	POLICY & PROCEDURE	POLICY NUMBER: 251
	Subject: **Meets** **Open Lane Swims**	**EFFECTIVE DATE:** **1-16-2018** Approved: 5-17-1994 Amended: 1-17-1995 9-17-2013 1-16-2018 Retired:

1-16-2018

6. Maximum entries, including Open Lane Events, may not exceed current USA Swimming policy maximums.

9-17-2013

The host club is to determine the Open Lane fee. The Open Lane fee shall not exceed 3 times the cost of the individual splash.

1-17-1995

1. Open lane swimmers must be registered in the meet.

5-17-1994

2. Allowing swimmers to swim in open lanes is at the discretion of the host club.
3. Swimmers may sign up for open lanes on a first come first serve basis.
4. Swimmers may only swim in their age group and only the same event and distance for which they entered.
5. Swimmers may swim events in which they do not have times in.
6. ~~Swimmers may not swim more than 3 for prelim finals events/four for timed finals a day including any open lane events.~~ *(See amendment on 1/16/2018)*
7. Swimmers may scratch an event to enter an open lane event to stay under the event rule. There will be no refunds for events that may be scratched during the meet.
8. In championship meets swimmers may not scratch events to enter another event, even if they have qualifying times.

PROCEDURE:

9. Deck entry policy must be submitted with meet information at the time of sanction if host club chooses to use it.
10. Clerk of course would record every open lane swimmer in on central location.
11. Fee: (See amended information above adopted 9-17-13)
12. At this location the swimmer would pay a fee, which goes directly to the host club.
13. The swimmer would receive a carbon card that has name, event and lane. He/she should present this card to the timer in the lane they are assigned.
14. The timer would record the watch time and the electronic time and return one copy to the swimmer and the other copy is collected and recorded.
15. All open lane swims will be recorded and mailed out with the final results.
16. Open lane swims do not count in the meet score.