

DELEGATE PACKET FOR 2023 USMS ANNUAL MEETING (LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE)

TABLE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART 3

The following proposed amendments to the USMS Rules of Competition were submitted to the Long Distance Committee in accordance with Articles 601.2, 601.4.1, 601.4.5, and 601.4.7. If adopted by the House of Delegates, these amendments will take effect on January 1, 2024.

The committee action is indicated as “recommended,” “recommended as amended,” or “not recommended.” Committee actions may be reconsidered at the annual meeting before presentation to the House of Delegates. Comments are invited from delegates at the annual meeting on all proposed amendments.

Amendments that are recommended by the committee require a majority vote of the House of Delegates to adopt.

Amendments that are not recommended by the committee require a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates to adopt.

Number	Section	Description	Committee Action
LD-1	303.3.3	Corrected “certifying official” to “certified official”	Recommended
LD-2	303.4.2 B	Added language to clarify that suits with ties at the swimmer’s back are allowed	Recommended
LD-3	305.2.4	Added language to show that the National Office is taking over running virtual events. The LDC will still be involved especially with the checking of results and records.	Recommended
LD-4	307.2.2	Deleted items G, H and I since the virtual events will be conducted by the National Office in coordination with the LDC	Recommended
LD-5	307.2.3	Added a paragraph for National Office control of the virtual events. Added items A, B and C for the virtual events	Recommended
LD-6	307.2.3	Renumbered to 307.2.4	Recommended

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PART THREE RULES

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LD-1, 303.3.3 Long Distance Committee p. 72 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

303.3.3 Safety directors and referees shall be certified in these capacities by a USMS-approved certifying body. If a ~~certifying~~ certified official becomes indisposed, other officials or staff may perform the duties of such positions if they receive training in the specified duties of their positions and are under the direct supervision of the event director.

Rationale: Housekeeping. The official must be “certified” not “certifying”.

LD-2, 303.4.2 B Long Distance Committee p. 72 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

B The swimmer shall wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials and not contain clasps or zippers but may have ties that fasten on the swimmer’s back. For both men and women, the swimsuit shall not cover the neck and shall not extend past the shoulder nor below the ankles.

Rationale: This permits popular women’s swimwear that give no apparent competitive advantage to be worn as category I swimwear while retaining all other World Aquatics (formerly FINA) swimwear specifications.

LD-3, 305.2.4 Long Distance Committee p. 78 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

305.2.4 Virtual—A virtual event is a competition in which swimmers participate at a place of their choosing and submit the time or distance achieved to a central location for tabulation. The USMS National Office in coordination with the Long Distance Committee shall have jurisdiction only over virtual events that meet the requirements given in article 305.2.1.

Rationale: USMS National Office has assumed control of conducting the virtual events with the Long Distance Committee providing support.

LD-4, 307.2.2 Long Distance Committee p. 80 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

307.2.2 At the discretion of the Long Distance Committee, national championships may be awarded in the following categories:

- A** Sprint-Distance Championship (1 mile swum in a quarter-mile straight- away or open water course).
- B** Two-Mile Cable Championship (quarter-mile straightaway).

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- C Open water Middle-Distance Championship (greater than 1 mile and less than or equal to 3 miles).
- D Open water Long-Distance Championship (greater than 3 miles and less than 6 miles).
- E Open water Marathon-Distance Championship (greater than or equal to 6 miles and less than 9 miles).
- F Open water Ultramarathon-Distance Championship (greater than or equal to 9 miles).
- ~~G Virtual 1-Hour Championship (in a pool 25 yards or longer).~~
- ~~H Virtual 5- and 10-Kilometer Championship (each event swum separately on a 50-meter course in a pool).~~
- ~~I Virtual 3000- and 6000-Yard Championship (each event swum separately on a 25-yard or 25-meter course in a pool).~~
- JG Other national championship events and distances may be awarded at the discretion of the Long Distance Committee chair.

Rationale: Removed items G, H, and I from 307.2.2 because USMS National Office has assumed control of conducting the virtual events with the Long Distance Committee providing support.

LD-5, 307.2.3 Long Distance Committee p. 80 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

307.2.3 The USMS National Office in coordination with the Long Distance Committee shall conduct the following virtual national championships:

- A Virtual 1-Hour Championship (in a pool 25 yards or longer).**
- B Virtual 5- and 10-Kilometer Championship (each event swum separately on a 50-meter course in a pool).**
- C Virtual 3000- and 6000-Yard Championship (each event swum separately on a 25-yard or 25-meter course in a pool).**

Rationale: Added a separate section to cover the virtual events controlled by the USMS National Office in coordination with the Long Distance Committee.

LD-6, 307.2.3 Long Distance Committee p. 81 Modify

Committee Action:	Recommended		
HOD Action:	Adopted	Adopted as Amended	Defeated

307.2.3 307.2.4 Cumulative Relays

Rationale: Housekeeping. Renumbered.