

Committee Name:	Rules Committee	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	Mollie Grover		
Minutes recorded by:	Julie Dusliere	Date/time of meeting:	13 July 2021 / 8:00 PM ET

Actions Taken:

1. MSA to recommend R-11 to the HOD.
2. Approved minutes from Rules Committee meeting as amended on 8-July-2021.
3. MSA to make R-13 and L-2 an indivisible package.
4. MSA to recommend the indivisible package of R-13 and L-2 to the HOD.

Number of committee members present: # 13	Absent: # 0	Guests: # 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Carolyn Boak, Kathrine Casey, Julie Dusliere, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Mollie Grover (Chair), Ian King, Claire Letendre (Vice Chair), Mark Marshfield, Barbara Protzman, Jessica Seaton, Jason Weis		
Not present:		
Ex Officio present: Charles Cockrell (USMS Legislation Committee), Chris Colburn (VP of Administration), Steve Hall (USMS National Office), Terri White (USMS Officials Committee)		
Ex Officio absent: Bill Brenner (USMS National Office), Clark Hammond (USA Swimming)		
Guests: n/a		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 pm ET.

Revisit of R-11

1. M/S (Claire/Judy) to reconsider R-11 with the language that was originally submitted from Championship Committee. R-11 will sit under the same heading as items R-1 through R-4.
2. Judy called the question.
3. Motion to recommend R-11 to the HOD passed. 11 yes, 2 no.

Approval of Minutes

1. M/S (Claire/Ian) to approve the minutes of the July 8 meeting as amended. Passed unanimously.

2021 Proposals

1. R-13
 - a. R-13 is the Rules portion of an indivisible package with L-2. Mollie sent the files prior to the meeting and requested the committee members review prior to tonight’s discussion.
 - b. The committee held a procedural discussion regarding the actions required for this indivisible motion from both Rules and Legislation.
 - c. Marilyn raised the question regarding original intent behind the project and the proposals, specifically streamlining sanction language in an effort to support efficiencies for meet hosts. Kathy explained the information within the new article 108 which is focused on meet announcement, and the details that are retained within article 202.
 - d. References of “entry form” and “meet announcement” were clarified within the working version.
 - e. M/S (Claire/Kathy) to make R-13 and L-2 an indivisible package. Passed unanimously.
 - f. M/S (Charles/Ian) to recommend the indivisible package of R-13 and L-2 to the HOD. Motion passed: 12 yes. 1 no.

Review of the Transgender Policy

1. The (testosterone) levels listed follow those used by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), which as of this point in time have not changed. If the IOC makes a future change to the levels, that information in the policy will need to be updated.
2. There is some general language in the policy that is outdated and bears review and updating.
3. It was noted that there needs to be future consideration of gender identity and non-binary designation as a membership category.
4. 102.5.3 and 102.14.6 reference rules committee responsibility with regard to the policy.
5. Recommendation of a joint committee effort between rules, sports medicine and diversity & inclusion to thoroughly update the policy and provide guidance and parameters for future decision-making. It may be ideal to include National Office / IT on the front end of the discussion from a membership systems perspective.
6. Charles, Terri, Jessica and Marilyn volunteered to be on the sub-committee to work on this project in order to update, ideally by convention.

Other Business

1. The committee briefly discussed the 2021 convention meeting schedule.

M/S (Claire/Kathy) to recess the meeting until TBD, passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 pm ET.