

MCSL 2020 Rule Change Proposals

1. Change the order of events for Dual Meets, Divisional Championships and Individual All Stars. Individual events would be swum by stroke in the following order: Individual Medley, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. Within each individual stroke the events will be swum in ascending age group order (8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, etc). Within each age group, Boy events will continue to be swum before the Girl events. This is consistent with the order of events currently swum at the MCSL Coaches Invitational Long Course Meet. At Dual and Divisional Championship Meets the Open Age Medley Relay would be the first event swum after the break and the 175 Graduated Relay would be swum as the last two events. The break would be taken at the end of the individual Backstroke events. [The Board is neutral with respect to this proposal]
2. Delete “Waiting List” (Rule 7.g.ii) from the list of exceptions to team transfers requiring Board approval. [The Board supports this proposal]
 - a. Rule 7.g.ii currently reads as follows: A new swimmer who applies for membership in an MCSL pool and is put on a waiting list may join and swim for another MCSL pool until membership in the waiting list pool is obtained. Once the membership in the waiting list pool is obtained, the swimmer may join and swim for that pool’s team with no loss of eligibility. However, the swimmer may not change teams during the swim season without permission of the Rules Committee.
 - b. Should the proposal to delete Rule 7.g.ii not pass, the Board intends to modify the first sentence of this rule to better clarify the intent of the rule. The modified language would be as follows: A new swimmer, **defined as a swimmer who has never swum in an MCSL “A” Meet**, who applies for membership in an MCSL pool and is put on a waiting list may join and swim for another MCSL pool until membership in the waiting list pool is obtained.
3. Change in the number and placement of Relay Take-Off Judges utilized at Dual Meets, Division Championships and Division Relay Meets. Dual confirmation will continue to be required to confirm an illegal take-off. The new Take-Off Judging configuration would have four (4) Take-Off Judges at each end of the pool requiring relay exchanges with two of the judges positioned on the side of the pool (Side Take-Off Judges) and two of the judges positioned in the middle of the pool (Lane Take-Off Judges). The Lane Take-Off Judges would be positioned between lanes three (3) and four (4). The Side Take-Off judge closest to lane one (1) and the Lane Take-Off Judge closest to lane three (3) would have jurisdiction over lanes one (1) through three (3) and the Side Take-Off Judge closest to lane six (6) and Lane Take-Off Judge closest to lane four (4) would have jurisdiction over lanes four (4) through six (6). Additionally, any two Take-Off Judges with jurisdiction over the same relay exchanges may not be from the same team and timers would not be used as Take-Off Judges. [The Board Supports this Proposal]