

WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.

Title: Determining Age Groups, Events, and Meet Length

Policy 3

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Scope: This policy provides direction to LSC members relating to structuring and administering Meets.

3.1 Wisconsin LSC Meet Schedule

3.1.1 Fall/Winter Meet Schedule: Shall be finalized at the June LSC meeting.

3.1.2 Spring/Summer Meet Schedule: Shall be finalized at the January LSC meeting.

3.1.3 Any club wishing to host a Meet shall submit a completed "Meet Bid" form to the Administrative Chairman (Sanctioning Officer) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the appropriate LSC meeting. A late Meet Bid shall be added to the season's schedule only by agreement of all other Meet Hosts having submitted bids for that date on a timely basis. Meet Bids must include all information requested on the Meet Bid form. Failure to use the Meet Bid form will result in the Sanctioning Chairman rejecting the bid and the Meet will not be included in the Meet Schedule.

3.2 Age Group

3.2.1 USA Swimming age groups will be used except as specifically noted herein.

3.2.2 Authorization may be given to Meet Hosts who wish to conduct events for 8 and Under swimmers. The following restrictions apply:

- A. USA Swimming Technical Rules shall be enforced in the same manner as for other groups.
- B. Individual events shall be no longer than one (1) length of the course for fifty meter (50m.) pools and two (2) lengths of the course for twenty-five yard/meter (25yd./m.) pools, except for the one hundred yard (100yd.) individual medley event.
- C. Eight and Under swimmers shall be permitted to swim in events for the 8 and Under age group or in combination with the events for the 10 and Under age group.

3.3 Meet Events

3.3.1 All swimming events that are listed by USA Swimming for national recognition are appropriate for use in Meets sanctioned by the LSC. Any other events must be approved by the General Chairman or designee.

- 3.3.2 The Age Group Chairman shall have the authority to recommend to the Sanctioning Officer any events that should be included in a particular sanctioned Meet which receives national and LSC recognition to ensure all events will be offered during a season.
- 3.3.3 The Wisconsin Swimming Championship Meets, short course and long course, shall include all senior Championship events for both men and women.
- 3.3.4 All individual events, except 1000 yard or 800 meter and 1650 yard or 1500 meter events, shall have Preliminaries and Finals in Senior Championship Meets. For the four events cited, only the fastest (single) heat shall be swum in the Finals. When Consolation Finals are held, they must precede the Championship Finals.
- 3.3.5 If a Meet has both male and female events, any stroke event offered must be available to both male and female competitors.

3.4 Meet Length

- 3.4.1 A Meet Host shall plan its Meet to terminate within a maximum of eight (8) hours of competitive events in any one day. With the exception of LSC Championship Meets, the Meet Host shall arrange the program to allow for completing all individual and relay events, but not including warm-ups, for swimmers twelve (12) years and younger in four (4) hours or less per day for a Timed Finals Meet or in a total of eight (8) hours or less per day for a Preliminaries and Finals Meet.
- 3.4.2 Each Meet Host shall complete the WSI Meet Report and send the Report within twenty-one (21) days after the completion of the Meet to the Sanctioning Officer and the Treasurer. The Meet Report shall include:
 - A. The number of entries actually accepted per session.
 - B. Time that the AM session began and ended.
 - C. Time that the PM session began and ended.
- 3.4.3 The Meet Host may specify time standards adopted by the LSC. These time standards must be included in the Meet sanction request.
- 3.4.4 There shall be no time standards for 8 and Under swimmers.

3.5 Meet Entry Limits

- 3.5.1 The Sanctioning Officer shall impose individual entry limitations on Meet Hosts such that individual entries shall not exceed those specified below.
- 3.5.2 Distance Meet
 - A. Short Course Yard Pool: 150 entries per competitive lane used per full day
 - B. Long Course Meter Pool: 125 entries per competitive lane used per full day
 - C. Short Course Meter Pool: 125 entries per competitive lane used per full day

3.5.3 Non-Distance Meet

- A. Short Course Yard Pool: 200 entries per competitive lane used per full day
- B. Long Course Meter Pool: 175 entries per competitive lane used per full day
- C. Short Course Meter Pool: 175 entries per competitive lane used per full day

3.5.4 Exceptions to Entry Limit Standards: The sanctioning Officer may:

- A. Sanction a long course Meet with a limit of 200 entries per lane used per competitive day, but relays but be swum first.
- B. Approve requested, minor variations from these entry limit standards, but a Meet Host should anticipate a need for LSC House of Delegates or Executive Committee action any request for a major variance.

Reason for Change:

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| January 27, 2004 | 3.4.1 | Clarify four-hour rule |
| April 27, 2004 | 3.5 | Create section by consolidating entry limit information from 2.8.3 and 3.4.5. |