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Items that must be included in Approved meet information

- 1) The following clause must appear in the meet information - In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA 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) The meet announcement shall include 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 exact wording - The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- 4) Use exact wording - 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.

Time Trials or Deck Entries

If the meet includes time trials or allows deck entries, the meet information must state that time trial and/or deck entry events count toward the daily limitation on the number of events a swimmer can swim.

- a. A swimmer may swim no more than 3 individual events per day in a prelims/finals meet and no more than 6 individual events per day in a timed final meet
- b. Time trial events must count as a part of this daily total.

Other items of interest

- 1) 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 USA Swimming Technical Rules (Part One - the blue pages – in the Rulebook) and various other sections as noted in Article 202.6. 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. Swimwear restrictions
 - d. Timing rules
 - e. Minimum standards for facilities
- 3) 3) 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..
- 4) A complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the Middle Atlantic office at least 5 business days prior to the first day of the meet for a meet reconciliation against the SWIMS database. This recon 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 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 with the swimmer attached to his/her USA Club or, if appropriate, as unattached if the swimmer is not affiliated with a USA Club or is within the 60 day waiting period for transfer.

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