
Sanction Update October and Beyond

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LSC General Chairs, Sanctions Chairs, Officials Chairs, Times Tabulators, Staff, and Permanent Offices:

The USA Swimming Board of Directors will allow the geographic restrictions on meet sanctions to expire on September 30 at midnight local time. LSCs will no longer be limited to the sanctioning of meets comprised only of athletes and clubs registered within the LSC.

All competition must conform to the LSC Sanction Checklist, the USA Swimming Return to Competition document, carry the COVID language below as well as comply with local, state, and federal public health guidelines.

An LSC shall establish submission deadlines for sanction or approval applications and shall publish such deadlines, along with relevant instructions and forms.

This is not a mandate from USA Swimming to sanction competition, but rather returns authority over the process to the LSCs. It is critical that our LSCs, members, and facilities work together to ensure safe environments in which to hold practice and competition. It is all of our responsibility to stay safe in order to practice and compete. If a meet cannot be held safely, no sanction should be granted.

All competition must conform to local, state, and federal public health guidelines. **Please note the amendments to Articles 202.4 and 202.6 listed below**, originally released in July 2020, as well as reference documents on our COVID Page: (These two documents will be updated by tomorrow's membership communication to reflect the changes for October)

Return to Competition Plan

LSC Sanction Requirements

We will distribute this to membership tomorrow. As several of your LSCs have elected new board members, please forward within your LSC Leadership as needed.

Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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And to amend Articles 202.4 and 202.6 as follows, effective August 1, 2020:

202.4.10 Application for sanction shall be accompanied by a copy of the complete meet announcement which shall include the following:

[A – M No change]

N The following statement:

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting

or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND [THE LSC] AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

This statement shall also be included in heat sheets.

202.4.16 To address circumstances related to COVID-19, a supplemental document to the meet sanction request shall include:

- a. A statement of the local protocols and requirements;
- b. The plan for spectator ingress and egress;
- c. The planned number of individuals gathering in the spaces: pool, deck, spectator seating, etc.;
- d. Safe Sport considerations to ensure parents have access to and/or the opportunity to observe their child; and
- e. An attestation statement in which the meet host attests that the conduct of the meet will adhere to local jurisdictional guidelines.

202.6.6

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- b. The plan for spectator ingress and egress;*
- c. The planned number of individuals gathering in the spaces: pool, deck, spectator seating, etc.;*
- d. Safe Sport considerations to ensure parents have access to and/or the opportunity to observe their child; and*
- e. An attestation statement in which the meet host attests that the conduct of the meet will adhere to local jurisdictional guidelines.*

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