Rules and Regulations review committee.

Committee members: Laurie Benton, Jeanette Soe, Jim Morefield, Debbi Tucker, Susi Jackson, Leo Lin, Don Bautista, Marie Lin, Clint Benton and Mary Ruddell (Chair)

The goal of the committee was to eliminate contradictions, redundancies, outdated rules as well as typographical and grammatical errors. Words were added (in red) or deleted for clarification. Items that outlined how a rule is enforced were moved to policies and procedures. (The committee will start to update the Policies and Procedures in September). In a few cases the committee has presented motion(s) to make Pacific Swimming’s Rules and Regulations consistent with USA Swimming’s Rule Book or reflect current practices.

All cosmetic changes, i.e. formatting, will occur after the BOD and the HOD vote to approve the changes. (Don’t look at the “formatting” too closely it will drive you nuts)

To use the same nomenclature throughout the document the following conventions were followed:

Use **athlete** not swimmer

Use **meet announcement** not meet information sheet or meet sheet

Use **Club** not team

Use **Preliminaries and Finals** not trials and finals

Use **shall** not must or will

Use **Chair or Chairs** not chairman or chairmen

Use **shall compete** not will swim

All references to Pacific Swimming and USA Swimming were spelled out and used without abbreviation.

Each Section of the Rules and Regulations is presented in the following addendum format:

1. Revised Section
2. Addendum
   1. Motions to clarify an existing rule or add a new rule
   2. Items to be moved to the policies and procedures
   3. Items to be deleted

All sections except Section 3 have new content presented as a motion.

Section 11 – Electronic Communication was added to reflect current rules.

**Please review the documents prior to the meeting.** At the July meeting, the 30 day review process begins. The documents (with revisions if necessary, will be put up for approval at the September BOD meeting and recommended for vote and approval at the October House of Delegates.