

Inviting Foreign Athletes/Teams

While Local Swimming Committees and USA Swimming clubs are free to set up competitions with FINA Federation members, the formal invitation must be issued by USA Swimming. LSCs and USA Swimming clubs are not empowered to extend a formal invitation.

This is to ensure compliance with FINA GR 3.1 and GR 3.2:

- GR 3.1 A competitor competing at a meet in a foreign country shall be a member of an affiliated Member or of a club affiliated thereto. This section shall apply equally to judges, officials, trainers, and coaches.
- GR 3.2 All competitions must have received sanction by the Member where the competition takes place, and all competitors or clubs must have permission from their respective Member.

Steps for the LSC Registration Chair to follow:

1. Provide the **Invitation to Foreign Athletes/Teams** form to the appropriate person who wishes to invite a foreign team or members of a foreign team to participate in a meet within your LSC.
2. The completed form must be submitted to the LSC Registration Chair along with the meet information. **It is the responsibility of the LSC to verify through SWIMS that coaches accompanying the foreign athletes/teams are not banned from USA Swimming.** The LSC Registration Chair signs the form in the appropriate place and submits it and the meet information to National Headquarters. (The meet information is very important and will require follow-up from USA Swimming Member Services if it is not received with the form.)
3. Keep a copy of all information submitted to National Headquarters and attach all related correspondence you receive regarding this invitation.

After USA Swimming Member Services receives the form and processes it, the foreign federation will be notified. All related correspondence will be copied to the host club and the LSC Registration Chair.

USA Swimming has an "open border" policy with Puerto Rico, Canada, Bermuda and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Travel documents are not necessary for their athletes or clubs traveling to the United States and are not necessary for USA Swimming's athletes traveling to these countries.

USA Swimming Invitation to Foreign Athletes/Teams

(Please print clearly and provide all requested information.)

USA Swimming, on behalf of _____
Member Club

and _____
Local Swimming Committee

invites the following athletes/teams to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned competition.

Names of athletes/teams to be invited _____

Names of coaches accompanying athletes (**must be provided**) _____

from _____
Name of Country

for _____
Name of Event

at _____
Location

on _____
Dates

USA Swimming Club Contact _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Submit with copy of complete meet information to LSC Registration Chair.

LSC Registration Chair Signature Date

LSC Registration Chair, fax or mail to National Headquarters.

Valid only when endorsed by official representative of USA Swimming.

USA Swimming Representative Signature Date