**OBSERVED MEET APPLICATION**

This application is to request Observed status for a competition conducted under rules other than USA Swimming. The meet must be a season-culminating championship, or be approved by USA Swimming Operations. This application must be received by the sanctions coordinator for South Dakota Swimming at least ten (10) days prior to the start of the competition.

NAME OF MEET:

HOST ORGANIZATION:

DATES OF MEET:

LOCATION:

MEET DIRECTOR/CONTACT: PHONE:

EMAIL:

**Type of Meet Course Information**

High School SC Yards Number of participating teams

College LC Meters Approximate number of swimmers

Masters SC Meters Meet Name

The meet host is responsible for securing a sufficient number of USA Swimming officials, certified at a minimum of Stroke & Turn level, to assure that the conduct of the Meet and all times achieved are in conformance with USA Swimming Technical rules (USA-S Rulebook 202.4). The minimum requirement is two (2) USA Swimming officials per session.

Official Phone Official Phone

Approvals issued to one organization may not be transferred to another. In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and South Dakota Swimming, Inc. 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. Complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the sanctions coordinator of South Dakota Swimming within seven (7) days after the competition.

*Please submit completed form to the SD LSC Sanctions Coordinator*

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Application Approved or Denied By: Notification Sent

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Other Information

**USA/SD Swimming conditions for an Observed meet –**

1) Timing systems and procedures must conform to the conditions specified in Article 102.16.4 & 5, and the facility must conform to Articles 103.3.1 and 103.12.1 & 2, of the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

2) Athletes must be permitted to wear only one suit in competition, meeting the USA Swimming guidelines.

3) The number of officials conducting the Meet must satisfy the minimum requirements as provided in USA Swimming Rule 102.12. A minimum of two (2) additional USA Swimming officials, certified at least at the stroke & turn level, shall be assigned as observers for the purpose of verifying conformance with USA Swimming technical rules. Observers shall be permitted access to the deck and shall be positioned at each end of the course. If the meet stroke and turn officials are dually certified by USA Swimming and are stationed at each end of the pool, additional observers are not necessary. Where the technical rules listed in Article 101 are the same as those of the host organization, the judgment of the organization officials shall be sufficient.

4) The meet referee, or the LSC designee, will provide swimmers and coaches with information about the Observation program and the procedures to be used to request Observation. Requests may be submitted prior to the swim for which observation is desired, or all swims may be observed.

5) ***If not a season ending championship meet, attach meet information and reason for Observation request.*** If the meet information and reason are not attached, the observed meet application will not be granted.

6) A complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the South Dakota Swimming sanctions coordinator within seven (7) days after the competition. All disqualifications made under USA Swimming rules shall be entered into the meet results database by the Meet Director or Coordinator. The USA Swimming ID registration number of all swimmers that requested observation and want their times input into SWIMS must be in the database. No other swimmers should have such USA Swimming ID numbers, although high school IDs or ID numbers in a format other than USA Swimming are permissible.