

Descriptions of Sanction Meet, Approved Meet, Observed Swims/Meet
Open Water Meet

Submitted by Jeanne Drzewiecki, Administrative Vice Chair/Sanctioning Chair
Rules Committee at its March 28, 2012 meeting, recommended adding definitions of
Sanctioned Meet, Approved Meet, and Observed Swims/Meet.

~~1.3 Description of Sanction~~

~~1.3.1 The sanction or approval shall consist of a formal contract specifying the terms and
conditions under which the Meet Host is authorized to hold the swimming
competition~~

1.3 ***Description of Sanctioned Meet, Approved Meet and Observed Swims/Meet***

1.3.1 Definition of Sanctioned Meet

- A. Meet must be conducted under USA Swimming's Technical and Administrative Rules.
- B. All times achieved will be recognized by USA Swimming and entered into its SWIMS database.
- C. All participants must be registered members of USA Swimming including Meet Host, Meet Director, Coaches, Officials, Athletes, and participating Clubs.
- D. Full insurance coverage is in effect (Excess medical and general liability) for registered members of USA Swimming. General Liability coverage is in effect for the Meet Host and Volunteers.

1.3.2 Definition of Approved Meet

- A. Meet Must be conducted under USA Swimming's Technical Rules, including time resolution.
- B. A request must be made to the LSC's Sanction Chair and USA Swimming with the parameters for Approval.
- C. All times achieved by USA Swimming registered athletes will be recognized by USA Swimming and entered into its SWIMS database.
- D. No requirement exists for membership in USA Swimming for participation in Meet.
- E. If hosted by a USA Swimming member club/organization, full insurance coverage is provided for all registered members of USA Swimming. General liability coverage is provided for the hosting entity. If hosted by a non-USA Swimming entity, full coverage for USA Swimming member coaches and Athletes.

1.3 Definition of Observed Swims/Meet

- A. Meet is conducted under other than USA Swimming Technical Rules,
- B. A request must be made to the LSC's Officials Chair AND LSC Records Chair within the parameters for Observation, i.e., compliant with the USA Swimming Times Policy Manual.

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- C. Only those times from observed swims/meets and approved by USA Swimming's appointed by the LSC Officials Committee and certified Officials, acting as observers, are recognized by USA Swimming, but only USA Swimming members may have their times entered into USA Swimming's SWIMS database..
- D. No requirements exist for membership in USA Swimming for participation in Meet.
- E. No medical or liability coverage exists for participants or host. Excess medical is provided to designated LSC NTV Observers ONLY while observing swims on the LSC's behalf.

Rational: To further define and differentiate between a sanctioned meet, approved meet and observed swims/meet with definitions taken from USA Swimming's Rules and Regulations under Article 202.

Recommended by George Geanon

Rules Committee recommended at its March 28, 2012 meeting, adding this language regarding Open Water Sanction/Approval to Policy 1.

1.4. Obtaining an Open Water Sanction/Approval

- A. Applicants for sanction/approval of an open water competition shall complete the open water application approved by USA Swimming and available at its website, www.usaswimming.org.
- B. Before an open water competition can be sanctioned/approved by the LSC, the LSC Sanction Officer shall submit the completed sanction/approval packet to USA Swimming for review and approval.

Rational: Includes open water competition in the sanctioning/approval review.