



Connecticut Swimming, Inc.

Oversubscription / Session Length Policy

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Host Teams (Meet Directors, Entry Chairs, and Meet Referees) are encouraged to plan for sessions appropriate for the Member athletes, officials and volunteers anticipated to attend their meets/sessions. Additionally, when entering a meet hosted by others, teams should have a reasonable expectation regarding the potential length of the sessions and that their entries are treated fairly and timely in accordance with the Meet Announcement and CSI policies.

Oversubscription

Meet Hosts must plan for sessions that do not exceed the session length limits, set forth below. As soon as entries are received that cause a session to exceed these limits, Program Operations must be notified and the stated Cut Protocol included in the meet announcement shall be instituted in order to achieve these limits. No changes to the cut protocol may be made after entries have been received by the Host.

Meet hosts must treat unattached entries as if they were team entries. If there are teams cut that were properly received prior to an unattached entry, then that unattached entry must be cut as well. Determination of in-state or out-of-state status for unattached entries shall be by registration of each swimmer.

Changes to the schedule, event order, or sessions may be used to meet the limits, however, any such changes require Program Operations approval in advance. Program Operations may require the Host to obtain approval from each team that has been accepted into the meet.

Some venues may impose capacity or timeline restrictions of their own. The meet host must honor venue restrictions as well as CSI regulations such that meets are in compliance with both and cuts have been applied fairly and in accordance with the Meet Announcement. Any conflicts should be resolved in advance in consultation with Program Operations.

Note: When calculating a timeline in accordance with this policy. A 15 second interval between heats is recommended with an additional 15 seconds included for backstroke events. All planned breaks should be included in the calculation of the timeline.

Session Length Limits

Sessions within the criteria specified below do not require Program Operations approval. Any deviation from these session length limits requires Program Operations approval which should be sought well in advance of the meet.

It is understood that various issues may arise at a meet that cause the timeline to be extended. This policy does not address the actual running time of a session, which must be reported in the Meet Directors Report. Rather this policy pertains to the **PLANNING** of a meet and the respective session lengths. However, should a session run longer than the appropriate session length limit, Program Operations may request that Meet Directors or Meet Referees demonstrate that the session was properly planned to meet the limits set forth below. Explanations for any session length exceedance should be included in the Meet Directors Report.

8 & Under Competition:

All 8 & Under meets/sessions shall be planned for session lengths not exceeding 3 hours and 30 minutes. If the meet is oversubscribed the session may be split into two sessions by gender to accommodate additional entries. For purposes of this policy, ten minute of scratches is assumed, therefore a **timeline before scratches may not exceed 3 hours and 40 minutes.**

Age Group Competition - 4 Hour rule (2016 USA Swimming 205.3.1 F):

Age group competition shall be planned to allow the events for swimmers twelve (12) years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or less for a timed finals session or in a total of eight (8) hours or less per day for a preliminaries and finals meet. For purposes of this policy a timeline for timed finals session, **before scratches, may not exceed 4 hours and 20 minutes.**

13 and Over Age Group Competition:

At the hosts option, sessions containing Age Group events of 13 and over (i.e. 13-14, 13/O, 15-18, 15/O, etc.) may be extended, but must be planned not to exceed 4 hours and 45 minutes. For purposes of this policy, twenty minutes of scratches is assumed, therefore a timeline **before scratches may not exceed 5 hours and 5 minutes.**

Senior and 13 & Over AA+ level Competition:

At the hosts option, sessions containing Senior "Open" events and/or Age Group events of 13 and Over (13-14, 13/O, 15-18, 15/O, etc.) with qualification times of USA Swimming motivational "AA" times or better, may be extended, but must be planned not to exceed 5 hours and 45 minutes. For purposes of this policy, twenty minutes of scratches is assumed, therefore a timeline **before scratches may not exceed 6 hours and 5 minutes.**

CSI Championship Level Competition:

Time Limits are suspended for CSI Regional Championships, Age Group Championships, and Senior Championships. These meets will be planned by the respective committees for a balance of high level competition and participation numbers by establishing qualification times as appropriate. Relays at the Regional Championship meets (all venues or none) may be cut wit Program Operations approval if a session is oversubscribed.

A determination that a Host Club has violated these policies may be made and penalties imposed by the Program Operations Vice-Chair. Such determination and imposition shall be subject to appeal to the CSI Review Section. Canceling events in order to meet the session length limits is not acceptable and shall result in the forfeiture of the Sanction Fee.

A determination that a Host Club has violated this policy shall result in the following penalties:

1. The refunding of all visiting team entry fees for swims conducted after the stated time limit, as determined by the Program Operations Vice-Chair or their designee.
2. Forfeiture of the Sanction Fee in an amount equal to the entry fees of the Host team's athletes for swims conducted after the stated time limit. Such Fine shall not exceed the amount of the Sanction Fee.