

MSOA EXECUTIVE BOARD AND RULES INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

September 30, 2012

Rules Interpretation Committee

- I. In attendance: Tom Riker, Jerry Crouter, Sandy Labelle, Sandy Zimmerman, Mary Thompson, Scott Morrison, Barry Cohen.
- II. The meeting was called to order by Scott Morrison at 8:35.
- III. Scott presented to the NFHS Rules Committee the jewelry rule. The Committee is very focused on safety, and the jewelry rule will not be changed.
- IV. Rules interpretation for 2012-13:
 - A. 3-3-2. Illegal Attire (suit construction, illegal logos, and illegal caps) require DQs if swimmer on block or in water. In relay, if see illegal cap, for example, on swimmer 4 when swimmer 1 is in the water, official can tell swimmer 4 to remove or turn the cap inside out with no DQ.
 - B. 3-3-4. Tape permitted to treat a documented medical condition providing the referee is presented with signed documentation from an appropriate health-care professional prior to the start of competition. Tape is permitted to cover religious items or medical emblems/bracelets.
 - C. 8-2-1f. Initiation of turn in backstroke may be initiated by an upward or downward, underwater movement of the head.
 - D. 8-2-2c. Start or turn on breaststroke, initiation of the arm stroke before dolphin kick shall be accomplished by a discernible horizontal separation of the hands.
 - E. 9-2-2. Order of divers in championship meet is determined by meet director using seeding method based on scores or lot. With no action by meet director, default method is lot.
 - F. Editorial change to 3-3-3c – suit with FINA mark is legal, now part of rule.

- G. Editorial change to 9-5-2 – additional steps, hops, leaps and/or jumps may occur during the divers initial steps and before the culminating hurdle in the forward approach.
- H. Point of emphasis – no shaving on site. Swimmer shaving is disqualified from the meet.
- I. If blocks have track start fins, the fins must be taken off. I can't be removed, then fins must be as far back as possible, and can't be used (swimmers responsible to keep feet off the fin). DQ if use fin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

MSOA Executive Board

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II. The minutes of the November (revised) and January meetings were approved.

III. Old Business

- A. Scott reported on the Rules Interpretation Committee meeting.
- B. Clinic curriculum and assignments were discussed.
- C. There was a discussion of positioning at meets, which we will cover at the clinics.
- D. Chris developed comparison of differences between NFHS and US rules, which he will distribute at the clinics. For observed swims, the coach must make a request for observed swims to the Maine Swimming national times person and provide notice to the meet director. Chris will prepare an observed swim policy to provide to Maine Swimming, and will discuss this at the clinics. Observed swims can occur only at conference/regional and state championships unless authorization in writing is provided by US Swim national.
- E. Tests will be due by November 5.

IV. New Business

- A. A waiver request for Lonie Brown was granted.
- B. The late fee was waived for Lonie Brown.

The next meeting will be held at Bowdoin on November 18 in conjunction with the Diving Clinic.

The meeting was adjourned.