

APPENDIX 2: SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY ENTRY FORM

CENTRAL ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES **FOR** **INCLUSION OF SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

1. Swimmers with disabilities may compete without having achieved the qualifying standard for their age group. However, they must provide a time for each event they enter. Swimmers with disabilities shall be highlighted on the hard copy of the LSC's meet entry. Classification of a swimmer with a disability is irrelevant. LSCs must use the attached form to enter a swimmer with a disability.
2. Each LSC may select two swimmers with disabilities age 12 and under and two swimmers age 13-18 in any manner deemed appropriate. Examples of selection criteria and procedures are available from the Central Zone Director.
3. Swimmers with disabilities may compete in finals, earn awards and score points for their team in the same manner as the able bodied swimmers. No special awards are necessary.
4. It is the responsibility of the swimmer, or his/her coach, to inform the Meet Referee of any disability-related accommodations he/she may need to compete. This information must be given in advance of the meet. The Meet Referee shall inquire about the swimmer's needs and determine any modifications that may be required. This information shall be relayed to the starter and stroke and turn judges. Visually impaired swimmers who require tappers must bring their own devices and individuals to use them.
5. Aside from the norm, the Meet Referee has the ability to seed the swimmer with a disability in a number of ways. These options include: seed the swimmer with others of the appropriate gender, allowing the swimmer to complete half the distance of their age group (swim the 100m backstroke during the 200m race), or swim with a younger age group where their entry time is similar to the able-bodied swimmers for the same distance (a 15 year old swimmer with a disability could swim the 100 freestyle with the 9-10 age group). The final meet results should show the swimmer with a disability listed in the correct age and event, regardless of where he/she actually competed. The Meet Referee may reassign the lane of a deaf swimmer if a required view of the strobe light is obscured, and the light cannot be repositioned.

It is the responsibility of the USA Swimming Disability Chair to provide the Meet Referee with current American Records for swimmers with disabilities. It is the swimmer's responsibility to complete and submit an application for an American Record should one be set.

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CENTRAL ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET
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Name: _____

Club: **TEAM MICHIGAN** LSC: **MICHIGAN**

USA Swimming #: _____

Age first day of the meet: _____

Swimmer email address:

Swimmer phone #: _____

Name of person completing this form: _____

Email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please enter events below. The maximum number of events for swimmers 12 and under is six (6) and swimmers 13-18 may enter five (5) events. Please indicate the swimmer's preference regarding seeding of their entry for each event. Please note that changing age groups may change the session that the swimmer swims. Changing the distance may affect the date on which the swim occurs. Take these factors into consideration when selecting the seeding procedure for each event listed below. The Meet Referee has the final decision regarding seeding procedures.

Disability-related accomodations:_____

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