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5.2 - SANCTIONED, APPROVED, AND OBSERVED MEETS

A. SUMMARY

(1) This is intended to help clarify the key differences about the various types of swims generating “official” USA Swimming times. More detailed information is available in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations (Article 202) in which requirements and conditions for sanction, approved competitions and observed swims are defined. All references to insurance herein refer only to the insurance provided through USA Swimming as of September 2004.


B. SANCTIONED EVENT

- (1) Meet must be conducted under USA Swimming technical and administrative rules.
- (2) All times achieved will be recognized by USA Swimming.
- (3) All participants must be registered members of USA Swimming, including meet host, meet director, safety director, marshals, coaches, officials (excluding timers), athletes, and participating clubs.
- (4) Full insurance coverage is in effect (excess medical and general liability) for all registered members of USA Swimming. General Liability coverage is in effect for the meet host and volunteers.

C. APPROVED COMPETITION

- (1) Meet must be conducted under USA Swimming technical rules, including time resolution.
- (2) A request must be made to the LSC within its parameters for Approval.
- (3) All times achieved will be recognized by USA Swimming, although only times of USA Swimming members are eligible for incorporation into the SWIMS database.
- (4) There are no requirements for membership in USA Swimming for participation in meet.
- (5) Insurance: If hosted by a USA Swimming member club/organization, full insurance coverage is provided for all registered members of USA Swimming and general liability coverage is provided for the hosting entity. If hosted by a non-USA Swimming entity, full coverage is provided for the USA Swimming member coaches and athletes who are participating as a USA Swimming entity.

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D. OBSERVED SWIM(S)

- (1) Meet is conducted under other than USA Swimming technical rules, e.g., high school, NCAA, YMCA, IPC.
- (2) The ND LSC Age Group Chair will report EDC, WDA and ND High School State Championship information to USA Swimming and approve and document the meets for observation as required. A request for any OTHER observed meet must be made to the LSC within its parameters for Observation.
- (3) In order for times achieved at a high school meet to be loaded into USA Swimming SWIMS Database, the swimmer's full name and USA Swimming ID Number must be listed in the meet results (therefore, in the meet database). The club coach and the swimmer will have to be responsible for seeing that this is included. The high school coach will have to be provided with the information and the importance of his/her using it made clear. Only those times from swim(s) observed and approved by USA Swimming appointed and certified officials acting as observers are recognized by USA Swimming.
- (4) Only times of USA Swimming members are eligible for incorporation into the SWIMS database.
- (5) There are no requirements for membership in USA Swimming for participation in meet.
- (6) There is no medical or liability coverage for participants or host. Excess medical is provided to designated LSC NTV Observers only while observing swims on the LSC's behalf.

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