

APPROVED MEETS

Approvals for competition (as opposed to a sanction) may be issued to non-USA Swimming member clubs/organizations for meets conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules. They may be given to member clubs for closed competitions conducted according to USA Swimming technical rules and may be given to member clubs/organizations for open competition that has been approved in advance by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or his/her designee. The Hawaiian LSC may approve, withhold, or withdraw approval of competition in accord with Section 202.4 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and applicable policies and procedures set by the LSC below:

1. Requests for approvals are submitted to the Age Group Vice-Chair or Senior Vice-Chair and their respective committees as is appropriate for the level of competition.
2. The Age-Group or Senior Program Committee, as appropriate, shall recommend approval for competition to the Board of Directors who shall approve, withhold, or withdraw approvals for competition. The respective Vice-Chair shall sign the approval on behalf of the Board and shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with the approval.
3. Meet must be conducted under USA-Swimming technical rules, including time resolution.
4. All times achieved by USA Swimming members will be recognized by USA Swimming and eligible for incorporation into the SWIMS database.
5. There are no requirements for membership in USA Swimming for participation in an approved meet.
6. Following acceptance by the Board of Directors, all approvals must be signed by the appropriate Vice-Chair for the Age Group or Senior programs and retained. The approval and all forms upon which approvals are granted shall have the clause: ***“In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.”***
7. Insurance: If hosted by a USA Swimming member club/organization, full insurance coverage is provided for all registered members of USA Swimming. 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.
8. No competition shall be approved unless a sufficient number of USA Swimming officials, certified by the LSC at a minimum of Stroke and Turn level, are present to observe and certify that the conduct of competition and all times achieved in such competition were in conformance with all applicable USA Swimming technical rules.
9. Applications for approval must include complete meet information, dates for event, statement of awards, schedule of lanes and times for all warm-up procedures, and include a statement about the depth of the water at the start and turn ends of the pool. It will also indicate whether the pool has been certified by USA Swimming in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).