

## APPROVED MEETS -

202.6 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL — Approval of competition may be issued, withheld or withdrawn by an LSC in accordance with the following regulations: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 swim 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 Registration/Membership 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.
- .6 Written application for approval shall be made not later than the period established by the LSC prior to the competition. The LSC may establish a fee for processing such applications. Application for approval shall be accompanied by the meet announcement which shall include the following:
  - A. A statement of the nature of prizes to be awarded.**
  - B. Information about water depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3-1/2 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls.**
  - C. The following statement: “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.”**
  - D. A statement indicating that the host will ensure the required course dimensions.**
  - E. The following statement: "Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms."**
  - F. The following statement: “Deck changes are prohibited."**
  - G. The following statement: “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 Program & Events Coordinator (or his/her designee).**
  - H. For open water competitions, the policy for abandonment, the race timeline, the course map, and a statement whether the race will be an “escorted” or “unescorted” event.**
- .7 Except for YMCA meets approved by USA Swimming and sufficiently staffed by YMCA certified officials as stated in 202.6.8, the organization requesting approval shall permit USA Swimming officials to be on the deck at both ends of the course where they can properly view strokes and turns.
- .8 With the exception of YMCA meets approved by USA Swimming and sufficiently staffed by YMCA certified officials, 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 the following USA Swimming technical rules:

- A. Article 101 (all) or Article 105 (Disability) or Article 701 (Open Water)  
Start, individual stroke and relay rules
- B. 102.2.2 and 3  
Entry limit per day
- C. 102.8.1 A, B, C, D, E and F  
Swimwear restrictions
- D. 102.10  
Officials
- E. 102.23, 103.3.1, 103.4, 103.14, 103.15 and 103.17 or Article 702 (Open Water)  
Timing Rules
- F. 103.2.3,  
Minimum standards for facilities
- G. Except for YMCA meets approved by USA Swimming and sufficiently staffed by YMCA certified officials as stated in 202.6.8, the organization requesting approval shall permit USA Swimming officials to be on the deck at both ends of the course where they can properly view strokes and turns.

The following clause will appear on all approval application forms and on all forms upon which official approvals are granted: "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."