

## **Motion 2009VCPO 01**

### **Open Water Meet Sanction:**

In addition to what is described for Open Water Competition listed by USA-Swimming, Pacific Swimming has the following minimum requirements for Sanction of Open Water meets held in Pacific Swimming

1. Pacific swimming will not grant Approved meet or Observed meet status to open water meets.
2. The Meet venue must be located within the geographical boundary of the Pacific Swimming LSC as defined by USA-Swimming.
3. All Pacific Swimming Open Water meets are LSC meets.
4. The meet sanction application packet must be submitted to the Open Water Technical Assessment Officer and Sanction Chair for review at least 60 days prior to the meet date.
5. A minimum of 4 certified, registered USA-S officials to support the meet in the following positions: Meet Referee, Assistant Referee, Starter and Administrative Referee. All officials must have taken and passed the USA-S on-line Open Water Officials certification tests within the last 2 years. At least one of the officials, preferably the Meet Referee must have attended the USA-S Open Water Clinic. Officials working the meet should be certified in their respective assigned positions in the meet. The meet host is responsible to arrange for qualified officials.
6. The meet director shall be a registered Non-Athlete member of USA Swimming.
7. Essential Meet Personnel such as the Meet Director and the Independent Safety Officer shall be present at the venue throughout the duration of the meet and cannot hold any other position or be a participating athlete in any event. The Meet Director and the Independent Safety Officer shall not at any time transfer their responsibility to another person.
8. The meet application shall be reviewed by an Open Water Technical Assessment Officer. A detailed list of items to be included in the open water application can be found in Attachment 1.
9. The meet information sheet must be approved by the Meet Referee prior to approval by Sanction Chair. A sample list of information to be included in the meet information sheet can be found in Attachment 2.
10. Pacific Swimming reserves the right to rescind the Sanction if the Meet Referee determines that the conditions described in the Meet information sheet or safety plan are not met at the meet venue.

## **Open Water Sanction Requirement**

### **Attachment 1 –**

Items to be considered for inclusion in Open Water Meet Application (to be reviewed by the Open Water Technical Assessment Officer).

- 1) Written permission for the event(s) from the venue.
- 2) The Meet Director and Independent Safety Monitor and their contact information.
- 3) Name of the local authority in charge of water quality
- 4) A safety plan describing:
  - i. on course lifeguards and other rescue personnel, their watercraft, their deployment, and their medical qualifications.
  - ii. How other boat traffic unrelated to the meet is addressed
  - iii. medical evacuation procedures; onsite medical care and emergency transportation; location and distance of the nearest medical facility; communication procedures and equipment for rescue personnel.
  - iv. Expected air and water temperatures. Any known wind, current and tide factors.
  - v. Minimum and maximum depth on course
  - vi. Maximum number of athletes on course, and per wave
  - vii. How timing and race results will be handled, including the methods of accounting for all swimmers before, during and after the races.

### **Attachment 2 -**

Items to be considered for inclusion in the Open Water Meet Information sheet (to be reviewed and approved by the Open Water Meet Referee)

1. The date(s), time(s) and location of the event(s); a description how to get there
2. the distances to be offered, and the age group or other eligibility requirements for each distance.
3. Awards, criteria for awards (age groups) including the type of awards
4. Entry fees.
5. Cut-off times or criteria (if applicable)
6. A Google map (or equivalent) of the venue showing the course(s) with:
  - I. distances,
  - II. the start/finish lines,
  - III. all turn and course buoys with distances,
  - IV. feeding station(s), and the location of medical services.
  - V. location of restrooms and changing areas.
7. Description of the waves (heats), criteria for their composition, and start times of the first wave.
8. Registration and check-in procedures; whether race day entries will be permitted.
9. Whether the race is escorted or unescorted
10. Date and time of the technical meeting
11. Warm up and warm down locations, times, and procedures
12. Information of the water (fresh or salt water)
13. Policy of abandonment
14. A proposed waiver form (if applicable)
15. How Covid-19 requirements will be met. (If applicable)