

 	<p><b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE</b></p>	<p><b>POLICY NUMBER:</b></p> <p>251</p>
	<p><b>Subject:</b></p> <p>Open Lane Swim Policy</p>	<p><b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b></p> <p>Approved: 5/17/94  Amended: 1/17/95,  9/17/13, 1/16/18,  3/21/23  Retired:</p>

**Open Lane Swim Policy**

1. Open lane swimmers must be entered in in the meet and registered and in good standing.
2. Open lane swims are not eligible for placing, awards, scoring, or qualification for finals.
3. Allowing swimmers to swim in open lanes is at the discretion of the host club and must be stated in the Meet Announcement if allowed.
4. The host club is to determine the open lane fee. The open lane fee must be stated in the Meet Announcement.
5. Swimmers may sign up for open lanes on a first come first serve basis. Heats may not be added to accommodate open lane swims.
6. Swimmers may only swim in their age group and competition category/gender for open lane swims.
7. Maximum entries, including open lane events, may not exceed the maximum daily entries stated in the current USA Swimming rules and regulations.
8. Swimmers may scratch an event to enter an open lane event to stay under the event limit. There will be no refunds for events that may be scratched during the meet.
9. Open lane swims are not permitted during LSC championship meets.