

"World," "National," "United States of America" or any derivative thereof is used in any manner in connection with such competition unless consent for such usage is obtained from USA Swimming.

- .14 The following clause will appear on all approval application forms and on all forms upon which official approvals are granted: "In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."
- .15 Complete meet results shall be submitted to the LSC within a period of time established by the LSC.
- .16 All approvals must be signed by an authorized representative of the LSC and a record thereof kept by the LSC.
- .17 Approval may be withheld or withdrawn by the LSC if the competition was not conducted in accordance with the above requirements.
- .18 If an event is to be contested in more than one LSC's or country's jurisdiction, the application for approval shall be submitted to the LSC in which the event begins. The LSC granting the approval shall notify the other LSC(s) and/or the governing body of the other country in which the event is being contested of details of the event.

202.7 REQUIREMENTS FOR NCAA MEETS

- .1 Times for individual and relay events achieved in NCAA bona fide competition as defined in the current NCAA Rules and Interpretations shall be regarded as approved times for USA Swimming purposes.
- .2 Officiating shall comply with the requirements in the current NCAA Rules Book.
- .3 Competition results are to be submitted electronically within 72 hours after the meet has ended to ncaa@usaswimming.org.

202.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS — Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming or YMCA officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Official times achieved as observed swims may be submitted for entry into the SWIMS database if all of the following conditions are met:

- .1 The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional, State, Regional, or be specifically approved by the Program & Events Committee Chair or designee. A time trial held in conjunction with the season-culminating championship meet that is officiated in accordance with the same standard as the championship meet may also be observed.
- .2 Requests for observers for certification of times from meets in the championship progression must be made to the host LSC in accordance with LSC procedures at least 10 days prior to the meet. Applications for observation of all other meets must be made to the host LSC at least 10 days prior to the meet. Authorization of such non-championship meets must then be approved by the Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.
- .3 An observer must verify that all swims approved for USA Swimming purposes were in accordance with the following requirements:
 - A Minimum of one referee, one starter and two stroke and turn judge association officials working season-culminating championship meets and invitationals;

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- B 102.24 (Timing Rules);
 - C 103.3 (Racing Course Dimensions); and
 - D 103.14 (Starting Platforms).
- .4 Where the technical rules of the stroke differ from USA Swimming as defined in Article 101, at least two observers from USA Swimming and/or the YMCA, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or approved by the LSC, must be on deck and in position to observe the strokes where the rules differ, in order 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. The times should be entered, upon request, into SWIMS, the National Times Database.

202.9 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

.1 Within the United States

- A Sanctions for competitions within the United States that will include swimmers with a foreign sport nationality as defined by FINA rule GR2.5, who will be competing representing their sport nationality or other FINA Continental Organization, must be reported to the USA Swimming national office. All invitations to foreign swimmers to compete in the United States must be extended by USA Swimming.
- B Any international swimming competition within the United States as defined in the Amateur Sports Act which is sponsored by a sports organization or person other than USA Swimming must be sanctioned by USA Swimming's national office and such sanction must be granted unless there is clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring the event would be detrimental to the best interest of swimming.
 - (1) Factors to be considered in the determination of whether sponsoring the event would be detrimental to the best interest of swimming shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) Review of audited or notarized financial reports of similar events, if any, conducted by the organization or person, including:
 - (i) Financial guarantees of athlete expenses, both U.S. and foreign;
 - (ii) Financial guarantees of any appearance money or prize money for athletes; and
 - (iii) Financial guarantees of acceptable accommodations and travel for athletes.
 - (b) Absence of substantial conflict with: (i) USA Swimming National Team programs, (ii) major USA Swimming competitions, (iii) major international swimming competitions such as the Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships, Pan American Games and World University Games and (iv) FINA rules and events.
 - (2) Upon determination by clear and convincing evidence that sponsoring the event would not be detrimental to the best interest of swimming, the sanction will be issued by USA Swimming upon full compliance by the organization with all the requirements of the Act, as it may be amended from time to time.