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APPROVED MEET APPLICATION

This application is to request Approved status for a competition conducted under USA Swimming (USAS) technical rules where all competitors are not registered USA Swimming athlete members. The application must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the start of the competition; an additional fee applies when submitted up to thirty (30) days prior to the meet. Applications will not be considered when submitted less than 30 days prior to the meet. This application and an electronic copy of the meet announcement, which must include all items on page 2 of this application, must be sent to the MikeSeip@maswim.org.

Name of Meet

Host organization

Dates of Meet

Facility

Meet Director/Contact

Phone

E-mail

YMCA meets must be sufficiently staffed by YMCA certified officials. **Other meets** must have a sufficient number of USAS certified officials to assure that the conduct of the meet and all times achieved are in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules. (USA Swimming Rule 202.6) A USAS certified referee, a USAS certified starter and at least two USAS stroke and turn officials are required per session.

YMCA meets – This meet will be officiated by appropriately certified YMCA Officials _____

Signature to confirm

Other meets:

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, Inc. and Middle Atlantic 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. A complete computer backup of the meet must be sent to the Middle Atlantic office within seven (7) days after the competition.

This meet is a
 Championship meet (season-ending)
 Large Invitational (5+ Teams and 200+ athletes)
 Multi-Team (4 or more Teams and 150+ athletes)

Approval meet status shall not be a means to avoid participants having USA Swimming membership. Reasons for hosting the meet as approved rather than sanctioned are as follows:

Signed _____

Title _____

Approved Meet – Application Fees

| | <u>1-day</u> | <u>2 or more days</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| >60 days prior to Meet | \$ 75 | \$ 100 |
| 30-59 days prior to Meet | 125 | 150 |

A splash fee of \$.50 per individual event for ALL competitors is due to Middle Atlantic Swimming seven (7) days following the conclusion of the Meet.

Information that must be included in the Meet Announcement:

- 1) "USA Swimming & Middle Atlantic Swimming 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 meet."
- 2) Information about the water depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3 ½ inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls. (Start end and turn end)
- 3) "Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms."
- 4) "Deck changes are prohibited."
- 5) Use exact wording - Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations of USA Swimming.

Other items of interest:

- 1) General information on the requirements for an Approved meet can be found in Article 202.6 of the USA Swimming Rulebook.
- 2) The competition must be conducted according to Part I (blue pages) of the USA Swimming Rulebook and various other sections as noted in Article 202.6.6. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Start, individual stroke and relay rules
 - b. Event limit per day (including time trials and deck entries)
 - c. Swim-wear restrictions
 - d. Timing rules
 - e. Minimum standards for facilities
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- 4) A complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the Middle Atlantic office no less than five (5) business days prior to the first day of the meet for a meet reconciliation against the SWIMS database. This information will be returned to the meet director so that any registration and/or ID discrepancies or issues may be corrected in the meet database prior to competition.
- 5) Only USA Swimming registered athletes should have an ID number in the Meet results database
- 6) Times for registered swimmers with ID numbers in the meet database will be loaded into SWIMS. These times are legitimate for all purposes (qualifying times for local, regional or national meets, records, recognition, etc).
- 7) Times achieved at an Approved meet will be loaded into SWIMS with the swimmer attached to his/her USA Swimming Club, or as UNattached if the swimmer is not affiliated with a Club or is within the 60 waiting period for transfer.
- 8) Approvals issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another. Any approval so transferred shall be void for all purposes, and the LSC may deny further approval to any organization violating this provision. Article Section 202.6.11 of the USA Swimming Rulebook