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TO: Wisconsin Swimming LSC Member Clubs and Meet Directors

RE: HOSTING APPROVED MEETS

Due to recent rule changes to Article 202.4 in the USA Swimming's rule book which became effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 the following is an interpretation of the new rule:

- 1) YMCA-affiliated teams can continue to host approved meets for **CLOSED** competition in their capacity as a YMCA-affiliated team.
- 2) Meet approvals can continue to be issued for non-member clubs or organizations for competition under USA Swimming Rules (i.e. Badger State Games).
- 3) For a club (either USA Club or YMCA Club) to host an approved **OPEN** competition (rather than a sanctioned meet), the request for approval must be authorized by the LSC Sanctioning Chair and then sent to USA Swimming (Form F) with an explanation of why the meet should be approved (i.e. beginning of the swim year when a team wants to encourage summer league kids to join USA Swimming or when a team has a swim school and wants to get the kids to join USA-Swimming so they want to host a "real" meet).
  - At no time can a meet be approved when the authorization is being used as a membership dodge!

Form F (which will be posted on Wisconsin Swimming's website shortly after the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 LSC meeting) needs to be completed and sent to the Wisconsin Swimming Sanctioning Chair who will then forward to USA Swimming after approving the submitted meeting information.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative/Sanctioning Chair

This memo has been reviewed by Suzanne Heath (USA Swimming Chair, Times and Recognition).