

Sanction Meet Description:

This document is intended to assist you in completing the application and other required documents, to conduct a competitive swim meet from Georgia Swimming. Basically, there are three (3) different types of Application for Sanction requests that can be applied for from Georgia Swimming, Inc.

- **Sanctioned**
- **Approved**
- **Observed**

To determine which type of Sanction is applicable to your proposed event; two questions must be answered:

Question #1 What type of swimmers will be involved in the competition?

- a. USA Swimming members.
- b. Non-USA Swimming members.
- c. Mixture of USA members and non-members, and.

Question #2 Which technical rules will govern the competition:

- a. USA Swimming rules, or
- b. Another governing body's rules, e.g. NFHS (High School rules).

The type of meet you are planning, (Prelim/Finals, Timed Finals, In-House meet, Dual or Tri-Meet, or Invitational meet), really has nothing to do with determining the correct request for sanction. That decision is based on the membership of the swimmers involved and the rules governing the competition.

1. SANCTION:

A "Sanctioned Meet" is one that involves only swimmers who are registered athlete members of USA Swimming and which is conducted under USA Swimming technical rules and administrative regulations of competition. The full requirements for a sanction are found in Article 202.4, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. ******* SUBMIT 45 days in ADVANCE *******

Sanction Fee:

- 2% of total meet entry fees (event entries and surcharges). Sanctions are only issued to USA Swimming group members or LSC's and their subdivisions.
- Georgia Swimming's Request for Sanction form (1 page) is available at <gaswim.org/Registration>.

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2. APPROVED:

An "Approved Meet" is one that involves both USA Swimming athlete members and non-USA Swimming athlete participants and which is conducted under USA Swimming technical rules and administrative regulations of competition. The full requirements for an approval are found in Article 202.6, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. ******* SUBMIT 45 days in ADVANCE *******

Approval Fee:

- Member organizations: 2% of total meet entry fees (event entries and surcharges).
- Non-Member organizations: \$50.00 Flat Fee.
- Fee Exceptions: GRPA "A" & "B" & "C" State Meets - \$50.00 Flat Fee

Approvals may be issued to non-member clubs/organizations as well as member clubs and LSC's once they are specifically approved by USA Swimming Program Operations Vice Chair, Program & Events Committee Chair, or their designee. **(Please refer to 202.6 regarding the competition)**. Requests for an Approved meet must include a statement of why non-registered athletes should participate in the competition and explain the potential benefits to USA Swimming/Georgia Swimming of allowing such participation. Approvals are forwarded to prior to issuance of the

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***SPECIAL NOTE: Requirements for NCAA Meets, Article 202.7:**

Times for individual and relay events achieved in NCAA competition, as defined in the current NCAA Rules and Interpretation, shall be regarded as Approved times for USA Swimming purposes. (No formal USA-S sanction number is required.) Officiating shall comply with the requirements in the current NCAA Rule Book and the competition results are to be submitted electronically within 72 hours after the meet has ended to ncaa@usaswimming.org by the host institution or conference representative. The meet referee should be prepared to report the names in participants who competed wearing tape.

3. OBSERVED:

An "Observed Meet" is one that involves both USA Swimming athlete members and non-USA Swimming athlete participants and which is conducted under another governing body's rules. The full requirements for observed swims are found in Article 202.8, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

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Observed Fee:

- Member Organization: 2% of total meet entry fees (event entries and surcharges).
- Non-Member Organization: \$50.00 Flat Fee.
- Fee Exception: GHSA and GISA Championships fee is WAIVED.

Request for Observed status must be a season culminating Championship or one in the championship progression, e.g. County, League, Conference, District, Sectional, Regional, or State. All other request for Observed meets shall be discussed with the LSC Sanction chair prior to submission of the formal request.

Georgia Swimming's Request for Observation-Season Culminating Meet form (2 page) is available at <gaswim.org/Registration>

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