

The Governance Committee met at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29. In attendance were Jeri Marshburn, Chair, Cheryl Pearson, Phil Yoshida, Judi Divan, Joan Choi and Chelsea Hong.

The committee continued reviewing current policy and procedures (Swim Guide Rules section).

(1) Part Two.VII.B.1 1 If a swimmer has achieved an ability level in yards, that swimmer must compete in the same ability level in meters or vice versa. Stated in its simplest terms this principle is Blue in yards equals Blue in meters. This applies to all ability levels.

*Extended discussion by the committee. Meet forms state to use best time either "Y" or "L". Strict enforcement only when a meet is run through Times Recon. Coaches need to be proactive in making sure this rule is handled through correct entries.*

(2) Part Two.VIII.B.1 1. Entry times may be changed (prior to the seeding of the event) when a swimmer admits to an erroneous time placing him/her in a faster or slower heat. In such cases, the "changed" swimmer will be entered at the minimum time standard in the correct division.

*After discussion: for the most part an entry error in time will not be corrected on deck. Admins in general send out psych sheets to coaches prior to the meet and corrections can be communicated from coach to admin at that point. Also, teams need to ensure their team databases are fully up-to-date prior to doing entries for a meet.*

(3) Part Three.I.A.1 " ~~...(See Part Two, VII, B. Non-Consistent Times).~~" change to "... (See Part Two, VII, B. Non-Conforming Times)."

Part Four.I.C.1 " ~~See Part Two, VII.B. for procedure regarding non-consistent times...~~" change to: "See Part Two, VII.B. for procedure regarding non-conforming times..."

(4) Part Four.I.E. I.E.2. Change "~~5-10~~" to "5-12"

Part Four.I.E.3. Change "~~14~~" to "13"

Part Four.I.E.4. Change "~~14~~" to "13"

(5) Part Four.II.A.6. Time standards shall be adjusted annually based on meet performance.

*Time standards for JO's (as well as JAG and WAG) are adjusted annually based on meet performance and predicted timeline on the advice of the Age Group committee and voted upon at the HOD. Nth entered place is used, where N depends on projected timeline and the number of meets held simultaneously; it is averaged over a 4-year rolling basis. Wording in Swim Guide will not be changed at this point.*

(6) Part Two.I.D " ~~In SCS a race is considered to have started when the starter says, "Take your mark."~~

"In SCS a race is considered to have started when the starter says 'Take your mark'; the rise of the arm closes the event."

III.D.1.c " ~~Failure to report to the blocks ("no show") shall be ruled if the athlete is not present when the referee blows the long whistle for the event or when the Referee calls for the first alternate.~~"

"Failure to report to the blocks ("no show") shall be ruled if the athlete is not present when the starter says 'Take your mark' or when the Referee calls for the first alternate."

*Wording based on National rule book verbiage provided by Cheryl. This applies to all meets whether TF or H/F and all ability levels.*

(7) Part Four

IV.D "Failure to Swim"

IV.D.1 Modify "~~...failure of the relay to be present at the starting block by the start of its heat (no show), unless excused by the Meet Referee, will result in the removal of that club's relay from the next relay~~

~~event in the meet for that age group and sex on that day or the next day of the meet."~~

"... failure of the relay to be present at the starting block by the start of its heat (no show), unless excused by the Meet Referee, will result in the removal of that club's relay from the next relay event in the meet for that age group and gender."

IV.D.2 "Those members of the relay team who are present and ready to swim should report to the starting block before the race. They will be excused from any further penalty. The missing member or members shall be disqualified from their next individual event at the meet."

They have until the "Take your Mark", to report and get excused.

Continuing discussion by the committee involved discussion/review of the job descriptions provided by the Governance Subcommittee. Many thanks to the members of the subcommittee, who did an outstanding job creating/reviewing these job descriptions. These roles include only those coming up for re-election in September's HOD meeting.

Subcommittee members will be asked to contact current BOD member to see if they want to run again.

Meeting concluded at 6:48 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 8/5/2020 at 4 p.m.