



Referee Committee

Minutes of Meeting
October 15, 2014
Phone Conference Call

Attendance:

Referee Committee:

Tom Fuller – Chair
Ruth Macnamara - Secretary
Lloyd McDonald – Regional Coordinator

Regional Coordinators:

Jorge Salas, SE
Roger Frederick, MW
Howard Meisner, NE
Dee McComb, NW
Lloyd McDonald, SW – Regional Coordinator to Committee

Absent:

Chris Lang – Vice Chair
Marcus McElhenney – Athlete Representative
John Musial, MA
John Wik – Director of Referee Programs

Tom Fuller called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EDT. The purpose of this call is to review the Proposed Changes to the current *Rules of Rowing* submitted by the general membership. We are not going to be making any decisions tonight. This call is to discuss the proposed changes and to get a sense of what everyone is thinking.

Rule 1-202 Other Definitions “Unsportsmanlike Conduct”

Discussion. Suggested change matches the reorganization proposal.

Rule 1-202 Other Definitions “Weigh-in Window”

Discussion. General consensus that the proposed change offered clarity of “Weigh-in Window” and “Adjusted Weigh-in Window”

Rule 2-311 Broken Equipment

Discussion. No consensus. Need to see how it fits into the reorganization of the Rules and LOC Guidance Manual.

Rule 2-409 Racing Cadence

Discussion. Is rule clear but not being applied correctly? Is this a training issue? No consensus.

Rule 2-409 Racing Cadence – Trials

TF – we will discuss when we address Article VI. If we adopt FISA rules, this goes away.

2-411 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Same as above: Suggested change matches the reorganization proposal.

2-503 Declaring the Race to be Official

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2-504 Placement of Crews

Howard emphasized that everything being suggested in this change is either covered in the reorganization of the Rules or in the Referee Procedural Manual.

2-504(c) Placement of Crews

TF – again, addressed in the reorganization.

2-602 Types of Penalties (a) Relegation

Discussion. No consensus.

2-604 Matters Subject to Protest

Discussion. Regarding trying to clarify protest rule, need better training. Is this to be included in the *Rules of Rowing* or the Referee Procedure Manual?

2-607 Protest Hearing Procedures

Discussion. LM – more of the same.

4-104.1(a)(2) Classification by Age

Discussion. Request an opinion from the Youth Committee. Invite AJ Dominique to join 10/29 call to explain.

4-104.2(b)(2) Classification by Skill

Discussion. Invite AJ Dominique to join 10/29 call to explain.

4-106 Weighing of Competitors

Howard – this is addressed in the Reorganization of the Rules.

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Discussion. Lloyd's point is that this is a safety issue and needs to remain in the *Rules of Rowing* not in the Referee Procedure Manual. Will address again when we review all the comments received from the General Membership.

5-101(a)(1) Types of Regattas

Howard – this is addressed in the reorganization, not in the *Rules of Rowing* but moved to the LOC Guidance Manual.

5-208© Illness of Competitors

Discussion. Many opinions; need to hear from AJ.

5-304(a) National Championships

TF – minor rewording and probably belongs in the LOC Manual.

Howard stated, removed entirely from the *Rules of Rowing* and put in the LOC Guidance Manual.

6-203 International Classification and Eligibility Rules

TF – Hold until we discuss Article VI. Again, if we move to FISA, this goes away.

No decisions were made during this meeting. It was an opportunity to discuss the proposed changes and to get an idea of what everyone was thinking. All proposed changes will be addressed once we have received comments from the general membership after the Public Comment Period closes. Decisions on these proposed changes will be made in mid-November.

Next meeting date 10/29/14.

Ruth Macnamara made a motion to adjourn.

Dee McComb seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Macnamara

Secretary

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