



Requests for Observations

USA Swimming Observation Rules

202.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS — Swims may be observed by assigned USA Swimming or YMCA officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. Official times achieved as observed swims may be submitted for entry into the SWIMS database if all of the following conditions are met:

.1 The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional, State, Regional, or be specifically approved by the *USA Swimming Program Operations Vice Chair* Program & Events Committee Chair or designee. A time trial held in conjunction with the season-culminating championship meet that is officiated in accordance with the same standard as the championship meet may also be observed.

.2 Requests for observers for certification of times from meets in the championship progression must be made to the host LSC in accordance with LSC procedures at least 10 days prior to the meet.

Applications for observation of all other meets must be made to the host LSC at least 10 days prior to the meet. Authorization of such non-championship meets must then be approved by the *USA Swimming Program Operations Vice Chair* Program & Events Committee Chair or designee.

.3 An observer must verify that all swims approved for USA Swimming purposes were in accordance with the following requirements:

A Minimum of one referee, one starter and two stroke & turn judge association officials working season-culminating championship meets and invitationals;

B 102.24 (Timing Rules);

C 103.3 (Racing Course Dimensions); and

D 103.14 (Starting Platforms)66 *2018 Rules & Regulations*

.4 Where the technical rules of the stroke differ from USA Swimming as defined in Article 101, at least two observers from USA Swimming and/or the YMCA, who shall be certified Stroke & Turn Judges assigned or approved by the LSC, must be present, one at each end of the course, to verify compliance of the swim or swims with that part of the USA Swimming rule that differs from the organization's rule.

Where the technical rules as listed in Article 101 are identical to those of the organization under whose rules the meet is being conducted, the judgment of the organization officials shall be sufficient. The times should be entered, upon

High School Championship Observations

This year we will change the way Officials sign up for Championship Observations.

Certified Official's (No Administrative Officials) that are available to assist will sign up in advance to observe meets for which they are available and have no athletes participating. Christine Kennedy (Contact info below) can be contacted to check on the availability of officials who have signed up in advance for Approved Meets. If Officials have not signed up for your Meet you will need to recruit and supply the names of 2 Certified USA/YMCA Officials prior to submitting the application.

Officials receive no credit towards Recertification for these meets so please "Thank" them for donating their time.

Disqualifications that are observed will only be reported to CT Swim. The CIAC is responsible for Officiating all High School Meets and our Observations have no

impact on the Official results of any Observed Meet.

The lead Official will report all violations to the Officials Chair at the conclusion of the Meet. If none are received the times achieved will be Officially recognized by USA Swimming.

Application to request an Observation can be found in the link below.

https://www.ctswim.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/policies_meets/CSlobservedSwimRequestFormB.pdf

Approved Meet dates can be found below. This is provided as a reference and should only be submitted by Certified Officials.

Link to sign up sheet and dates

<https://goo.gl/forms/76A4EarC33KaN0a73>

For a list of Officials who have signed up please contact Christine Kennedy

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