

FORM D

Request for Approval

Reference USA Swimming Rules and Regulations 202.6– *Requirements for Approval*

* Approvals may be issued to **member clubs for open competition** conducted in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules if that competition has been specifically approved by USA Swimming Staff Leader or his/her designee.

Request for Approval: _____ Club of the _____ LSC

Hereby requests approval of the following meet: _____

Date _____ Facility _____

Person initiating request _____ Position _____

Email address _____

Requirements

- The meet must be approved by the host LSC before submission to USA Swimming.
- 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:

Approved by LSC: _____

Approved by USA Swimming:

Designee

Date

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 event.

* This policy is intended to outline the process by which USA Swimming may make determinations on authorizing Approvals to member clubs or LSCs in accordance with the authority granted to the Registration/Membership Committee staff leader (the "Staff Leader") in Article 202.6.4 of the USA Swimming Rulebook (the "Rulebook"). While this policy is intended to outline important factors in the Staff Leader's determination process, USA Swimming, through its Staff Leader, shall have the exclusive and independent authority and discretion to authorize or deny any Approval requested by a USA Swimming member club or an LSC, for any reason, and may made adjustments to this policy at any time.

- USA Swimming's Staff Leader shall not authorize any Approvals for competitions:
 - Which may otherwise be eligible for Sanction in accordance with Rulebook Articles 202.4 and 202.5.
 - Which appear to be requested for the purpose of circumventing specific USA Swimming rules, policies, or procedures.
 - Which appear to be requested for the purpose of avoiding USA Swimming membership.
- While the USA Swimming Staff Leader may authorize the Approval of any competition which does not violate the conditions of this policy, the intent of allowing USA Swimming member clubs to request Approvals is to enable both member and non-member organizations to collaborate and foster increased participation in the sport of swimming. Absent this intent, competitions shall be granted Approval authorizations sparingly.