

COMPETITION AND ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

SECTION VI

SANCTIONS AND MEET APPROVAL

A. Sanctions and Meet Approval

1. Pacific Swimming Sanction Process
 - a. 90 days prior to first day of competition, sanction application shall be submitted to LSC sanctions.
 - b. No meet announcement shall be approved until the sanction application is submitted.
 - c. 75 days prior to the first day of competition, meet announcement shall be submitted to the Meet Referee for review.
 - d. 60 days prior to the first day of competition, meet announcement shall be submitted to Zone Sanction Chair and LSC Sanctions.
 - e. Any meet announcement received 4 weeks or less before the first day of competition shall not be sanctioned.
 - f. Dual/tri/quad/invitational meet announcements received 3 weeks or less before the first day of competition shall not be sanctioned.
 - g. In emergency circumstances, which are beyond the control of the meet host, meet announcements submitted later than posted deadlines may be considered on a case by case basis.
 - h. Sanction applications shall be provided to the host club with a copy of a suggested meet announcement format for the appropriate class of meet.
 - i. Completed sanction application and an electronic word document for all Pacific Swimming awarded meets shall be submitted to sanctions@pacswim.org. Zone awarded meets shall be submitted first to the Sanction chair of the Zone in which the meet is to be held for approval prior to submission to the Pacific Swimming Sanction Chair. This should be done at least 90 days prior to the meet date. Sanction fees shall be part of the sanction packet.
2. For LSC awarded meets, mail in entries shall be post marked two Mondays prior to the meet; online entries are due two Wednesdays prior to the meet. Any hand delivered entries shall be submitted in accordance with the meet announcement but in any case no later than the deadline for online entries.
3. Pacific Swimming shall allow sanctioning of mixed classification meets offered in compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
4. Host clubs distributing meet announcements to clubs and athletes via any medium before the meet is sanctioned by Pacific Swimming, shall be assessed a penalty of \$50.00 per each day of competition. Meet announcements containing the sanction number and any other corrections shall be distributed to individuals and club that were provided the unsanctioned meet announcement.
5. Zone meets with an entry limit, awarded and scheduled by the Zone, allow a host club to give priority to athletes attached to the clubs within the Zone as follows:

- a. Mailed entries submitted by athletes within the Zone shall be postmarked by midnight on the third Monday before the first day of competition of the upcoming meet, to warrant priority.
Hand delivered entries submitted by athletes within the Zone shall be delivered by midnight on the third Monday before the first day of competition of the upcoming meet to warrant priority.
Online entries submitted by athletes within the Zone shall be entered by midnight on the third Monday before the first day of competition of the upcoming meet to warrant priority.
 - b. All entries from other Pacific Swimming Zones or other LSC's shall be postmarked by no later than midnight of the second Monday before the first day of competition. These entries shall be accepted on a first-come basis along with the remaining local Zone entries that did NOT comply with the third Monday postmark requirement.
 - c. The "Entries" section of the meet announcement shall include wording explaining that local entries shall be given priority, if postmarked by midnight on the third Monday prior to the first day of competition.
 - d. Entries from other Pacific Swimming Zones or LSC's shall not be considered until the 2nd Monday before the meet, and then shall be considered in the order that they were received.
6. The host team, for a zone-awarded meet, may invite up to a total of 30 athletes from outside of the zone or LSC, as part of the zone priority entries.
 7. The fees for open water swimming shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to sanction.
 - a. Open water sanctioned or approved meets shall be sent to LSC Sanction and USA Swimming for review and approval.
 8. Any LSC adjoining the territory of Pacific Swimming shall be permitted to hold a meet at a pool within the territory of Pacific Swimming subject to the approval of the pool owner, any Pacific Swimming club located in the vicinity of the pool, and the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors. Said meet shall be sanctioned and operated under the host LSC rules.
 9. A club wishing to host a Zone-awarded meet at a pool outside their Zone shall request approval of the meet from the other Zone. After such approval, the club may process the meet sanction through and in accordance with procedures of their own Zone or under mutually agreed upon conditions. Any dispute regarding such meets shall be adjudicated by the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors.
 10. For meets with qualifying times or when awards are based on entry flights, the following language shall be included in the meet announcement: "Entry times submitted for this meet shall be checked against a Pacific Swimming authorized computer database."