



Our Kids Initiative

Date: Friday, September 13, 2019

Event: USAS Convention

Location: St. Louis, Missouri-Mills Studio 3

Our Kids' Initiative - collaboration with organizations such as YMCA, NCAA, park & rec and high school athletic associations, to ensure an even and fair playing field for all athletes across all swimming organizations. Founded in 2000 to get athletes on level (rules) playing field in the best interest of the athletes. All updates of the OKI document are published on OKI website: <https://www.ourkidsinitiative.org>

Present: Introductions Sandy Searcy-USHS, Carol Zaleski-FINA, Ed Miller-YMCA, Charles Cockerel-Masters , Jay Thomas - OKI

Agenda:

- INTRODUCTIONS
- OVERVIEW OF OKI – JAY THOMAS
- RULE CHANGE PROCEDURES, Changes for 2019-2020, Upcoming Changes
 - FINA
 - USA Swimming
 - NCAA
 - NFHS
 - USMS/Masters
- WEBSITE – PLEASE HAVE UPDATES TURNED IN ASAP
- SPREADSHEETS – Rule Differences – Water Depth
- 2020 DO WE MEET? IF SO, WHEN AND WHERE?
- QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
- THANK YOU

Called to order@ 2:00 pm

People at table to talk about what is their role with rules for their respective organization

FINA

Rules can be changed every four years at FINA congress. Any federation member can submit a change and that goes forward through a series of recommendations to a vote by Congress.

There were issues in Korea with backstroke ledges. Ledges were not built to hold the weight of a ledge and swimmers would slip.

NFHS – Written report submitted.

Rules changes are every year. Feb 15 due date for change submission. Change proposals are gathered and sent out in rubric to all and ask for feedback. There are section that submit names for committee of 11. Annual rules meeting is in March.

Rules changes this year:

Made requirement for swimmer to touch “touch pad” removed. A legal finish now requires the competitor to contact either the touchpad or the finish end according to the finish rules pertaining to the stroke being swum. Usually it takes 2-3 years to make changes, but this went through in one year.

Additional clarification on suit coverage is still work in progress, all discussions on suit coverage go through coaches. Coaches are given additional education and training materials to address inappropriate use.

Rule 3-3 was reorganized to identify penalty protocol for specific uniform violations.

Rationale: All current language addressing suit coverage was moved to Rule 3-3-2. The penalty associated with this rule was written to provide clear indication that the coach of the competitor should be notified when a violation of this nature has occurred.

NCAA: Written report submitted. Rulebook published every two years, 9/1/2019, books can be purchased on-line or downloaded, required test for all officials, 1100 registrants, only registered officials can officiate championships.

Rules changes for NCAA are as follows:

Lap Counting (Rule 2-3-1). Makes lap counting permissible, but not required **Lap Counters (Rule 2-3-2).** Makes it permissible to station lap counters at the

end or either side of the pool, beyond the halfway point toward the end of the course opposite the starting end.

Interference (Rule 2-5-1-a). Clarifies what may constitute a foul.

Number of Officials (Rule 4-1). Specifies the number of required officials for dual, double-dual, triangular, quadrangular, championship and invitational competition.

Fifteen-meter Cameras (Rule 4-10). Makes the use of video at the 15-meter mark permissible, but not mandatory.

Timing of Video Review (Rule 4-14-7). This change allows video review to occur after the completion of both men's and women's relays, instead of after each gender, to help maintain the flow of the meet.

Integration of Official Results (Rule 4-21-4). Simplifies the process for determining an official time for a lane when there is a malfunction of the primary (automatic) timing system.

Lane Assignments (Rule 5-7-4-b). Allows preliminary heats to be contested in a greater number of lanes than final heats.

YMCA: Written report submitted:

The only rules difference is the YMCA requires 5 foot water depth, This is due to insurance requirement.

USA Swimming CEO-Tim Hinchey came to YMCA nationals and had dinner with YMCA COO to work together on rules, USA officials can work YMCA but there needs to be two other YMCA officials present. YMCA officials cannot work on USA decks. The YMCA test uses the USA rules test template. This is a ongoing project. YMCA is working on Safe Sport certification for officials.

The Swim Official's certification tests have been updated for 2019-2020. Unless otherwise instructed, please select the appropriate test marked as 2019-2020. You must use/reference the 2019 USA-S Technical rules for these tests.

Masters: Annual process is used for updating rules. Bottoms up, anyone can make suggestions June 10th is deadline. All rules changes are considered and need recommendation to go through HOD voting. There are no new rule recommendations this year.

Charles discussed changes that are upcoming as there is movement to consolidate the three Masters swim committees, Admin, rules & regulations, and Open Water. Upcoming is College club swimming?

USP – Written report submitted.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm