

## **IV Championship Meets**

### **ADAPTIVE SWIMMING INCLUSION POLICY FOR SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Under the authority of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Wyoming Swimming has adopted the following policy to encourage swimmers with a disability to participate in WYSI meets. This policy will apply only to swimmers with disabilities as defined in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations “a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities”.

For regular season meets and championship level meets, in accordance with USA Swimming Article 105 the Meet Referee has the authority to accommodate swimmers with disabilities as necessary and appropriate.

Additionally, for championship level meets, swimmers with disabilities are not required to meet the time standards for their age group events; however, they must have achieved an official time in an entered event. Classification of a swimmer’s disability is irrelevant. The Meet Referee shall have the authority to accommodate the swimmer without substantial negative impact on the timeline. Swimmers (or the swimmer’s coach) are responsible for notifying the Meet Director and Meet Referee at the time of entry submission if any special accommodations are required.

Current policy for reference:

#### **I. WYSI.SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

In order to encourage inclusion, WYSI will allow swimmers with disabilities to swim in the Short and Long course Championship Meets under the following parameters: Swimmers with disabilities are not required to meet the time standards for their age group events; however, they must provide a time for each event they enter. Classification of a swimmer with a disability is irrelevant. Swimmers with disabilities must be identified at the time entries are submitted. Adaptive swimming: in accordance with USA Swimming rule 202.4.14 & Article 105 the Meet Referee has the authority to accommodate swimmers with disabilities and ~~make~~ appropriate accommodations exclusively determined by him/her. The Team Entry Representative must notify the Meet Referee and entry chairperson of accommodation requests at the time of entry submission. Such swimmer may enter up to three (3) events. For swimmers 12 & under each event must be 100 yards/meters or less and for swimmers 13 & over events must be 200 yards/meters or less. There will be no special or separate scoring.