

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	Teleconference #2
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chairs:	Mollie Grover/Claire Letendre
Minutes recorded by:	Christina Fox	Date/time of meeting:	Tuesday 5/7/19 8pm EST

Motions Passed:

1. Motion to submit changes for Article 202.1 to the Legislation Committee.
2. Motion to submit changes for Article 202.2 to the Legislation Committee.
3. Motion to submit changes for Article 601.4 to the Legislation Committee.
4. Motion for Rules and Legislation to draft new article 601.1.6.

Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 2	Number of other guests present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Charles Cockrell, Mollie Grover, Claire Letendre, Carolyn Boak, Kathy Casey, Julie Dussliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Karen Harris, Jessica Seaton, Rand Vaillancourt		
Ex Officio and EC present: Richard Garza, Peter Guadagni, Steve Hall, Teri White		
Committee Members absent: Barb Protzman, Jason Weis		
Ex Officio and EC absent: Bill Brenner, Clark Hammond,		

Minutes

The teleconference was called to order at 8:00 pm EST.

The following topics were covered during the teleconference:

1. Charles opened the meeting by entertaining a motion to accept the minutes from the February conference call. MSA (Claire/Rand) to accept minutes from February conference call as posted.
2. Charles reviewed the agenda/process for the meeting:
 - a. Discuss proposal received (from Indiana) and other potential proposals from the rules committee.
 - b. Consider proposals to Legislation.
2. Proposals to submit to Legislation
 - a. Article 202.1.1 Sanction Requirements
 - i. Charles reviewed the proposal and rationale in [Proposals to Legislation 2019](#). This proposal is to clarify the provisions for hosting FINA events in the USA to ensure that conflicts between FINA and USMS rules do not exist for future FINA meets in the USA. This clarification is based on a question and rule interpretation from 2018 Pan-American Championships.
 - ii. MS (Rand/Claire) to submit changes to Legislation as a proposal from Rules Committee.
 - iii. No discussion; motion approved.
 - b. Article 202.2.1 Recognition
 - i. Charles reviewed the proposal and rationale in [Proposals to Legislation 2019](#). This proposal is to update the list of rules to be followed for recognized meets based on recent rules updates. Charles noted that the interpretation would be that if an article is not listed here, then it is not required to be followed for a recognized meet.
 - ii. MS (Rand/Claire) to submit changes to Legislation as a proposal from Rules Committee.
 - iii. No discussion; motion approved.

c. Article 601.1 Appendix B jurisdiction

- i. Charles reviewed the background and rationale for this proposal. This proposal is to add an article to describe jurisdiction/delegation of responsibilities for Appendix B.
- ii. Background: a Legislation proposal from Rules to move jurisdiction of Appendix B under the Rules committee failed last year. The Executive Committee (EC) prepared and approved "Proposed Standing Delegations for Appendix B" ([Proposed Appendix B Delegations](#)). Charles has reviewed these delegations and noted some additional concurrences.
- iii. Charles outlined the options for codifying these delegations: 1) submit through Legislation or 2) continue to rely on a delegation via EC motion.
- iv. Discussion: Carolyn indicated a preference for proposed legislation over EC motion. Charles suggested that this be codified with a new article (601.1.6) drafted by Rules and Legislation to capture historical knowledge, etc.; Kathy agreed with Charles and Caroline and Richard agreed with a joint proposal.
- v. MS (Rand/Claire) for Chair to draft new article 601.1.6 with Legislation for submission; motion approved.

3. Proposals from Rules committee

a. Article 102.9 relays (Indiana proposal)

- i. Background: Charles recapped the issues on swimmer-name or order-of swimmer violations from Nationals and indicated that the response at time was that, if there was a violation then there should be disqualification but need a fair and equitable process. The Indiana proposal is intended to address this issue.
- ii. Charles suggested some wording changes to the submitted proposal or an alternative which puts the onus of checks on the meet director and also indicated that Championship had language to address this in the relay entry section of the championship meet information. Possible options are to go with the Indiana proposal or develop a Rules committee proposal.
- iii. Discussion: Carolyn, Claire and Kathy recommend no change to the rule. Charles noted that the Championship wording specifies no age group change but this is not specified in 102.9 and this needs to be added. Rand noted that proposed changes may be appropriate for championship meets but not appropriate if they affect small local meets. Teri indicated that the most recent Nationals at Mesa used an online system for relay entry and changes, not cards, and there were no disqualifications. Kathy suggested codifying provisions for Nationals in article 104 but leave 102.9 unchanged.
- iv. After discussion, the sense of the committee was either to make no change to 102.9 except to add a reference to article 104 for additional provisions for Nationals and insert modified Championship language. Peter noted that this change will allow for application of the additional provisions for other championship meets (Zone meets etc) if appropriate.

b. Article 104.5.4 Foreign Swimmer

- i. Charles provided two alternatives for clarification of the language. Carolyn and Kathy preferred the first version. Carolyn asked if a swimmer can have membership in 2 federations at one time; Kathy indicated that this was possible.

c. Article 102.12.2 Advertising

- i. Charles indicated that the current language is consistent with USA Swimming and proposed no change.

d. Article 106.13.2

- i. Kathy suggests 2 separate paragraphs as 106.13.2 addresses 2 topics and to also put "fixed marks" language in 103 or elsewhere.
- ii. Charles and Rand proposed making the 2nd paragraph a separate section – 106.13.4.
- iii. There was some discussion on the appropriate location of "fixed mark" information.

- e. Checklist for Meet announcement
 - i. Marilyn provided a checklist.
 - ii. There was discussion of location for this list (appendix B, GTO or provide to Sanction chairs) and the sense of committee was Appendix B only.
- 4. Policy Updates
 - a. The Executive Committee asked about any Policy updates needed.
 - b. Charles reviewed the Rules policies in effect and date updated and suggests reviewing swimwear exemption policy and championship/rules policy.
 - c. Kathy suggested reviewing Rules liaison for Nationals policy. Charles described the process used at Mesa and suggested codifying this process.
- 5. Other Business: none
- 6. Action Items
 - a. Charles to send out Doodle poll for June/July meeting dates to committee.

The teleconference was adjourned at 9:21 pm EST.
