

Motion 2609AG01 - Far Western Championships Facility Surcharge and Coach Credentials

The Age Group Committee moves to amend the Pacific Swimming Rules and Regulations as shown below. These changes shall take effect beginning with the 2027 Far Western Championships.

Purpose: To eliminate the separate \$25 coach credential fee currently charged at Far Western Championships, this motion increases the maximum Far Western facility surcharge from \$20 to \$25 per athlete. Coaches are required for athlete supervision and participation under USA Swimming rules, and clubs should not be charged for credentials their coaches need to perform that role. Shifting the charge to the athlete facility surcharge distributes championship operating costs across participating athletes and produces modest additional estimated revenue for each host club.

The current coach credential fee is described in the 2026 Long Course Far Western meet announcement as “helping support hospitality.” Bundling hospitality into a mandatory credential fee may also create accessibility concerns for coaches with disability-related dietary restrictions, including serious food allergies or celiac disease, who cannot safely use the provided hospitality. Eliminating the fee avoids requiring coaches to pay for a benefit they may be unable to use and avoids the administrative and potential legal complications of charging for food without clearly established dietary-accommodation requirements.

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B. Entry Fees

1. NOTES:

[a.-b. unchanged]

c. Host clubs may impose a facility surcharge not to exceed \$20.00 per athlete for Pacific Swimming sanctioned meets to help defray facility rental expenses, except as provided in subsection d. Outreach registered athletes shall be exempt from the facility surcharge.

d. Host clubs of Pacific Swimming Far Western Championships may impose a facility surcharge not to exceed \$25.00 per athlete to help defray facility rental expenses. Outreach registered athletes shall be exempt from the facility surcharge.

e. Coach credentials for Pacific Swimming Far Western Championships shall be provided at no charge to current USA Swimming member coaches. Host clubs shall not impose a separate coach credential or coach hospitality fee.

[Re-letter existing subsection d.-h. accordingly]

Estimated Financial Impact by Championship

Below is the estimate financial impact of this change, based on 2026 Far Westerns participation numbers.

Championship	Athletes	Coach credentials	Coach fees eliminated	\$5 athlete increase	Net change for host
Spring Far Westerns	1,087	Approx. 125	(\$3,125)	\$5,435	+\$2,310
Summer Far Westerns	819	Approx. 110	(\$2,750)	\$4,095	+\$1,345

Spring Far Westerns: The current \$20 facility surcharge generates approximately \$21,740 and approximately 125 coach credentials generate \$3,125. The proposed \$25 facility surcharge would have generated \$27,175 in 2026.

Summer Far Westerns: The current \$20 facility surcharge generates approximately \$16,380 and approximately 110 coach credentials generate \$2,750. The proposed \$25 facility surcharge would have generated \$20,475 in 2026.

Supporting References

- [California Civil Rights Department](#) guidance regarding the Unruh Civil Rights Act and disability access.
- [U.S. Department of Justice](#) guidance concerning food allergies and the Americans with Disabilities Act.