

Rule 102.5.2 now states:

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If this situation results in disputed qualifications, all swimmers having times tied or within the disputed times shall swim-off **the event** to qualify for the disputed place or places in the final **unless the swimmers, coaches, and Referee mutually agree to resolve the tie in an alternative manner, such as coin toss or racing a different distance/event.**

Thus if the athletes, the respective coaches and the Meet Referee mutually agree, a swim off involving a different distance/event is acceptable.

Please note that this rule change was effective immediately upon passing the HoD vote in September. It will be included in the 2022 rule book USA Swimming will send out - also an approved change in September 2021.