

## Observed Meets

Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Times achieved as observed swims may be submitted for entry into the SWIMS database if the conditions set forth in Section 202.5 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and policies and procedures set by Hawaiian Swimming that follow:

1. The LSC has approved observations for all of the High School varsity and junior varsity season-culminating championships held in the state of Hawai'i.
2. Requests for any other observed meets shall be directed to the Age Group or Senior Vice-Chairs as appropriate. They may recommend the request to the Hawaiian Swimming Board of Directors for approval, but all such requests must be specifically approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or designee.
3. A USA Swimming official must verify that all swims approved for USA Swimming purposes were in accordance with the requirements of 102.24 (Timing Rules), 103.3 (Racing Course Dimensions), and 103.13 (Starting Platforms).
4. Where the technical rules of the stroke differ from USA Swimming as defined in Article 101, at least two USA Swimming observers, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or approved by the Hawaiian LSC, must be present, one at each end of the course, to verify compliance of the swim or swims with that part of the USA Swimming rule that differs from the organization's rule. Where the technical rules as listed in Article 101 are identical to those of the organization under whose rules the meet is being conducted, the judgment of the organization officials shall be sufficient.
5. For an individual swim to be observed requires notification to the observers prior to the start of the competition. The times should be entered, upon request, into SWIMS, the National Times Database.