

# UNITED STATES SWIMMING

## RULES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEES

### 1998 PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS VERSION: House of Delegates Mailing (August 1998)

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**Location:** PAGE 12 GLOSSARY

**Proposed by:** Frank Ching

**Purpose:** To clarify that a bell, air horn, or other audible device may be used as the warning signal in distance events.

*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

Add the following at the bottom of page 12:

**WARNING SIGNAL** -- a starting pistol, bell, whistle, air horn, or other appropriate audible device.

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**Location:** PAGE 18 102.4 RELAYS

**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

**Purpose:** To correct the omission of the requirement to submit a Relay Entry form; currently, the rules require only that the relays be listed on the "entry blank" and are silent on how the swimmers actually competing in a relay are to be "declared."

*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

#### 102.4 RELAYS

.9 First and last names of competing relay swimmers, their ages, and their order of swimming shall be ~~declared~~ submitted on a Relay Entry form to the Clerk of Course (if used) or to the Head Lane Timer immediately prior to the start of the ~~relay~~ heat in which such relay team is entered. No changes will be permitted thereafter.

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**Location:** PAGE 18-19 102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS .... etc.

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**Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan (General Chair, Metropolitan Swimming)

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**Purpose:** To correct terminology.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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102.5 LANE ASSIGNMENTS -- SEEDING -- COUNTERS -- ORDER OF HEATS

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- .1 **Preliminary Heats When Finals are Scheduled** -- In order to assure seeded positions, ...shall be placed at the end of the list by draw. Swimmers shall be ~~placed~~ seeded in lanes under the procedure outlined for finals seeding in 102.5.3. Swimmers shall be ~~placed~~ seeded in heats according to submitted times in the following manner:

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*[no further change in section]*

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**Location:** PAGE 23 102.9 COSTUME

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** Except for meets run during Halloween and, perhaps, in certain, rather exclusive, Masters' competition, since 1926 all other swimmers have been wearing "swimsuits." Also, the word "appear" seemed ill-chosen. Appear how? As in "Puff, there she is"? Can we do without "costumes" and "apparitions"?

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**102.9 ~~COSTUME~~ SWIMWEAR**

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- .1 ~~Swimmer's costume~~ The swimsuits worn for competition must be non-transparent and conform to the current concept of appropriate. The Referee shall have the authority to bar offenders ~~under this rule~~ from competition, until they ~~appear~~ properly costumed comply with this rule.

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- .3 **Advertising**

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- A *[No change until the last sentence]* Offenders may be barred from competition ~~under this rule~~, until they ~~appear~~ properly costumed comply with this rule.

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**Location:** PAGE 23 ARTICLE 102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** Relocates the infraction signal, currently under 102.16 JUDGES, to the logical place in the Rule Book, consolidating everything generically pertaining to disqualifications under DISQUALIFICATIONS.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**102.10 DISQUALIFICATIONS**

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.1 A disqualification can be made only by the official within whose jurisdiction the infraction has been committed. Except for the Relay Take-off Judges when dual confirmation relay take-off judging, as provided in 102.16.6B, is used, the Referee, stroke, turn, or relay take-off judge upon observing an infraction, within his/her jurisdiction shall immediately raise one hand overhead with an open palm. If the official does not do so, there shall be no disqualification.

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**Location:** PAGE 24 102.11 PROTESTS

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** To reflect consolidation of the Rules and Legislation Committees.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption in accordance with changes proposed to Article 509.

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**102.11 PROTESTS**

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.5 A. Protests concerning interpretation of the rules in Part One of the USS Rules and Regulations shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days to the Chairman of the ~~National~~ USS Rules & Regulations Committee who shall ..... [no further change]

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**Location:** PAGE 25-26 ARTICLE 102.12 OFFICIALS

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**Proposed by:** Peter Carney

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**Purpose:** To delete duplication, i.e. USS membership requirement for officials is also covered in Section 202.3.2 (page 53).

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**102.12.5 Officials for USS Championships**

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~~E All officials listed in 102.12.5B and .5C who are assigned for USS Championships must be members of USS.~~

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**Location:** PAGE 27 102.14 STARTER

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**Proposed by:** Anneliese Eggert

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**Purpose:** To conform to intent of FINA/USS rules change effective 3/6/98

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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.2 The Start

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A. The Starter, upon receiving clearance from the Referee (for all events except backstroke and medley relay) directs swimmers to step on to the starting block or platform and remain there. Refer to 101.3.1 for backstroke start requirements.

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B. After the Referee's whistle, the Starter instructs the swimmers and directs them to "take your mark", to which they must immediately respond by assuming a starting position ~~by moving with~~ at least one foot ~~to~~ at the front of the starting block or platform.

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C. At all USS Championship meets as defined in Article 206.1, the following ~~FINA~~ starting procedures shall be used:

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*[No change in balance of section]*

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**Location:** PAGE 29-30 ARTICLE 102.16 JUDGES

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** Rules pertaining to disqualifications should appear in one place in the book, however, it may be useful to retain reference to the infraction signal here, at least for a while, so people in a rut don't assume it "gone."

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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### 102.16 JUDGES

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~~.7 **Infraction Signal** -- Upon observing an infraction within his/her jurisdiction, the Referee, stroke, turn, or relay take-off judge shall immediately raise one hand overhead with open palm. If the official does not do so, there shall be no disqualification. Exception: Relay take off judges as outlined in 102.16.6B. See Rule 102.10.1 DISQUALIFICATIONS for the infraction signal.~~

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**Location:** PAGE 30 TABLE RE TIMING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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**Proposed by:** Anneliese Eggert, Arvydas Barzdukas and Bea Hartigan

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**Purpose:** To correct placement of table associated with 102.17.4 C

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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Move table from top of page 30 to position immediately prior to Section 102.17.4 C (page 33).

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**Location:** PAGE 40 ARTICLE 103.11 STARTING PLATFORM

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** Several types of platforms are governed by this rule and the word should be plural.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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### 103.11 /M/ STARTING PLATFORMS

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**Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.14 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM

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**Proposed by:** Pacific Northwest Swimming and the U.S. Aquatic Association of the Deaf

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**Purpose:** To reflect language preferred by this disabled sports organization and to be consistent with designation used in Section 105.3.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**103.14 /NC/ LOUDSPEAKER START SYSTEM** -- An electronic sound generating device shall be provided .....  
The device shall also activate a strobe light, or similar ~~optical~~ visual signal, located on the starter's side of the course approximately 15 feet forward from the starting end, to indicate the start to manual timers and ~~hearing-impaired deaf and hard of hearing~~ swimmers. The start system may include an underwater recall speaker and gun lap signal option.

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**Location:** PAGE 43-44 104.2 UNITED STATES SWIMMING (INC.) RECORDS  
PAGE 44-45 104.2.2 American and United States Open Records

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**Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan (General Chair, Metropolitan Swimming)

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**Purpose:** To correct terminology and punctuation.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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(Pages 43-44)

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104.2 UNITED STATES SWIMMING (INC.) RECORDS

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.1 General Requirements and Conditions for Records

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H To be eligible for a record .....all tied swimmers shall share the faster time of such finish. The requirement to win the heat does not apply when age or representation ~~are condition to~~ is a condition for setting LSC or Age Group records, or to a U.S. citizen setting an American record in competition with non-U.S. citizens, or when achieved ~~as~~ in the lead-off leg in a relay race or at an initial distance.

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**104.2.2 American and United States Open Records**

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**C Special Requirements and Conditions**

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(2) When a record is claimed, *[insert comma]* an official ..... *[no further changes]*

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**Location:** PAGE 50 SECTION 105.5.3

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**Proposed by:** Anneliese Eggert

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**Purpose:** To conform with rule changes by FINA & USS effective 3/6/98.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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.3 **Turns/Finishes** -- Touches shall be judged .....Swimmers with no arms or with upper limbs too short to stretch above the head may touch the wall with any part of the upper body ~~provided the shoulders remain horizontal with the water surface .~~

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**Location:** PAGE 51-52 202.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION

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**Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas

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**Purpose:** To reflect consolidation of the Rules & Legislation Committees, to correct terminology, and to eliminate duplication of requirement already covered in Appendix 2-A (page 77).

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**202.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION**

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.12 For the sole purpose of improving competitive swimming, and with the written approval of the USS Rules Committee and the Legislation & Regulations Committee of United States Swimming, an LSC may sanction events or meets for which waivers of specific provisions of Parts One or Two of USS Rules and Regulations have been granted for limited periods and under specified conditions. ~~For purpose of issuing Official Verification Cards, the LSC OVC Official shall be responsible to ascertain that the conduct of competition conforms to all applicable USS rules and standards unless waivers granted by the LSC have also received written approval of the USS Verification Control Officer.~~

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**Location:** PAGE 62 SECTION 205.10

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**Proposed by:** Anneliese Eggert

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**Purpose:** To correct reference to appendix.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.

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311 **205.10 REGIONAL MEETS** -- The LSCs may make arrangements to compete on a regional basis in accordance with the  
312 regional alignment as listed in Appendix 6-~~C~~ C.  
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317 **Location:** PAGE 74 SECTION 206.9.14 Relay Entries  
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319 **Proposed by:** Bob Brown, National OVC Coordinator  
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321 **Purpose:** To correct terminology to current preference.  
322  
323 *Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.  
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326 **206.9.14 Relay Entries**

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328 C ~~Composite-~~ Team time and aggregate time relays .... (no further change)  
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333 **Location:** PAGE 17 ARTICLE 102.1 EVENTS  
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335 **Proposed by:** Age Group Planning Committee  
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337 **Purpose:** The committee believes it is important to include events which promote aerobic training and  
338 development in these age groups. The recognition of additional events does not require inclusion  
339 of the event in any given meet.  
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341 *Recommendation:* The Rules Committee made no recommendation on this item.  
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344 **102.1. EVENTS**

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346 **.2 AGE GROUP EVENTS** -- The following ~~are recommended~~ events are recommended for swimmers of these ages:  
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348 **10 Years and Younger**

349 50-100-200-~~400/500~~ freestyle  
350 50-100 backstroke  
351 50-100 breaststroke  
352 50-100 butterfly  
353 100-200 individual medley  
354 200 medley relay  
355 200 freestyle relay

348 **11, 12 Years**

349 50-100-200-400/500-~~800/1000-1500/1650~~ freestyle  
350 50-100-~~200~~ backstroke  
351 50-100-~~200~~ breaststroke  
352 50-100-~~200~~ butterfly  
353 100-200-~~400~~ individual medley  
354 200-400 medley relay  
355 200-400 freestyle relay

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357 (no change in balance of subsection)



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R-2 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled
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**Location:** PAGE 17 ARTICLE 102.1 EVENTS

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**Proposed by:** Age Group Planning Committee

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**Purpose:** To allow LSCs greater flexibility in consolidating events.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption.

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**102.1. EVENTS**

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**.3 CONSOLIDATED EVENTS** -- As a local option, an LSC may sanction freestyle events 400 meters/500 yards and longer, 200 yard/meter backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly and the ~~400 IM individual medley~~ seeded as a single event, without regard to swimmers' ages or gender, in the order of submitted entry times. Places, awards, and published results for these events may be separate for each age group and gender.

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**Location:** PAGE 27-29 ARTICLE 102.14 STARTER

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**Proposed by:** Bea Hartigan (General Chair, Metropolitan Swimming)

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**Purpose:** As currently presented in our USS rulebook, this is the only major swimming "rule" that sits under a job description. Logic would seem to dictate that it be moved to where the other rules pertaining to the actual swims are placed. Having it become 101.1 seems to further follow logic in that then the start would be at the beginning. Please realize there are no material changes to text or intent.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends rejection. While the intent of the proposal is valid, the revised wording requires additional consideration by the Rules Committee.

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**102.14. STARTER**

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**.1 Preparation Responsibilities**

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~~A~~ ~~An electronic ..... may be used.~~ [to be moved to 101.1 The Start]

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~~BA~~ Shall stand within ten feet of the starting end of the pool event. ~~The visual starting signal shall be clearly visible to all the swimmers and timers and the starting signal shall be audible to all the starting positions.~~ [Deleted portion to be moved to 101.1 The Start]

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~~CB~~ [Unchanged]

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~~DC~~ Notifies swimmers of the distance and the event except in USS Championship meets.

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~~ED~~ [Unchanged]

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- 408 F Assures that all swimmers achieve a fair start under the provisions of 101.1.  
409  
410 G Is expected to direct swimmers who have not promptly assumed a starting position to "Stand Up".  
411  
412 H After concurring with the Referee, is the official who indicates the swimmer(s) charged with a False Start.  
413  
414 I Is responsible for giving, or having given, the warning signal when swimmers in individual events of more than  
415 500 yards (meters) have two lengths plus 5 yards (meters) left to swim.  
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417 ~~.2 The Start [move to 101.1 The Start]~~  
418 ~~.3 Warning Signal [move to 101.1]~~  
419 ~~.4 False Starts [move to 101.1]~~  
420 ~~.5 Deliberate Delay or Misconduct [move to 101.1]~~

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422 NEW SECTION

423 *Note: Current subsections referred to below are under existing Section 102.14.*

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425 **101.1 The Start**

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427 .1 [current .1 A] An electronic starting horn, with or without an underwater recall device, and an electronic strobe signal  
428 is the preferred starting device. A starting gun of at least .22 caliber may be used. [Add deleted portion of current  
429 .1 B] The visual starting signal shall be clearly visible to all the swimmers and timers and the starting signal shall be  
430 audible to all the starting positions.  
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432 .2 [current .2 A] The Starter, upon receiving clearance from the Referee (for all events except backstroke and medley  
433 relay) directs swimmers to step onto the starting block or platform and remain there. Refer to 101.3.4.1 for backstroke  
434 start requirements.  
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436 .3 [current .2 B] After the Referee's whistle, the Starter instructs the swimmers and directs them to "take your mark,"  
437 to which they must immediately respond by assuming a starting position with at least one foot at the front of the starting  
438 block or platform. Sufficient time should follow "take your mark" to enable swimmers to assume starting positions,  
439 but no swimmer shall be in motion immediately before the starting signal is given.  
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441 .4 [current .2 C] At all USS Championship meets and defined in Article 206.1, the following FINA starting procedures  
442 shall be used: ..... [unchanged]  
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444 .5 [current .3] Warning Signal [unchanged]  
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446 .6 [current .4] False Starts [unchanged]  
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448 .7 [current .5] Deliberate Delay or Misconduct [unchanged]  
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453 **Location:** PAGE 29 ARTICLE 102.15 RECALL STARTER  
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455 **Proposed by:** Arvydas Barzdukas  
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457 **Purpose:** It is virtually impossible for the Recall Starter to detect the improper functioning of the automatic  
458 timing equipment, if the Recall Starter is looking at the start. Even if such malfunction is detected,

459 say, from looking at the display board, it is too late then to recall the swimmers. Furthermore, since  
460 the rules provide for back-up timing and most modern equipment can recover from a failure to  
461 display the start, if the rule is followed literally, such interruption of the race in most cases would be  
462 highly undesirable and unnecessary.

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464 *Recommendation: The Rules Committee recommends adoption.*

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467 **102.15 RECALL STARTER** -- A Recall Starter may be assigned to immediately discharge a recall sound device if  
468 ~~automatic equipment is not properly functioning on the starting signal or~~ if a false start has been observed and to assist the  
469 Starter in any desired manner. The position of the Recall Starter and the type of signal to be used for the recall shall be made  
470 known to the swimmers. ~~He/she may also be assigned to assist the starter in any desired manner.~~ A Recall Starter shall be  
471 mandatory in USS Championships.

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476 **Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.13 /M/ BACKSTROKE FLAGS AND LINES --

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478 **Proposed by:** George Block on behalf of Senior Committee

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480 **Purpose:** To make backstroke flag locations the same for all courses.

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482 *Recommendation: The Rules Committee recommends adoption with an effective date of May 15, 2001.*

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485 **103.13 /M/ BACKSTROKE FLAGS AND LINES --**

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487 .1 [No change]

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489 .2 **Location:**

490 A ~~Long course and short course meters~~ For all courses: 5 meters (16 feet 5 inches) from each end of the course  
491 .... [no further change]

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493 B [Delete entirely and reletter current C to B]

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498 **Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE

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500 **Proposed by:** George Block on behalf of Senior Committee

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502 **Purpose:** To change location of false start rope.

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504 *Recommendation: The Rules Committee recommends rejection in favor of R-6A.*

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507 **103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE** -- A recall rope to be dropped across the course in case of a false start  
508 shall be provided approximately ~~36 feet (11 meters)~~ 18 meters (59 feet) from the starting end in both short course and ~~49~~  
509 ~~feet (15 meters)~~ in long course competition. [No further change]

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R-6A ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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**Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE

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**Proposed by:** The Rules Committee as an alternate to R-6.

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**Purpose:** To change location of false start rope.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends adoption. This would be consistent with current FINA rules.

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**103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE** -- A recall rope to be dropped across the course in case of a false start shall be provided approximately ~~36 feet (11 meters)~~ 15 meters (49 feet) from the starting end in both short ~~course~~ and ~~49 feet (15 meters)~~ in long course competition. [No further change]

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R-7 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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**Location:** PAGE 41 ARTICLE 103.15 /NC/ FALSE START RECALL ROPE

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**Proposed by:** Pacific Northwest Swimming and the U.S. Aquatic Association of the Deaf

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**Purpose:** In competitions with the deaf and hard of hearing, the swimmers are unable to be recalled by a recall sound for a false start or when one or more swimmers have obtained an unfair advantage. Including the mandatory usage of a recall rope will ensure fair and equitable competition across all abilities.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules Committee recommends rejection since this is already covered in Section 105.3.1.

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**103.15** Change the designation "NC" to "M".

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RL-1 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled

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**Location:** PAGE 58-59 ARTICLE 204.3 PROGRAM AND EVENTS

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**Proposed by:** Age Group Planning Committee

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**Purpose:** The proposals are intended to "clean up" the age group white pages, clarify the events which may be selected for Zone and LSC championships and have 204.7 conform in style with 204.6 and 204.8.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees made no recommendation on this item.

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553 **204.3 PROGRAM AND EVENTS**

- 554  
555 .1 In order .....
- 556  
557 B USS shall establish and publish National Motivational Times standards for the events listed in 102.1.2.
- 558  
559 E Age Group meets may be designated by ability classifications, i.e., A, B, C).
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562 **204.6 ZONE AGE GROUP PROGRAM .....**

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564 .2 Those events in 102.1.2 are recommended for use for zone meets. Zones shall select events from those listed in 102.1.2
- 565 for their Zone meets. A Zone, at its option, may open .....(no further change in section)
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568 **204.7 LSC AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS --** LSC Age Group Championship (Junior Olympic) meets

569 shall be conducted by each LSC in conformance with the contractual obligations of USS, including the time period,

570 format and number, sponsorship identification and publicity requirements that may be in effect at the time and about

571 which the LSC shall be notified. Such meets shall be conducted, both short course and long course, where such facilities

572 are available, and shall conform to the USS Rules and Regulations, except as hereinafter specified. Those events in

573 102.1.2 are recommended for age group championship meets. It is recommended that such meets be conducted with

574 preliminaries and finals. An LSC, at its option, may open its oldest age group to Post Age Group swimmers .

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- 576 .1 The meets shall conform to the contractual obligations of USS, including the time period, format and number of
- 577 sponsorship identifications, and publicity requirements that may be in effect at the time and about which the LSC
- 578 shall be notified.
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- 580 .2 The meets shall be conducted both short course and long course, where such facilities are available, and shall
- 581 conform to the USS Rules and Regulations, except as hereinafter specified.
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- 583 .3 Events for age group championship meets shall be selected from those listed in 102.1.2.
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- 585 .4 It is recommended that these meets be conducted with preliminaries and finals.
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- 587 .5 An LSC, at its option, may open its oldest age group to Post Age Group swimmers.
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592 **Location:** PAGE 58-59 ARTICLE 204.3 PROGRAM AND EVENTS

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594 **Proposed by:** Age Group Planning Committee

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596 **Purpose:** This proposal was made as a part of and for the purpose stated in RL-1. It was separated from RL-1

597 by the Rules and Legislation Committees.

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599 **Recommendation:** *The Rules and Legislation Committees made no recommendation on this item. It did, however, feel*

600 *that if distance events were added to the younger age groups in 102.1.2 (see R-1), separate*

601 *consideration should be given to adding these events to the National Top 16 program.*

602 **204.8 NATIONAL TOP 16 TIMES REPORTING AND RECOGNITION**

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604 .1 Times submitted ~~for recognition~~ to the National Top 16 Times Coordinator shall be recognized in events listed in  
605 102.1.2 and shall be achieved in accordance with 102.17.4C ... (no change in rest of section)  
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610 **Location:** PAGE 60 ARTICLE 205.2 FACILITIES  
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612 **Proposed by:** Ron Van Pool on behalf of the Senior Swimming Committee  
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614 **Purpose:** To eliminate the requirement that USS Championships from September 1 through April 30 be  
615 conducted indoors. There has been a shortage of venues for the Spring Speedo Junior  
616 Championships - West due to the indoor meet requirement. Elimination of the requirement would  
617 open up additional venues in Florida, Arizona, Hawaii and California to host spring events.  
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619 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.*

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622 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2000:

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624 **205.2.3** ~~During the period September 1 through April 30, USS Championships and international events shall be conducted~~  
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630 **Location:** PAGE 60 ARTICLE 205.4 DATES  
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632 **Proposed by:** Mike Saltzstein at request of participants at Spring Nationals  
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634 **Purpose:** To conform with other meet dates.  
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636 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption to be effective as soon as possible, i.e.,*  
637 *for meets already awarded or out for bid would depend on facility availability.*  
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640 **205.4 DATES**

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642 .1 Spring USS National Championships -- To ~~start the Wednesday~~ end the Saturday following the NCAA Division  
643 I Men's Championship.

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**Location:** PAGE 65 ARTICLE 206.5.8 TECHNICAL RULES PROTESTS

**Proposed by:** Rules Committee Chairman

**Purpose:** During the restructuring of the Rules and Legislation Committees, some issues of consistency over interpretation came to light. This proposal should provide more consistent interpretation of the rules at National Championships. Also see L-1 and L-3.

*Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.*

.8 Technical Rules Protests - Prior to the start of the meet the National Events Coordinator shall appoint a Technical Jury ... Decisions of the meet referee regarding these protests may be appealed to the Technical Jury, whose decision must be made the day of the protest and shall be final.

The jury cannot adjudicate judgment decisions, which can only be considered by the Referee under Section 102.13. The Meet Referee and Technical Jury shall follow prior published interpretations of the Rules and/or Legislation Committees or Chairs.

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**Location:** PAGE 67 ARTICLE 206.5  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Proposed by:** Ron Van Pool on behalf of the Senior Swimming Committee

**Purpose:** To eliminate the C final (bonus heat) from the National Championships and U.S. Open.

*Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.*

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING WITH THE U. S. OPEN IN DECEMBER 1998:

**206.5.11 Finals --** Except for the relay events, the 1000 and 1650-yard and 800 and 1500-meter freestyle events, there shall be C, B and A (bonus, consolation and championship) final heats in both ~~short course and long course~~ spring and summer National and Junior Championships. Except for the relay events, the 1000 and 1650-yard and 800 and 1500-meter freestyle events, there shall be C, B, and A (bonus, consolation and championship) final heats in both spring and summer Junior Championships. The order of final heats for each meet shall be approved by the National Events Coordinator.

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**Location:** PAGE 68-69                      ARTICLE 206.6                      PROGRAMS

**Proposed by:** Paul Bergen on behalf of 18 coaches (signatures attached to proposal)

**Purpose:** Because the current five-day event format seems to be event overloaded on some days with finals lasting too long, we, the undersigned coaches, would like to see the following changes initiated as soon as possible.

*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees made no recommendation on this item, pending review by Steering and other technical committees.

**206.6 PROGRAMS**

.2	Four-Day (Modified) Program		<i>(proposed)</i>	<i>(current)</i>
	<b>Day One</b>	Women's	<u>1650-yard/1500-meter freestyle</u>	1000-yard/800-meter freestyle
		Men's	<u>1000-yard/800-meter freestyle</u>	1000-yard/800-meter freestyle
	<b>Day Two</b>	Women's	<u>200-yard/meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter freestyle
		Men's	<u>200-yard/meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter freestyle
		Women's	<u>100-yard/meter breaststroke</u>	200-yard/meter breaststroke
		Men's	<u>100-yard/meter breaststroke</u>	200-yard/meter breaststroke
		Women's	<u>100-yard/meter butterfly</u>	200-yard/meter backstroke
		Men's	<u>100-yard/meter butterfly</u>	200-yard/meter backstroke
		Women's	<u>400-yard/meter individual medley</u>	200-yard/meter butterfly
		Men's	<u>400-yard/meter individual medley</u>	200-yard/meter butterfly
	<b>Day Three</b>	Women's	<u>200-yard/meter butterfly</u>	200-yard/meter freestyle
		Men's	<u>200-yard/meter butterfly</u>	200-yard/meter freestyle
		Women's	<u>100-yard/meter backstroke</u>	400-yard/meter individual medley
		Men's	<u>100-yard/meter backstroke</u>	400-yard/meter individual medley
		Women's	<u>200-yard/meter breaststroke</u>	400-yard/meter freestyle relay
		Men's	<u>200-yard/meter breaststroke</u>	400-yard/meter freestyle relay
		Women's	<u>800-yard/meter freestyle relay</u>	
		Men's	<u>800-yard/meter freestyle relay</u>	
	<b>Day Four</b>	Women's	<u>100-yard/meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter backstroke
		Men's	<u>100-yard/meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter backstroke
		Women's	<u>200-yard/meter backstroke</u>	500-yard/400-meter freestyle
		Men's	<u>200-yard/meter backstroke</u>	500-yard/400-meter freestyle
		Women's	<u>500-yard/400-meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter breaststroke
		Men's	<u>500-yard/400-meter freestyle</u>	100-yard/meter breaststroke
		Women's	<u>400-yard/meter freestyle relay</u>	100-yard/meter butterfly
		Men's	<u>400-yard/meter freestyle relay</u>	100-yard/meter butterfly
				800-yard/meter freestyle relay
				800-yard/meter freestyle relay
	<b>Day Five</b>	Women's	<u>1000-yard/800-meter freestyle</u>	200-yard/meter individual medley



737	Men's	<u>1650-yard/1500 meter freestyle</u>	200-yard/meter individual medley
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739	Men's	<u>200-yard/meter individual medley</u>	50-yard/meter freestyle
740	Women's	<u>50-yard/meter freestyle</u>	50 yard/meter freestyle
741	Men's	<u>50-yard/meter freestyle</u>	M 1650 yard/1500 mtr freestyle
742	Women's	<u>400-yard/meter medley relay</u>	400-yard/meter medley relay
743	Men's	<u>400-yard/meter medley relay</u>	400 yard/meter medley relay
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748 **Location:** PAGE 68-69 ARTICLE 206.6 PROGRAMS  
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750 **Proposed by:** Mike Saltzstein on behalf of the Senior Swimming Committee  
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752 **Purpose:** To specify that the international distance events (men's 1500 and women's 800) at the summer  
753 Nationals be held in a trials and finals format to mirror what is done at the Olympic Games and the  
754 World Championships.  
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756 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees made no recommendation on this item pending review by*  
757 *Steering and other technical committees.*  
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762 **206.6.3 Four-Day (Modified) Program - Summer Nationals only** *{New section}*  
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764	<b><u>Day One</u></b>	<u>Women's</u>	<u>800-meter freestyle - trials</u>
765		<u>Men's</u>	<u>1500-meter freestyle - trials</u>
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767	<b><u>Day Two</u></b>	<u>Women's</u>	<u>100-meter freestyle</u>
768		<u>Men's</u>	<u>100-meter freestyle</u>
769		<u>Women's</u>	<u>800-meter freestyle - A final</u>
770		<u>Women's</u>	<u>200-meter breaststroke</u>
771		<u>Men's</u>	<u>200-meter breaststroke</u>
772		<u>Women's</u>	<u>200-meter backstroke</u>
773		<u>Men's</u>	<u>200-meter backstroke</u>
774		<u>Men's</u>	<u>1500-meter freestyle - A final</u>
775		<u>Women's</u>	<u>200-meter butterfly</u>
776		<u>Men's</u>	<u>200-meter butterfly</u>
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778	<b><u>Day Three</u></b>	<i>[Same as existing section 206.6.2]</i>	
779	<b><u>Day Four</u></b>	<i>[Same as existing section 206.6.2]</i>	
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781	<b><u>Day Five</u></b>	<u>Women's</u>	<u>200-meter individual medley</u>
782		<u>Men's</u>	<u>200-meter individual medley</u>
783		<u>Women's</u>	<u>1500-meter freestyle (timed final)</u>
784		<u>Women's</u>	<u>50-meter freestyle</u>
785		<u>Men's</u>	<u>50-meter freestyle</u>
786		<u>Men's</u>	<u>800-meter freestyle (timed final)</u>
787		<u>Women's</u>	<u>400-meter medley relay</u>
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RL-9 ACTION: Adopted Defeated Adopted/Amended Tabled Postponed Pulled  
 NOTE: This item was held over by the 1997 House of Delegates and requires only a majority vote to pass.

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**Location:** PAGE 60-75 ARTICLE 205 AWARDING USS CHAMPIONSHIPS .....  
 ARTICLE 206 USS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Proposed by:** George Block on behalf of Senior Committee

**Purpose:** To establish USA Swimming Super Regional Championships (6) and a USA Swimming National Club Championship in accordance with the concepts summarized below.

*Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees made no recommendation on this item.*

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<b>(6) USA SWIMMING SUPER REGIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Effective Spring 2001)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Two or three weeks prior to the National Club Championship
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Any athlete meeting "Super Regional Club Championships Meet" qualifying time standard in an individual event may participate in the meet.
<b>Format:</b>	3-day modified meet format to be conducted in two courses
<b>Time Standards:</b>	"Super Regional Club Championships Meet" time standards are the minimum qualifying standards for individual events. (Time standards are designed to yield approximately 1000 swimmers at each site. This should be slightly slower than the 1998 Junior Championship time standards.)
<b>Entries:</b>	Swimmers may enter and compete in four individual events in which they qualify. Each club is limited to two relays that must meet the minimum qualifying time standard.
<b>Scoring:</b>	Men's and Women's Teams; Top 16 individual events; Top 16 relay events.
<b>Awards:</b>	Top 3 Men's and Women's Teams; Top 8 individual events; Top 8 relay events.

<b>USA SWIMMING NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Effective spring 2001)</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Third weekend in March.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	The Top 5 Men's and Women's teams from each of 6 Super Regional Club Championship Meets plus any athlete meeting the Summer National Qualifying time standard in an individual event may participate in the meet.  Team size is limited to 16 men, 16 women. If all members of a team have individual Summer National Qualifying times, team size may be increased to include additional athletes with SNQT.
<b>Format:</b>	4-day modified meet format to be conducted in two courses.  In the first, second and third year of the quadrennium, the meet will be conducted SCY. In the fourth year of the quadrennium, the meet will be conducted LCM.
<b>Time Standards:</b>	"Super Regional Club Championship Meet" time standards are the minimum qualifying standards for individual events.  Swimmers may enter and compete in four individual events in which they qualify. Each club is limited to two

<b>Entries:</b>	relays that must meet the minimum qualifying time standard.
<b>Scoring:</b>	Men's and Women's Team; Top 16 individual events; Top 16 relay events.
<b>Awards:</b>	Top 3 Men's and Women's Team; Top 8 individual events; Top 8 relay events.

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### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS

#### 205.1 GENERAL

- .1 Senior Class -- ~~two~~ one long course meets.
- .2 Junior Class -- ~~short course and~~ one long course meet.
- .3 National Club -- short course in the first 3 years of the quadrennium.  
long course in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the quadrennium.
- .4 Super Regional Club -- six (6) short course meets.

#### 205.3 AWARD OF EVENTS

- .1 USS Nationals, Trials class, USA Swimming National and Super Regional Club Championships, and U.S. Open ...*[no further change]*

#### 205.4 DATES

- .1 [Delete entirely and replace with the following]  
USA Swimming National Club Championships -- To end the third Saturday in March.
- .3 [Delete entirely and replace with the following]  
USA Swimming Super Regional Club Championships - To end not less than two weeks prior to the start of the USA Swimming National Club Championships.

#### 205.7 METHOD OF GRANTING AWARD

- .3 A USS National, Trials class, USA Swimming National and Super Regional Club Championships, and U.S. Open  
..... *[no further change]*

**206.1 GENERAL** -- United States Swimming shall conduct USS National Championships, USS Junior Championships, USA Swimming National and Super Regional Club Championships, and Trials class meets ..... *[no further change]*

#### 206.3 USS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- .1 A [no change]
- B [Delete entirely and re-letter subsequent paragraph]

**206.5** *[New section]* **NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** -- The USA Swimming National Club Championships shall be governed and conducted by the Senior Swimming Committee, in conjunction with the National Events Coordinator and the National Events Director during the pilot period of 2001 and 2002.

- .1 All USS member-athletes who have achieved a qualifying time standard for the USS National Championships, or who have qualified as a team member through the USA Swimming Super Regional Club Championships are eligible to participate under the

859 following conditions:

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861 A The top five (5) men's and women's teams from each of the six (6) Super Regional Club Championship Meets  
862 qualify to the National Club Championship (NCC).

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864 B Team size is limited to sixteen (16) men and/or women. If all members of a team have achieved a qualifying time  
865 standard for the USS National Championships, team size may be increased to include all National Championship  
866 qualifiers.

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868 C Once a swimmer has qualified for this meet, s/he may enter and compete in four (4) individual events, providing  
869 s/he has achieved the Super Regional Club Championship qualifying time standard in that event.

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871 D Each team is limited to two (2) relays. Relays will use the current Junior Championship qualifying standards.

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873 .2 The NCC will be conducted in the 4-day (modified) format, using two (2) courses for preliminaries and one (1) course for finals.

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876 **206.6 [New section] SUPER REGIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** -- shall be governed and conducted by the Senior Swimming  
877 Committee, in conjunction with the National Events Coordinator and the National Events Director, during the pilot period of 2001 and  
878 2002.

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880 .1 All USS member-athletes, who have met the qualifying time standard for a specific event, are eligible to participate  
881 under the following conditions:

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883 A Swimmers may enter and compete in up to four (4) individual events in which they qualify.

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885 B Each team is limited to two (2) relays which must meet the current Junior Championship qualifying time standard.

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887 .2 The Super Regional (SR) meet will be conducted in the U.S. Open (modified) format, using two (2) courses for  
888 preliminaries and one (1) course for finals.

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891 *[Renumber subsequent sections]*

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894 **206.5 ADMINISTRATIVE CONDUCT OF USS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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896 .5 Schedule --

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898 C [New subsection] At the discretion of the National Events Coordinator, the preliminary sessions of the USA Swimming  
899 National Club Championships may be conducted in one course.

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901 .11 Finals --

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903 A Except for the relay events ..... [no change to existing section]

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905 B There shall be only consolation and championship final heats in the National Club Championships, with the  
906 consolation heat preceding the championship heat.

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908 .12 Scoring

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910 C Scoring at the USS National, USA Swimming National and Super Regional Club Championships, and USS  
911 Junior Championships shall be mandatory.

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914 **206.8 ENTRY BLANKS AND INFORMATION BOOK**

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916 .8 C [New subsection] USA Swimming National Club Championships -- All entries shall be in the hands of the meet  
917 entry chair no later than one week prior to the first day of the meet.

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**206.9 ENTRIES**

- .3 *[Delete entirely and replace with the following:]*  
For the USA Swimming National Club Championships, all eligible participants may enter up to four (4) events, provided they have achieved a current USA Swimming Super Regional qualifying time in each event.
- .5 Entry times for individual and relay events shall:
- C Be achieved during the following qualification periods --
- (1) Qualifying entry times for the ~~Spring USS USA Swimming National Club Championships~~ shall be achieved from the first day of the previous ~~Spring USS USA Swimming National Club Championships or USS Junior Championships, whichever is earlier,~~ until the entry deadline for the ~~Spring USS USA Swimming National Club Championships.~~
- (3) *[Delete entirely and renumber existing (4) to (3).]*
- D A qualifying time achieved ..... since July 1 of the previous summer, shall also be eligible to enter the ~~Spring USA Swimming National Club Championships~~ and Summer USS National Championships.
- .14 *[New section]* Foreign swimmers who are members of USS are eligible to participate in the USA Swimming National Club and Super Regional Championships.

*[Renumber existing 206.9.14 Relay Entries as 206.9.15]*

**206.10 QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS**

- .1 USS National Championship qualifying time standards ..... shall be the same for both the ~~Spring USA Swimming National Club Championships~~ and the following Summer USS National Championship.
- .2 USS Junior Championship qualifying time standards will be determined from performances at the ~~respective short course~~ USA Swimming Super Regional Club Championships and the long course Junior Championship meets for all swimmers. *[No change in balance of section?]*
- .3 *[New section]* USA Swimming Super Regional Club Championships qualifying time standards shall be established by the Championship Time Standards Committee to allow for approximately 1000 swimmers at each meet.
- [Renumber existing .3 to .4]*
- .4 *[Renumber to .5 and revise as follows]*  
Program Operations shall approve at each annual meeting the qualifying time standards for all USS National Championships, USS Junior Championships, USA Swimming Super Regional Club Championships and USS Open meets ..... *[no further change in section]*

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**Location:** PAGE 71 ARTICLE 206.7 AWARDS

**Proposed by:** Bob Brown with the support of the Senior Swimming Committee

**Purpose:** To eliminate the first-place gold medal given to the top finishing 18 and under athlete at the National Championships now that the Junior Championships allow 19-year old athletes to compete. In 95% of the events, the top 18 and under athlete is already receiving a medal for placing in the top eight.

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975 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend rejection in order to retain recognition for these*  
976 *younger athletes.*  
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983 ~~**B** — First place medal to be awarded to the 18 & under swimmer placing highest in each individual event at each USS~~  
984 ~~National Championship. If no 18 and under swimmer scores in the A, B, or C finals, the highest placing 18 and~~  
985 ~~under swimmer from preliminaries will be recognized as the National 18 and under Champion for that event.~~

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992 **Location:** PAGE 71 ARTICLE 206.7 AWARDS

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994 **Proposed by:** Mike Saltzstein on behalf of Awards Committee

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996 **Purpose:** To delete obsolete requirements.

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998 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.*  
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1000 **206.7.2 Individual and Relay Awards**

1001 **C** *Delete entire section and reletter subsequent sections.*  
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**Location:** PAGE 72 ARTICLE 206.9 ENTRIES  
PAGE 107 ARTICLE 303 REPRESENTATION

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**Proposed by:** Rules Committee Chairman

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**Purpose:** To move requirement for designation of unattached swimmers to the USS Championship section where it is most often applicable.

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*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.

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*Move existing Section 303.8 (page 107) to 206.9 (page 72) and revise as follows:*

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**206.9 ENTRIES**

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.2 [New section] An unattached swimmer shall be identified in competition with the LSC in which the swimmer is registered, his/her club, or his/her place of residence, as specified in the meet entry information.

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**Location:** PAGE 74-75 ARTICLE 206.11.2 Relay Events

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**Proposed by:** Rules & Legislation Committees at request of Irene Hackett (Florida Swimming Registration Chair)

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**Purpose:** To resolve conflict between rules regarding relay entries and USS Championship entry forms, which state "Relay times belong to the team; individual times belong to the swimmer".

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*Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.

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.2 **Relay Events** -- [no change in first paragraph]

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The time of any swimmer recorded while legally representing a USS club, secondary school, college or university within the appropriate time frame may be used in proving an aggregate relay entry time and that swimmer does not need to be entered in the championship in question or currently representing that club.

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1047 **Location:** PAGE 77-78 APPENDIX 2-A USS Official Verification Card (OVC) System

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1049 **Proposed by:** Bob Brown, National OVC Coordinator

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1051 **Purpose:** To clarify intent of relay entry rules.

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1053 *Recommendation:* The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend adoption.

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1056 **Relays** (paragraph 5, page 77)

1057 Relay entry times can be proved two ways, i.e. with a "team" relay time or an "aggregate" relay time.

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1059 A team relay time (add underline) is one which is achieved by four swimmers who swim a qualifying time in a relay  
1060 event. The four swimmers ..... regardless of which four attached swimmers from the club actually compete. A  
1061 team relay time which equals or betters a National qualifying time may be used to enter a relay at Juniors if, on the  
1062 date of the swim, (1) each of the four swimmers met the Junior class eligibility requirements (206.3), and (2) each  
1063 of the swimmers who achieved the time did not have a current National qualifying time in the individual event  
1064 corresponding to their leg of the relay.

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1066 *Paragraph 1, page 78:*

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1068 An aggregate relay time (add underline) consists of times from four separate individual event swims which are added  
1069 up to equal a qualifying time. ~~All four swimmers must be attached to the same club when the election is made to use~~  
1070 ~~this time to qualify a relay. The four swimmers whose individual entry times are used to qualify an aggregate relay,~~  
1071 ~~shall be attached to the same club at the time the official championship meet relay entry form is submitted.~~ If a Junior  
1072 Championship ..... Also, for "aggregate" relays at Junior championships, it is possible for the total time to add  
1073 up to a Nationals (delete "s") .... [no change in balance of section]

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1078 **Location:** Part Three Member Rights, Registration and Eligibility

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1080 **Proposed by:** Rules & Legislation Committees Chairman

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1082 **Purpose:** Articles 509 and 513 grant the Rules and Legislation Committees, individually or jointly, the authority  
1083 to interpret all Parts of the USS Rules & Regulations. Clearly this makes sense for the Technical  
1084 Rules (Part 1) and the Administrative Regulations of Competition (Part 2). Portions of Part 3  
1085 (Member Rights and Eligibility and Part 4 (Hearings and Appeals) are more typically reviewed and  
1086 interpreted by Boards of Review. Part 5 (Governing Regulations of USS) are more typically used  
1087 and reviewed by officers, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the House of  
1088 Delegates.

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1090 This legislation, while not changing the language of any article, would place two articles (Athlete  
1091 Registration and Representation) in Part 2 and under the interpretative jurisdiction of the Rules and  
1092 Legislation Committees. Also see L-3, Part B, 509.4.

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1094 *Recommendation:* The Legislation Committee recommends approval.



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*NOTE: No Wording would change; only placement of articles within Parts would change.*

ARTICLE 301                      Action: NONE: Keep in Part Three as Article 301.  
MEMBER RIGHTS

ARTICLE 302                      **Action: Move to Part Two as Article 202** (and renumber subsequent Articles).  
ATHLETE REGISTRATION

ARTICLE 303                      **Action: Move to Part Two as Article 203** (and renumber subsequent Articles).  
REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE 304                      Action: NONE: Keep in Part Three as Article 302 (after renumbering).  
ELIGIBILITY

*Information Only:*                      *Information Only:*  
ARTICLE 305                      Action: If L-2 passes, place in Part Three as Article 303 (after renumbering).  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
(**PROPOSED**: See L-2)

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**Location:**                      NEW                                      Code of Ethics

**Proposed by:**                      General Counsel (formally submitted by Legislation Committee Chairman)

**Purpose:**                              To describe the privilege of membership in United States Swimming and the conditions under which it may be extended or withdrawn. Article 305.1 states this more fully.

*Recommendation:*                      *The Legislation Committee supports this proposal and submits it to the House of Delegates for its consideration and approval.*

**ARTICLE 305**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**

305.1. The mission of United States Swimming is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of swimming. United States Swimming grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by United States Swimming at any time where United States Swimming determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming, United States Swimming has adopted this Code of Conduct.

305.2. Any member or prospective member of USS may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USS if such member violates the provisions of the USS Code of Conduct, set forth in 305.3, or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USS Code of Conduct.

- 1131 305.3. The following shall be considered violations of the USS Code of Conduct:  
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1133 .1 Violation of the right to compete provisions set forth in Sections 301.1 through 301.4.  
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1135 .2 Violation of the anti-doping provisions set forth in Sections 304.4 or 304.5.  
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1137 .3 Discrimination in violation of Part Five of the USS Corporate Code of Regulations or any other section of the USS  
1138 Rules and Regulations, or in violation of Section 201(b)(6) of the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USS must  
1139 provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to  
1140 participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or  
1141 national origin";  
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1143 .4 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or  
1144 the existence of any pending charges, for E ) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent  
1145 to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct;  
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1147 .5 Any sexual contact or advance directed towards an athlete under the age of 18 by a coach, official, trainer, or other  
1148 person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete;  
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1150 .6 Non-consensual sexual contact or advances directed towards an athlete of any age by a coach, official, trainer, or other  
1151 person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete;  
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1153 .7 The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance listed on FINA's recognized  
1154 list of banned substances;  
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1156 .8 The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of  
1157 swimming, is in a position of authority over, that athlete;  
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1159 .9 The providing of alcohol to an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person who, in the context of  
1160 swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume  
1161 or purchase alcohol in the state where the alcohol is provided;  
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1163 .10 The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a person who,  
1164 in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over, that athlete;  
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1166 .11 Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that  
1167 athlete;  
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1169 .12 Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty (i) in connection with a USS-sanctioned swimming competition or (ii) in  
1170 dealing with USS or any LSC;  
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1172 .13 Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed  
1173 towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USS-  
1174 sanctioned competition;  
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1176 .14 Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer or employee of a swim club, either through  
1177 direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is  
1178 already a member of a USS-member swim club to compete for or become a member of the swim club with which the  
1179 acting party is affiliated, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete from  
1180 the coach of the athlete's existing USS-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or  
1181 authorized representative;  
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1183 .15 The violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USS, any Zone or LSC team authority;  
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1185 .16 Violation of any IOC, USOC or FINA rule or regulation which, under the rules of that organization, is a basis for  
1186 disciplinary action;

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1188 .17 Any other act, conduct or omission which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USS, a LSC or the sport of  
1189 swimming.

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1191 305.4. A complaint alleging violations of the USS Code of Conduct involving only one or more members or prospective  
1192 members of one LSC, not involving a violation of 305.3.1 through 305.3.11, or 305.3.17, and not brought by USS shall be  
1193 filed directly with the LSC. The procedure to be taken and the rules to be followed for hearing shall be as set forth in the  
1194 Bylaws of the LSC. Any appeal of the LSC's decision shall be made to the National Board of Review pursuant to Part Four  
1195 of the USS Rules.\*

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1197 305.5. With respect to those alleged violations of the USS Code of Conduct which do not fall under the parameters of  
1198 Section 305.4, a complaint setting forth the allegations shall be filed with the USS President and Chairman of the National  
1199 Board of Review, who shall promptly initiate a review of the matter as set forth below.

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1201 .1 In those matters occurring during the course of a national or regional event, the Vice- President of Program Operations,  
1202 or his/her designee, shall make the investigation and report.

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1204 .2 In those matters occurring during the course of an international event, the Olympic International Operations Committee  
1205 Coordinator, or his/her designee, shall make the investigation and report.

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1207 .3 In those matters involving an alleged violation of 305.3.11 by a coach, the investigation shall be conducted and report  
1208 made by a committee of three coaches appointed by the President.

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1210 .4 In all other instances, the investigation and report shall be made by the Executive Director or his/her designee.

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1212 After the initial review is completed, the President may decide to either (i) cause further investigation into the alleged  
1213 violations to be conducted; (ii) seek to mediate the complaint; (iii) take interim action as set forth in 305.6. Either the  
1214 President or Chairman of the National Board of Review may then decide to assign the matter to the National Board of Review  
1215 for hearing or jointly decide to dismiss the complaint.

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1217 *(Note: \* Conforming amendments will need to be made to 401.3 and 401.7.)*

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1219 305.6. After the initial review, depending on the severity of the alleged misconduct, the President may suspend the member  
1220 who is the subject of the complaint pending the outcome of the National Board of Review hearing. If an interim suspension  
1221 is ordered, the National Board of Review shall conduct its hearing and publish its results within twenty-one (21) days, except  
1222 as provided herein. The member who is the subject of the complaint and the complainant shall be notified of such action  
1223 when the matter is referred to the National Board of Review. The review process shall then proceed as outlined in 401.6.  
1224 Until such time as the National Board of Review makes a decision all proceedings shall be confidential and not subject to  
1225 disclosure to anyone other than the parties to the review and witnesses.

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1230 **Location:** PAGE 119 ARTICLE 502 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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1232 **Proposed by:** Rules/Legislation ad-hoc committee - Mike Cagley, Chairman

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1234 **Purpose:** To reflect consolidation of the Rules & Legislation Committees into a single Rules & Regulations  
1235 Committee in accordance with resolution passed by the 1997 House of Delegates.  
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1237 Note: Four articles (502, 509, 513 and 516) contain references to either the Rules Committee or Legislation  
1238 Committee or both. This amendment has four parts (A, B, C and D) representing each of the  
1239 referenced Articles.  
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1242 *Recommendation: The Rules and Legislation Committees recommend approval.*  
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1244 **Part A**

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1246 **502.6** All USS officers and all voting members of the Board of Directors, the Olympic International Operations Committee,  
1247 the Planning Committee, the Age Group Planning Committee, the Rules & Regulations Committee, ~~the~~  
1248 ~~Legislation/Reducing Committee~~, the Registration/Membership ..... [no change in remainder of section].  
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1251 **Part B**

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1253 **ARTICLE 509**  
1254 **RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**  
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1256 **509.1.** The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consist of the following:

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1258 1. The ~~Program Operations Vice President; the Program Development Vice President;~~ the Officials Committee  
1259 Chairman; ~~the Legislation Committee Chairman;~~ the Chairman of the NCAA Men's and Women's Swimming  
1260 Committee; and the USS representative to the FINA Technical Committee, or their respective designees;  
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1262 2. A sufficient number of active athletes appointed by the Athletes Committee so as to constitute twenty percent (20%)  
1263 of the voting membership of the Committee;  
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1265 3. A representative, or his/her designee, from each Allied member, on condition that within thirty (30) days following  
1266 the annual meeting of USS in even-numbered years the member informs USS in writing of its desire to appoint a  
1267 representative;  
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1269 4. Up to sixteen (16) at large members appointed by the President; and  
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1271 5. The Executive Director, and others appointed by the Rules/Legislation Committee Chairman, as ex-officio members  
1272 with voice but not vote.  
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1274 Each member shall serve for a term of two years, or until ~~his/her~~ a successor is appointed or elected. All appointments  
1275 to the committee shall be made following the annual meeting of USS in even-numbered years. Vacancies occurring in  
1276 membership shall be filled by those persons originally selecting the member. [Note: Last sentence moved from 513.1]  
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1278 **509.2** The President shall appoint a chairman, with approval of the House of Delegates, to serve two years. The  
1279 chairman shall appoint ~~a~~ one or more secretary(s).  
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1281 **509.3** The Rule & Regulations Committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments to ~~any technical~~  
1282 ~~swimming rule~~ all parts of the Code (except Part 7) and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of  
1283 Delegates with the committee's recommendations.  
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1285 **509.4** The Rules & Regulations Committee or its designee shall have the sole authority to officially interpret Parts One  
1286 and Two (except as provided for in Article 206) of this Code, ~~and joint authority with the Legislation Committee to~~  
1287 officially interpret Part Two of this Code and shall be responsible for all redistricting procedures for USS. [Note: Last  
1288 portion of addition moved from 513.5]  
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1290 (Note: Current Articles 302 and 303 are proposed (as separate legislative item) to be moved to Part Two to remain  
1291 under the interpretive authority of the Rules & Legislation Committee.)  
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1293 **509.5** [new] The Rules & Regulations Committee shall hold at least one meeting of its members each year, at a time and  
1294 place approved by the Committee, for consideration of amendments and interpretations of the Code. [Note: Language  
1295 reworded from 513.4]  
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### Part C

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1300 Delete this Article 513 in its entirety and renumber subsequent articles. The necessary language is now incorporated  
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### Part D

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1306 **516.1** This Code may be altered, amended or repealed at an annual meeting of the House of Delegates as follows:  
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1308 .1 In odd-numbered years:  
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1310 A. Part One: by a majority of the House members present and voting, except that the Rules & Regulations  
1311 Committee may alter, amend or repeal any portion of Part One at any time to conform to the rules of the  
1312 Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA).  
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1314 [No change to B, C or D]  
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1316 **516.2 AMENDMENTS PROPOSED**  
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1318 [No changes to .1 or .2]  
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1320 .3 **Last Date for Proposal** -- Every proposed amendment shall be submitted to the chairman of the USS Rules &  
1321 Regulations Committee no later than the May 15 preceding an annual meeting of the USS House o Delegates.  
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1323 [Delete subsections A, B and C]  
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1325 .4 **Consideration, Recommendation and Report** -- The Rules & Regulations Committee shall consider all proposed  
1326 amendments and shall present them to the annual meeting of the House of Delegates with the Committee's  
1327 recommendations.  
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1329 [Delete subsections A and B]  
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1331 5 **Procedures for Recommendations** -- As a part of its consideration, the ~~respective~~ Rules & Regulations Committee  
1332 is encouraged ..... [no further change to this section]  
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1335 **516.5** After the deadline has expired for submission of legislation to the Rules & Regulations ~~and Legislation~~ Committees,  
1336 new and/or additional amendments ..... [no change in balance of section]  
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1338 NOTE: Organizational table on Page 134 should also be revised to reflect consolidation of the committees.  
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Location: Page 119 ARTICLE 504: OFFICERS

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Proposed by: David Salo and others.

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Purpose: To provide for permanent coach representation on the USS Executive Board of Directors.

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*Recommendation: The Legislation Committee makes no recommendation on this item. It is being brought forward again this year as requested at the 1997 House of Delegates. This language is taken verbatim from the 1997 language.*

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*Effective Date: If approved (90% required), per the submitter (David Salo) and the Board of Directors, it will be placed in the 1999 book, with the first election of this position to be held at the 1999 convention for an initial term of office of one year. Henceforth, the term of office shall be two years and such elections to be held in conjunction with other elections.*

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504.1 All USS officers, . . . years. The elected officers shall be . . . ~~and~~ Vice President of Program Operations, and Coaches Vice President.

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Location: Page 119 ARTICLE 508: COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

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508.7 The following shall be responsible to the Coaches Vice President: Olympic International Operations Committee, Coaches Education Committee, Technical Planning Committee, Steering Committee.

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A. The Coaches Vice President shall chair both the Steering Committee and the Coaches Education Committee.

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B. A candidate for election to Coaches Vice President must be an active coach member and must have served as an assistant or head coach at the Junior or National Championships within two years of the day of the election.

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*[renumber 508.7 through 508. 11 to 508.8 through 508.12]*

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