



Athletes Competing in OSI Sanctioned Meets

- Athletes are entered in meets by the club they are affiliated with. Directions are included in each meet announcement. It is the club's responsibility to abide by the rules and eligibility outlined in all meet announcements. All athletes competing in an OSI sanctioned meet must be athlete members in good standing of USA Swimming or a FINA registered organization.
- Entries from athletes with no club affiliation: Athletes entering this meet independent of a USA Swimming club or coach shall: 1.) be under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach for the duration of the meet. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make arrangements with a USA Swimming member coach prior to the meet. Athletes unaccompanied by a USA Swimming coach will not be permitted on deck. Please contact the Meet Director for assistance. 2) be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. The name of the USA Swimming member coach supervising the athlete and racing certification should be submitted to the Meet Director with the entry.
- Athletes must be properly registered *prior to the meet's entry deadline*. Swimmers who lack proper USA Swimming or FINA registration will be banned from the meet. Their entry fees will be forfeited and will remain with the host club. It is imperative that the person submitting meet entries to the host club takes the necessary steps to ensure the swimmer's name, including middle initial, and date of birth are correct. Nicknames should be entered in the "preferred name" box and not as the first name of the swimmer.
- Clubs that have entered unregistered swimmers in a meet will be notified

immediately after the registration check has been completed by the host club. In addition, teams will be notified by email of any discrepancies in the swimmer's name or date of birth. These discrepancies need to be checked and corrected as soon as possible. If the error is in the SWIMS database, the Registration Chair needs to be notified by email.