

USA Swimming Rules and Regulation Committee Minutes

January 9, 2023, Virtual Meeting

Present: Derek Paul, Michelle Steinfeld, Mitch Gold, Beth Winkowski, Herb Schwab, Sandy Searcy, Christina Fox, Rachel Stratton-Mills, Sarah Gibson, Joe Finke, Eddie Hughes, Greg Lockard, Josie Uerling, Suzanne Heath, Oliva Carter, Ellen Johnston, Brendan McHugh, Kathleen Scandary, Maria Davila Cadena, Clark Hammond, Brad Craig, Sid Cassidy

Absent: Julia Milner, Nicole Caruso, Jimmy Feigen, Kaersten Meitz, Katrina Konopka, Matt Wilson, Taylor Rogers, Robert Pearson, Carol Zaleski, Charles Cockerell.

Guests: None

Call to Order: Committee Chair Derek Paul called the January 9th, 2023, meeting of the Rules and Regulations Committee to order at 10:00AM PST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda: Onboarding/Board Orientation Meeting

Discussion:

- Committee Chair, Derek Paul began the meeting with self-introductions of all the committee members.
- General Counsel, Michelle Steinfeld presented and reviewed the Rules and Regulations Training slide deck and commented on specific parliamentary proceedings.
- Mr. Paul explained roles of committee members as it relates to advocacy and personal feelings about rules.
- Mr. Paul explained the name change from FINA to World Aquatics. Requested that committees email Michelle to act as a liaison.
- Mr. Paul explained that LSC bylaws may be amended to allow for virtual LSC HOD Meetings.
- Mr. Paul discussed new and emerging timing systems being considered for adoption within USA Swimming. Potentially establishing a sub-committee (working group/task force) for consideration.
- Mr. Paul discussed the potential need to assess how gender is referred to in the Rulebook.
- Mr. Paul discussed legislative changes advocacy at the upcoming USA Swimming Workshop, and throughout the year.
- Mr. Paul/Ms. Steinfeld addressed that a USA Swimming committee is reviewing the 2021 rule changes to the composition of the House of Delegates.
- Ellen Johnston moved to allow the Rules and Regulations Committee Chair to act on behalf of the committee to make interpretations of rules between schedule meetings. Seconded. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Adjournment: Mr. Paul adjourned the January 9th, 2023, meeting of the Rule and Regulations Committee at 10:50AM PST.