

Proposal:

Amend Section I- V.B- Approved Meets and Section I- VII- B.8 for an accommodation to automatic Approved meets such as YMCA meets through verification form sent to National Time Verification Chair.

Approval Fee (double the sanction and omission of splash fees)

1 Day Meet: \$100

2 Day Meet: \$150

3 Day Meet: \$200

Rationale:

When the YMCA converted to using USA rules and regulations- there was agreement made between USA Swimming and YMCA Swimming. It was for YMCA meets to be an automatic approval process (see USA Rulebook 202.6). The rationale behind this agreement was to expand exposure to the sport due to the mitigation effort, not limit experience of collaboration of the athletes and parties involved. This partnership was put into place on September 1st of 2006.

YMCA Teams required to not charge entry fees for regular season or invitational meets, thus providing a barrier for swimmers in the state of Iowa for additional exposure with IASI's current structure of splash fees. We are asking for IASI to consider having the host team pay a single Approved meet fee instead of splash fees as expressed above.

Benefits to IASI:

- Swimmers times are accurate in SWIMS database
- Provides more exposure to our sport for athletes and officials
- Gives athletes in rural areas additional opportunities to obtain USA Times for Championships
- Encourages new USA Swimming registrations for YMCA Athletes
- New revenue source for the LSC through Approved meet fees
- Helps with administrative needs for Championship meet for duality teams (non-conforming times)
- Expedites pre-meet recon processes for Championship Meet Entry Chairs
- USA Swimming is rolling out "Block Parties" which is a short meet format that can also benefit from this change

Appendix for HOD Proposal**IASI P&P:****Section I- I.B- Approved Meets**

May be hosted by a USA Swimming or non-USA Swimming Club. Both USA Swimming and non-USA Swimming clubs and swimmers can compete in an Approved Meet.

Section I- V.B- Approved Meets

The Approved Meet must be conducted in conformance with all technical rules of USA Swimming and officiated by USA Swimming certified officials Fees for

Approved Meets: \$50 Approved Meet – One Day \$100 Approved Meet – Two or more Days

Section I- VII- B.8

IASI Swimmer Surcharge. Except for out-reach swimmers, the meet hosts shall collect an IASI Swimmer Surcharge from each athlete where times are entered into SWIMS for all IASI Sanctioned and Approved meets except for Time Trials associated with an Approved or Sanctioned meet. The IASI Swimmer Surcharge for Outreach Swimmers' participation will be waived for Outreach members of USA Swimming who have also been confirmed by the LSC Registrar as IASI Outreach athletes. The Board of Directors and the House of Delegates shall determine the amount of the IASI Swimmer Surcharge through the annual budgetary processes. (Revised BOD 09/28/22)

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202.6 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of competition may be issued, withheld or withdrawn by an LSC in accordance with the following regulations:

- .1 Approvals may be issued to non-member clubs/organizations for meets conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.
- .2 Applicants for approval of an open water competition shall complete the application provided by USA Swimming.
- .3 Approvals may be issued to member clubs for closed competition (such as YMCAs) conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules.
- .4 Approvals may be issued to member clubs or to LSCs for open competition conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules if that competition has been specifically approved by the Times & Recognition Committee staff leader (or his/her designee).
- .5 Both USA Swimming athlete members and non-USA Swimming athlete participants may compete in an approved meet.

Iowa YMCA Rulebook

Section 4- CLOSED COMPETITION (abbreviated):

When YMCA teams compete only against other YMCA teams. The minimum standards of a YMCA inter-association meet are:

- Officials (in all cases at least two (2) officials must be YMCA certified including one certified as a Level II Official who acts as the Meet Referee
- Dual Meets require at least three (3) officials including a starter, a referee and an administrative official. The starter and referee may also serve as stroke and turn judges if necessary
- All other meets require at least four (4) officials including a referee, a starter (who may also act as a stroke and turn judge), a stroke and turn judge and an administrative official.
- Any YMCA Level II certified official can function as the administrative official, but not in that role and in another deck role (eg. the deck referee cannot also serve as the Admin Official)

- USA Swimming certified officials may assist with the officiating, provided that there are at least two YMCA certified officials, one of whom is YMCA Level II certified and acts as the meet referee.
- No admission may be charged for YMCA meets

YMCA of the USA Conduct of Closed Competition YMCA Meets

Must YMCA sanctioned championship and invitational meets be approved meets under USA-S Rule 202.6?

It is strongly recommended that all YMCA sanctioned meets seek approval from the relevant USA-S LSC and that the times be entered into the USA-S SWIMS database. However, this is not required. Note that the host YMCA's Meet Director or Head Coach must follow the local LSC's requirements for submitting an application for USA-S approval of the meet.