



Referee Committee

Minutes of Meeting
November 8, 2017
Telephone Conference

Attendance

Referee Committee:

Andrew Blackwood – Chair
Ruth Macnamara – Vice Chair, Secretary
Bob Appleyard – Referee College
John Musial – Regional Coordinator Representative to Committee
Jean Reilly – FISA
Rachel Le Mieux – Trials Coordinator
Terese Friel-Portell – Safety/Referee Utilization
Marcus McElhenney – Athlete Representative
Gevvi Stone – Athlete Representative

Regional Coordinators:

Dee McComb, NW
Howard Meisner, NE
Mike Rosenbaum, SW
Jorge Salas, SE

USRowing Staff:

John Wik – Director of Referee Programs

Guest:

Patrick McNerney, USRowing CEO, joined the call at: 10:03PM

Absent:

Derek Blazo, MW

Andy called the meeting to order at 8:35PM EDT.

Current Agenda Items

- 1. Welcome: Blackwood**
- 2. Rules Continued – Additional Discussion of Rule 4-106(b): Appleyard / Macnamara**

After additional thought about Tom Fuller’s proposed Rule Change to Rule 4-106(b), Bob and Ruth would like to put Motions before the Committee to reconsider Tom’s Motion. There has been more evidence that there is confusion with this Rule and its application across the country. To alleviate any confusion, the proposed revisions and additions are made to Rule 4-106(b) and 4-106(d).

Revision to the proposed Rule Change Rule 4-106(b) and to include 4-106(d), but not change the intent of the Rule, as follows: (proposed change to current rule is reflected in red)

4-106 Weighing of Competitors

- (a) Stays the same
- (b) The weight of Rowers in lightweight Events as described in Rule 4-104.3 (“Lightweights”) shall be determined once each day during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both, that applies to the first applicable Race of the day.
- (c) Stays the same
- (d) The weight of Rowers in lightweight Events as described in Rule 4-104.3 (“Lightweights”) shall be determined once each day during either the Weigh-in Window or the Adjusted Weigh-in Window, but not both, that applies to the first applicable Race of the day. A Rower within one (1.0) pound of less of the weight standard is allowed one (1) re-weigh within the same window as his or her initial opportunity. A Rower whose initial weight is greater than one (1.0) pound above the weight standard will be ineligible to compete in the Event.
- (e) Stays the same
- (f) Stays the same

Discussion:

VOTE:

Bob made a motion to accept the REVISED proposed rule change. Andy seconded the motion.

Discussion

VOTE

Regional Coordinators

DM: Yes

DB: ----

HM: Yes

JS: Yes

MR: Yes

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TFP - Yes

AB - Yes

GS - Yes

JM - Yes

MM - Yes

JR - Yes

RL - Yes

BA – Yes
RM – Yes

Motion passed to approve the Revised Proposed Rule Change VOTE 9-0.

Recommendation to the Board: Recommend accepting the revised proposed rule change.

To further emphasize the application of the Rule, an additional bullet point should be added to the Referee Procedures Manual (**Proposed change to current text is in red**)

Referee Procedures Manual

(7) Procedure – Lightweights

- Crew...
- If within...
 - If too early...
 - If too late ...
 - Referee/volunteer...
 - Check any...
- Crew members ...
- Each Rower...
 - A Rower with...
 - A Rower who...
 - Wristbands ...
- **A lightweight shall not have to weigh-in more than once per day regardless of how many Events in which the lightweight may compete that day.**
 - May go...
 - Prior bands...

Ruth made a Motion to approve the proposed additional bullet point in the Referee Procedures Manual (7) Procedure – Lightweights.

Bob seconded the Motion.

Discussion

VOTE

Regional Coordinators

DM: Yes

DB: ----

HM: Yes

JS: Yes

MR: Yes

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TFP - Yes

AB - Yes

GS - Yes

JM - Yes

MM - Yes

JR – Yes

RL – Yes

BA – Yes

RM – Yes

Motion passed to approve the addition of a Bullet Point in the Referee Procedures Manual (7) Procedure - Lightweights
VOTE 9-0.

Recommendation to the Board: Recommend accepting the addition to the Referee Procedures Manual

3. 2018 FISA Jury Nominations: Reilly - See Attachment 1

(The Committee needs to review/approve the nominations. They are then presented to the CEO for final approval and submission to FISA, prior to November 15, 2017)

Jean –

- Umpire Commission and Masters Commission has asked the US to put more names up for consideration for Masters in Sarasota.
- Clarification that an Umpire may be nominated for more than one Event; IOP changes happened earlier this year but only once in the first position.
- Selection Committee are FISA people. Usually use 3 active and 2 alumni. This year they had to use more alumni.
- Process – very simple. Highest level, offer the best umpires, have as many FISA umpires on as many FISA juries; have umpires prepared and eligible to work Olympic games.
- No one nominated for multiple events will get selected for more than one event per year.

Jean makes a Motion to recommend the list as presented, to the CEO for submission to FISA. Bob seconds the motion.

TFP – yes

GS – yes

JM – yes

MM – yes

BA – yes

AB – yes

JR – yes

RL – abstain (nominated)

RM – abstain (nominated)

Motion carries 7-0. Jean will submit the list to the CEO for his approval.

**4. Foot Gear Quick Release: Wik (See attached email from Alan Deluna)
See Attachment 2 - Observations Regarding Footgear**

Suggestion made was that USRowing needs a technical expert to address these questions. Referees are not qualified to make these decisions.

John Wik – may follow up with Paul Fuchs regarding how FISA handles this.

5. IOP Re-write: All

(The IOP Re-Write has been hanging fire for over a year. There have been several procedural changes. The Committee needs to take action to get it cleaned up.)

Suggestion made to work on this at the Saturday session of the Referee Committee Meeting at the Convention. In addition to IOP rewrite, review all the various committees we have as part of setting our goals moving forward. Including Code of Conduct. If there are other suggestions or interest in working on any of the subcommittees, please send those suggestions and interest to John Wik and Andy.

6. Convention Update: Wik

(Regional Coordinators – please let your referees know about convention. Goal: 100 Referees in attendance. As in the past, Referees should attend wearing their Blue Blazers.

- Registration is \$20.00 for a Referee Pass. This allows the referee to attend all events.)
- Tentative Schedule:
 - Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 PM – SafeSport: Wik
 - Friday 8:00 – 10:00 AM – Regional Coordinators (closed mtg)
 - Friday 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM – Referee Committee Meeting
(open, general session)
 - Friday 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM – National Championships Chiefs and Deputies Meeting
 - Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Referee Committee Meeting
(Goal setting for 2018)
 - Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM – Referee College
 - Saturday 5:30 PM – Awards and Reception

7. BY-LAWS: Patrick McNerney

(Patrick will join the call sometime after 8:45 PM. We will break from our agenda to hear his report on the Board BY-LAWS.)

Patrick joined our call at 10:03PM. He answered questions about the bylaw changes.

8. Other Items: All

Meeting adjourned at 10:15PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Macnamara
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USRowing Referee Committee
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Attachment 1 – FISA Nomination Information

Dear Andy,

The FISA Annual Assignment Sub-Committee has completed their selection of FISA Umpires for nomination to 2018 FISA Juries. Below are the full results for approval by the Referee Committee and CEO. Umpires highlighted in green are to be nominated in rank order for the jury identified. Approval is requested by 11/9 so that the United States can complete the required nomination package in accordance with the expedited FISA timeline. All nominees have been deemed to be in current compliance with FISA and USRowing requirements.

Sincere thanks go to Sub-Committee members Bob Willenbring, Pete Zandbergen, Sandy Killen, Don Langford, and Sheila Tolle for their service.

As always, please call if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jean
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CHART of FISA Assignment Recommendation

ADD JEAN'S CHART OF NOMINATIONS HERE!!

Observations Regarding Footgear

- Crews sometimes do not understand the function of the torsion release mechanism (e.g. Shimamo) and believe they use the manual release for exiting a flipped boat
- Torsion release mechanisms depend upon specific loads from specific directions to release. What are the appropriate loads for different size athletes? Of particular concern are lightweight women and middle schools where body mass alone is not sufficient to cause release.
- How do coaches adjust the torsion release loads to ensure safety of the athlete? A similar example is a ski shop setting the release point on a ski binding to match the skier's weight and expertise.
- How are torsion release loads tested by coaches and control commissions?
- What is the effect of corrosion or lack of maintenance on torsion systems?
- In the event someone must go under a flipped boat to manually release a torsion system, is it obvious how to do so? Adaptive rowing has addressed similar concerns regarding obvious releases of restraining devices.
- In non-torsion systems, we are seeing shoes in such poor condition that the heel cup has detached from the shoe sole resulting in the heel restraint no longer being effective.
- In non-torsion systems, it has been observed that the shoe heel cup has been cut from the sole resulting in the heel restraint no longer being effective.