



Minutes

Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Board Members in Attendance: Denise Shively, Irene Hawes, Ashley Johnson, Rebecca Phillips, Kimberly Kohut (non-voting; Secretary), Emmanuella Tchakmakjian (AEC President), Anna Montgomery, Claire Barton (Athlete At-Large), Mariya Koroleva (AAC Athlete Representative), Morgan Fuller Kolsrud (USOPC AAC leadership team; non-voting), Monica Velazquez-Stiak (Team USA AC; non-voting), Bill May (General Athlete Representative), Natalia Vega (General Athlete Representative), Stacey Chapman, Kerhyl Gannt, Jennell Lynch

Staff Members in Attendance: Adam Andrasko

Others: Nancy Weiman (Masters Chair)

Excused: Jocilyn Sayler, Joanne Pasternack

Called to Order At: 8:03 PM EDT

BY: Denise Shively. A quorum was declared.

Topic	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	Denise Shively called for any additional conflicts of interest to be declared. No new conflicts of interest.		

Topic	Approval of Minutes from 11.29.23 and 12.13.23	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	<p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on November 29, 2023.</p> <p>Seconded by: Stacey Chapman</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-9 No-0 Abstain-0</p> <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on December 13, 2023.</p> <p>Seconded by: Anna Montgomery</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-9 No-0 Abstain-0</p>		
Topic	Athlete Report	Presented by	Claire Barton, Emma Tchakmakjian

Discussion	<p>No report submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter being created • Team USA AC bylaws approved • Updated SafeSport Admin closures • Congressional Report due in March • More professional opportunities for Team USA athletes
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Topic	Treasurer's Report	Presented by	Anna Montgomery
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	VP Competitive Operations	Presented by	Rebecca Phillips
Discussion	<p>No report submitted.</p> <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to accept the 12U Rotations language revision from the Rules Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by: Anna Montgomery</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-11 No-0 Abstain-0</p>		

Topic	VP Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion	Presented by	Ashley Johnson
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	VP Member Services	Presented by	Jocilyn Saylor
Discussion	<p>No report submitted.</p> <p>Motion: Stacey Chapman motioned to approve the Masters Rules as presented by the Masters Committee.</p> <p>Seconded by: Irene Hawes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the reference to coach card would be addressed as element card <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-10 No-0 Abstain-0</p>		

Topic	VP Olympic International	Presented by	Irene Hawes
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	President's Report/CEO Report	Presented by	Denise Shively/Adam Andrasko
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAAS Foundation Trustee Nomination <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the application of Michelle Kinz as a USAAS Foundation Trustee representing the NGB seat.</p> <p>Seconded by: Anna Montgomery</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-10 No-0 Abstain-0</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about updating documents to ensure correct and timely information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VP's provide timelines for changes to send to staff so changes can be timely on the website • Year-End Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surplus of \$3,000 from year end - Revenue \$2, 973, 619, 011 - Audit process is beginning <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to move to executive session and inviting Adam Andrasko at 9:02 PM to discuss personnel matters.</p> <p>Seconded by: Claire Barton</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-11 No-0 Abstain-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During executive session, Adam Andrasko updated the Board of Directors of various personnel matters <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to end executive session at 9:21 PM.</p> <p>Seconded by: Anna Montgomery</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-11 No-0 Abstain-0</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: Book flights for in-person March meeting. Primary focus will be developing the next strategic plan. (Book to arrive in Dallas (DFW) either March 22 or 23. Meeting will begin evening of March 23 and continue morning of March 24. If arriving March 22 or early on March 23, you will be able to wat the U.S. Collegiate Championship.) 		

Adjournment at 9:25 PM EST		
Moved to adjourn by: Claire Barton	Seconded by: Stacey Chapman	Motion Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly A. Kohut

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Secretary

Attachments: 12U Rotations Language Revision, Masters Rules Packet

From Rules Committee for clarification:

We would like to request a change to the wording for the new 12u rotation safety limit. Original wording that was passed at convention was:

In all 12u routines Rotation (R) movements in Levels 5-9 shall be counted only 2 times (2x) per hybrid always taking the highest value. This is in addition to all stated AQUA hybrid restrictions.

Suggested wording change preliminary:

*In all 12u routines Rotation (R) movements in Levels 5-9 shall be counted only 2 times (2x) per hybrid **as declared on the coaches card**. This is in addition to all stated AQUA hybrid restrictions.*

Revised Jan. 23 for consideration at the BOD:

Hybrid Safety Limits: In all 12 & under routines, Rotation (R) movements in Levels 5-9 shall be counted only 2 times (2x) per hybrid **as declared on the Coach Card**. This restriction is in addition to all stated AQUA hybrid restrictions. **A Base Mark will be applied for violations of the Hybrid Safety Limits for Rotation (R) movements.**

Important Note: Although there are references in the following proposals to “male” and “female” because that was the wording used in the original rules, during our rule book editing any and all of those references will be corrected to the current approved wording of “men” and “women”.

MASTERS RULES PROPOSALS

ITEM 1: ADOPT NEW AQUA MASTERS ROUTINE TIMES
MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

MS 2.7.1 Technical Routine Time Limits:

Events	Minutes
Solo/Male Solo	1:30 2:00
Duet/Trio	1:40 2:20
Team	1:50 2:50

MS 2.7.2

There shall be an allowance of ~~15~~ **5** seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit. For Time Allowances for Walk-On and Deck Movements, see Rules CP 4.2.2.6.2 and 4.2.2.6.3.

MS 2.8.1 Free Routine Time Limits:

Events	Minutes
Solo/Male Solo	2:30 2:15
Duet/Trio	3:00 2:45
Team	4:00 3:30
Free Combination	4:00

MS 2.8.2

There shall be an allowance of ~~15~~ **5** seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit. For Time Allowances for Walk-On and Deck Movements, see Rules CP 4.2.2.6.2 and 4.2.2.6.3.

CP 4.2.2.6 Time Allowances:

CP 4.2.2.6.1 Technical and Free Routines:

1. There shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus or minus the allotted time limit. For Junior Olympic Championships **and Masters Championships**, there shall be an allowance of 5 seconds plus the allotted time limit, but there shall be no minimum time limit.

Exception: For Collegiate Dual, Invitational, Regional and other routine competition exception, see Rule CO 2.4.5.1. ~~For U.S. Masters Championship exceptions, see Rules MS 2.7.2 & MS 2.8.2.~~

Rationale: To align with new AQUA Masters AS time limits.

HOUSEKEEPING: Change technical routine time limits as noted above in Appendix L.

ITEM 2: SEPARATE TECH AND FREE ROUTINES
MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

MS 2.7

Competitors may swim a Technical routine and/or a Free routine in Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Trio or Team. Competitors who compete in both the Technical and Free routine in a given event (Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Trio or Team) will be eligible for an award. Competitors who compete in only a Technical or Free routine will be listed in the results and will not be eligible for an award. **All routine events shall be Final events.**

DELETE MS 2.5 (and renumber following)

MS 2.5 Number of Events:

Each competitor may compete in no more than 3 different Free routine events (Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Trio or Team) in each U.S. Masters Championship. The Free Combination event does not count as one of the 3 events.

Rationale: To align with AQUA Masters AS separation of tech and free routines, and therefore also eliminate the restriction on number of routine events entered.

ITEM 3: ADOPT AQUA RULE FOR OPTIONAL BLACK SUITS IN TECH ROUTINES **MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

MS 2.9 General Requirements for Technical Routines:

MS 2.9.1 Supplementary elements may be added.

MS 2.9.2 Unless otherwise specified in the description of an element:

1. All figures or components thereof shall be executed according to the requirements described in Appendix L, Section 3.04.
2. All elements shall be executed high and controlled, in uniform motion with each section clearly defined.
3. Time limits as specified in MS 2.7.1.
4. ~~Swimwear shall be black and the competitor shall wear a white cap. Goggles may be worn.~~

Rationale: To align with AQUA Masters AS, where there is no requirement for black suit and white cap for technical routines.

ITEM 4: SEPARATE FIGURE COMPETITION INTO TWO AGE DIVISIONS **MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

MS 3 FIGURE COMPETITION

MS 3.1 Figure Competition Divisions: Competitors shall participate **in two age divisions (20-44, 45 and over)** together in the following Figure Competition Divisions: A, B or C.

Rationale: Age divisions were previously eliminated in Figures competition due to so few entries in each division. However, Masters definitely wants to continue the Figures competition and older competitors feel they are at a serious disadvantage competing with everyone together in one group. The decision was made to split figure competitors in each competition division into two age divisions to make it more fair for everyone.

ITEM 5:

ORDER OF TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS

MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

APPENDIX L

3.04 MASTERS TECHNICAL ROUTINES:

A. (remains the same)

B. (remains the same)

C. The Coach Card is only required for Masters routines if the required technical elements are performed in a different order than the order listed in Appendix L.

APPENDIX L

MASTERS TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

MASTERS SOLO/MALE SOLO

Technical Required Elements # 1-5 must be performed in the order listed **shall follow the order listed unless a Coach Card has been submitted (refer to 3.04 C).** Element #6 may be performed at any time during the routine.

MASTERS DUET/TRIO

Technical Required Elements # 1-5 must be performed in the order listed **shall follow the order listed unless a Coach Card has been submitted (refer to 3.04 C).** Elements # 6-7 may be performed at any time during the routine.

MASTERS TEAM

Technical Required Elements # 1-5 must be performed in the order listed **shall follow the order listed unless a Coach Card has been submitted (refer to 3.04 C).** Elements # 6-9 may be performed at any time during the routine.

Rationale: AQUA Masters AS does not require elements to be performed in the order listed, but stipulates that an Element Card (Coach Card) be submitted if the elements are not done in that order.

NOTE TO BOD: ITEM #6 IS DELETED FROM THESE PROPOSALS, TO BE RECONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE.

ITEM 6: CHANGE TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENT #4 TO MATCH AQUA (AS 7.5.2.4.)

MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES HAVE DELETED THIS PROPOSAL

APPENDIX L

MASTERS TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS

MASTERS SOLO/MALE SOLO

4. Traveling Ballet Leg combination - beginning in a **Back Layout Position** to include any 2 of the following positions: **Right Bent Knee Back Layout; Left Bent Knee Back Layout; Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo or Double Ballet Leg.** [DD 1.3] **a Ballet Leg Alternate is executed with travel. [DD 2.4]**

MASTERS DUET/TRIO

4. Traveling Ballet Leg combination - beginning in a **Back Layout Position** to include any 2 of the following positions: **Right Bent Knee Back Layout; Left Bent Knee Back Layout; Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo or Double Ballet Leg.** [DD 1.3] **a Ballet Leg Alternate is executed with travel. [DD 2.4]**

MASTERS TEAM

4. Traveling Ballet Leg combination - beginning in a **Back Layout Position** to include any 2 of the following positions: **Right Bent Knee Back Layout; Left Bent Knee Back Layout; Right Ballet Leg; Left Ballet Leg; Right Flamingo; Left Flamingo or Double Ballet Leg.** [DD 1.3] **a Ballet Leg Alternate is executed with travel. [DD 2.4]**

Rationale: To align with AQUA Masters technical required elements.

ITEM 7: ESTABLISH MASTERS AGE DIVISIONS FOR MALE AND GENDER INCLUSIVE EVENTS
MASTERS AND RULES COMMITTEES RECOMMEND APPROVAL

MS 2.11 Routine Age Divisions:

MS 2.11.1 Solo, Duet, Trio:

1. Master: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, etc. (as high as necessary to accommodate all age entries).

MS 2.11.2 Male Solo **and Duet, Gender Inclusive Solo and Duet,** Team, Free Combination:

1. Master: 20-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65-79, 80 & older.

Rationale: Due to likely limited entries in Male and Gender Inclusive events at this time, include these in the 15-year span age divisions.