
Rules

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Introduction

The Rules Committee is responsible for ensuring the competitive rules in Part One of the USMS Rules and Regulations provide for fair and equitable competition in the best interests of all USMS members. The committee works throughout the year to ensure USMS members are informed of current rules, interpretations, and changes to rules. The committee accepts, considers, and reports proposed amendments to Part One and the Glossary to the USMS House of Delegates in conjunction with the USMS Annual Meeting. The committee held a late winter organizational call and then met three times in July and once in August to consider proposed amendments and prepare the pre-meeting delegate packet for the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. The Chair answered rules questions from LMSC leaders, other standing committees, and general membership inquiries as received throughout the year.
2. The committee voted to approve the adoption of finish rules for freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke that were initiated by World Aquatics (AQUA).
3. The committee separately voted to approve the adoption of the remainder of the AQUA rule changes issued in 2026.

Action Items

1. Submit proposed amendments to the House of Delegates. Motions to reconsider proposed amendments are in order if additional work is required in committee meetings held in conjunction with the USMS Annual Meeting.
2. Prepare the final report for updates to the 2027 UMS Rules and Regulations following actions by the House of Delegates.
3. Discuss and vote on disposition of the housekeeping (HK) proposals (after the adjournment of the USMS Virtual Annual Meeting).
4. Support the editorial process for publication of the 2027 USMS Rules and Regulations.

Agenda

1. Approval of July 21st and August meeting minutes.
2. Review of fall schedule to deal with HK proposals.

Rules Committee Open Forum and Meeting

[Thursday, September 10th, 2026 8:00pm-9:30pm EST | Zoom Registration Link](#)