

# Swimming Champ's 110-Yard Record Thrown Out

PHILADELPHIA, November 19—(Associated Press)—At their meeting here yesterday the officials of the Amateur Athletic Union rejected Duke P. Kahanamoku's record of one minute and four-fifths seconds made by the celebrated Hawaiian world sprint champion in the 110-yard open title salt water freestyle event, which was swum by Kahanamoku during his recent Red Cross tour of the country. The officials held that the start in this race was irregular and that, on this account, the record could not be recognized.

An amendment to the constitution of the organization was passed protecting the amateur status of members of the A. A. U., who, while in the service of their country the present war, have been appointed athletic instructors and directors at army camps throughout the States.

The amendment offered forbidding foreign athletes from competing for American A. A. U. championships was rejected. This amendment was engineered and backed mainly by the Pacific Coast representatives.

Attempts to get in touch with Duke Kahanamoku last night were unavailing, for the recently returned merman was not at home and he could not be located. Just how the alleged irregular start, which has cheated Duke out of a world record, came about is not known at this time.

Duke was informed yesterday that he had lost his chance of being inducted into the service on account of his late return to Honolulu from the mainland. He has secured a position again with the territorial public works, in the engineering department, and will be out again with the tripod, rod and steel tape gang.