

2004 RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Carole Mitchell, Chair

September 10, 2003

The Rules Committees wants everyone to have as much information as possible prior to the Board of Governors meeting and Rules session on Saturday afternoon. Please see me or any member of the committee if you have any questions. We'd love to streamline our session on Saturday as much as possible. (You can also call me at 804-519-7618...or leave a message in room 1823.) All non-housekeeping items must pass with a 90% vote to be adopted.

Proposed rule changes for 2004: (underline=proposed addition, ~~..strikethrough = proposed deletion~~)

If an item was recommended for approval as amended, you will see the item in its original format (from your original convention packet). Then you will see the words "Recommended for approval as amended:" followed by the complete item typed as amended.

Item 1. Rule II.C.2.b.(1)(b) page 5 (Solo/Duet Qualifications for U.S. National Championship):

- (b) In the top 4 (excluding foreign federations, and foreign clubs) in the most recent U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (b) In the top 4 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams) in the most recent U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Item 2. Rule II.C.2.b.(2)(b) page 6 (Team Qualifications for U.S. National Championship):

- (b) In the top 2 (excluding foreign federations and foreign clubs) in the most recent U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (b) In the top 2 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams) in the most recent U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Item 3. Rule II.C.4.c.(2)(b) page 9 (Overqualification for next 2 U.S. Age Group Championships):

- (b) U.S. Senior Open Championship
 - i. Solo – ~~top 8~~ top 12
 - ii. Duet – ~~top 8~~ top 12
 - iii. Trio – ~~top 8~~ top 12
 - iv. Team – ~~top 3~~ top 4

Recommended for rejection

Item 4. Rule II.C.4.c.(2)(d) page 9 (Overqualification for next 2 U.S. Age Group Championships):

- (d) U.S. Junior Open Championship
 - i. Solo – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and U.S. National Team entries)
 - ii. Duet – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and U.S. National Team entries)
 - iii. Trio – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and U.S. National Team entries)
 - iv. Team – first place (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and U.S. National Team entries)

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (d) U.S. Junior Open Championship
 - i. Solo – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams)
 - ii. Duet – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams)
 - iii. Trio – top 3 (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams)
 - iv. Team – first place (excluding foreign federations, foreign clubs and entries representing the U.S. National Teams)

Item 5. Rule II.D.2.b. page 11 Housekeeping

- ~~b.~~ Free routine Combination: (~~Held at the 2003 U.S. Open~~)

Recommended for approval—50%

Item 6. Rule IV.C.3.b.new (7) page 27 Event Referee

(7) Intervene in the event at any stage to ensure that the rules are observed and that the safety of the athlete(s) is not compromised.

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (7) Intervene in the event at any stage to ensure that the rules are observed and that the safety of the ~~athlete(s)~~ competitor(s) is not compromised.

Item 7. Rule IV.C.5.b.(5)(a) page 28 Disqualification

- (a) Failure to complete the routine after entering the water, unless caused by circumstances beyond the control of the competitor. If the cessation is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the competitor(s), the

Referee shall allow the routine to be re-swum during the session. Loss of swimwear or swimming aid is considered the responsibility of the competitor.

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (a) Failure to complete the routine after entering the water, unless caused by circumstances beyond the control of the competitor. **If the cessation is caused by circumstances beyond the control of the competitor(s), the Referee shall may allow the routine to be re-swum during the session.** Loss of swimwear or swimming aid is considered the responsibility of the competitor.

Item 8. Rule III.A.3.d. U.S. National Championship---delete d.
d. ~~Not eligible to compete in the Olympic Year.~~

Recommended for approval

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Result of the Competitive Program Committee meeting on Sept. 10.

Item 9. Rule II.D.2.b.(1) page 11 (Free Routine Combination)

- (1) Free routine combination has a maximum of 10 competitors. **The routine may consist of competitors from the Junior and/or Senior categories. Each club may enter only one Free Routine Combination.**

Recommended for approval as amended:

- (1) Free routine combination has a maximum of 10 competitors. **The routine may consist of competitors from the Junior and/or Senior categories. Each club may enter only one Free Routine Combination.**

Item 10. Rule II.E.2. page 14 (Bonus Points for teams with more than 4 swimmers-Entry Procedures)

2. ~~**Bonus Points:** In the case of Team competition, whether preliminary, semi-final or final events, one-quarter point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over 4 on a Team.~~

Delete entirely and renumber.

Recommended for approval

Item 11. Rule IV.D.1.b.(3)(e) page 30 (Bonus Points-Routine Sheets)

- (e) ~~**Bonus Points:** In the case of the Team competition, whether preliminary, semifinal or final events, one-quarter (1/4) point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over four on a team. Place the bonus points in the Bonus box corresponding to the level of the competition.~~

Delete entirely.

Recommended for approval

Item 12. Rule IV.D.1.b.(4)(c) iii. Page 31 (Bonus Points-Total Routine Score)

- iii. ~~**Bonus Points:** In the case of team competition, whether preliminary, semifinal or final events, one-quarter (1/4) point shall be added to the Total Score for each additional competitor over 4 on a team.~~

Delete entirely and renumber.

Recommended for approval

Joint Recommendation from Scoring and Rules:

Item 13. Rule II.C.4.e.(4) Page 10 (U.S. Age Group Championship)

- (4) The top 20 in Solo, the top 10 in duet, Trio and Team routines shall qualify for participation in Figure Competition from the semifinal events. **The 100% routine score shall be used to advance a routine from semifinals to figures.** The top 20 Solos and the top 10 in duet, Trio and Team routines after semifinals shall have their score computed for the final event. The top 8 combined routine and figure scores shall qualify for Final Routine Competition. Numbers 9 and 10 shall be pre-swimmer(s). Number 10 shall swim first. There shall be a maximum of 2 pre-swimmers. **In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be used in the following order as applicable:**
- (a) **The 100% figure score**
 - (b) **The 100% higher routine score**
 - (c) **The 100% higher technical merit score**
- If a tie continues to exist, they shall all pre-swim.**

Committee Members in attendance: Carole Mitchell, Chair, Ginny Chadwick, Barbara Eaton (parliamentarian), Myrna Hagedorn (secretary), Diane Hunsinger, Sandra Mahoney, Del Neel, Katie Scanlon (athlete), Julie Thaden, Ruth Thompson Inga Todd (athlete)