. 24 (USA-S 102.24.4D, p. 38)

**103.12.4 Determination of Official Time**

**D Adjustment for the timing system difference**—When the referee determines that there is a malfunction of the primary timing system, the backup time(s) shall be adjusted for the timing system difference prior to integrating them with accurate primary times in establishing the official times and determining the order of finish. The adjustment for timing system difference ~~may be incorporated into the automatic or semiautomatic system by design or may be~~ is determined by calculating the consistent average difference between the primary and backup systems used at that meet.

(Note: This will no longer allow a correction factor to be integrated into the timing system.

USA-S Rationale: It is important that all manufacturers are consistent in the way that the timing systems are programmed. Currently only one manufacturer (CTS) has a built-in adjustment made to button times. This legislation seeks to level the playing field by removing the ability of a timing system manufacturer to incorporate such an adjustment.)