

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc

Glossary of Terms (Revised: 6/28/2011)

Approval A permit issued by an LSC for meets conducted in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both USA Swimming members and non-members may compete

Attached: Status of an athlete member who represents a member club in competition after having met the requirements of USA Swimming Article 203

Closed Competition: Competition exclusively among members of a single club, i.e., intra-squad meets, or among two or more USA Swimming member clubs within an organization or group formed for the specific purpose of such competition or series of competitions that are open only to members of that group or organization. Examples include YMCA clubs and leagues consisting of a limited number of USA Swimming clubs within an LSC; it does not include groups or organizations such as an LSC, Zone, Region, or Section within USA Swimming

Dual Competition: Competition between two teams

Event: Any race or series of races in a given stroke and/or distance; for competitive limits, one event is inclusive of preliminary heats(s) plus its related final, or one time final(s), or one timed final, or one time trial

FINA: Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur; International governing body for the sport of swimming

Heat(s): A division of an event in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time. (See Preliminary Heats and Timed Finals)

LSC: (Local Swimming Committee) An administrative division of USA Swimming with supervisory responsibilities within certain geographic boundaries designated by USA Swimming

Meet Announcement: A document setting for the information of the meet events, schedule, and procedures

Observed Swim: A swim observed by assigned USA Swimming Officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules

Open Competition: Competition which any qualified club, organization, or individual may enter.

Preliminary Heats or Preliminaries: Competition in which a number of heats are swum to qualify the fastest swimmers for finals

Sanction: A permit issued by an LSC to a USA Swimming group member to conduct a meet in conformance with all USA Swimming rules in which all participating swimmers are athlete members of USA Swimming, except as provided in 202.3.1 (International competition or USA Swimming's "open border policy)

Timed Final Heats or Timed Finals: Competition in which only heats are swum and final places are determined by the times achieved in the heats

Swimming Venue: The area located on the sides and ends of the pool, spectator area, team areas within the pool facility, e.g., portion of the building designated for teams and swimmers, or fenced area around outdoor pool, locker rooms, and such other areas as may be designated specifically by the host club or organization, Meet Director, or Meet Referee; in open water competition, the geographical area and environs where the Meet is conducted

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June 28, 2011 – Conform to terms used by USA Swimming