

MEET HOSTS

Inclusion of Swimmers with a Disability

Central Zone policy as of 10/22 Part D: 7. Divisions and Appendix 2. provide for finals for swimmers with a disability [swads]

Below are the suggested statements drafted by the USA Swimming Disability Subgroup of the National DEI Committee for use in Meet Information Letters/Meet Announcements. There are different statements for different types of meets.

Club Meets, sanctioned by an LSC (no time standard)

Club meets without a time standard required for entry, whether timed final or prelim/final format, should include the following statement.

“Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host’s ability to accommodate all requests. Coaches may use the Necessary Accommodation Form to satisfy this requirement.”

LSC Meets (time standard required for entry, i.e., LSC Championships or Large Invitationals)

LSC-governed meets such as senior championships, age group championships, or closed invitational meets with time standards should include the following statement.

“All swimmers with a disability (swads) must meet the LSCs Parallel Time Standards in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host’s ability to accommodate all requests. Coaches may use the Necessary Accommodation Form to satisfy this requirement.”

- ✓ LSC Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

Sectional Meets (Time Standards required for entry)

“All swimmers with a disability (swads) must meet the Sectional Parallel Time Standards in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host’s ability to accommodate all requests. Coaches may use the Necessary Accommodation Form to satisfy this requirement.”

- ✓ Sectional Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

Zone Meets (Time Standards required for entry)

“All swimmers with a disability (swads) must meet the Zone Parallel Time Standards in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host’s ability to accommodate all requests. Coaches may use the Necessary Accommodation Form to satisfy this requirement.”

- ✓ Zone Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

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