

To All USA Swimming Convention Attendees:

On recommendation of counsel and approved by the Board of Directors, USA Swimming will require a standard of conduct, a parental release and the designation of a responsible adult attendee for all minors participating in the annual USA Swimming convention. **This requirement will apply to all delegates who have not reached their 18th birthday as of September 15, 2009.**

If your delegation will include a minor or minors, there are two forms requiring your undivided attention. The first is the USAS Code of Conduct form for delegates under 18 years of age. The second is the USAS Waiver and Release form. The forms require signature of both the minor delegate and his/her parent/guardian.

The forms should be brought to convention by the LSC General Chair and turned in to the USA Swimming Credential Desk before the minor delegate receives his/her credential. If an LSC brings a minor who will not be a voting delegate, the LSC is still responsible for providing the forms to the USA Swimming Credential Desk. The General Chair should make a copy for his/her own file and bring that to convention. An LSC may send original signed forms in advance to Judy Siegrist, 1034 Woodstock Ct, Walnut Creek, CA 94598-4538 (must be received by August 31, 2009).

These forms were created to ensure the safety of delegates under 18 years old as well as protect USA Swimming and its LSCs. Disciplinary action shall be the responsibility of the LSC. Any appeal following any disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Wood
President



United States Aquatic Sports Convention
AUTHORIZATIONS, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

Print Participants Name _____ LSC _____

Competition, activity or event: USA Swimming/USAS Convention in Chicago, Illinois 2009.

event organizers using Minor Participant's name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of his or her participation in these activities to promote the sport of swimming.

AUTHORIZATIONS AND RELEASES:

The parent(s) or guardian(s), and minor participant where requested, must execute the following authorizations and the following waiver and release.

Authorization for Medical Services

I hereby give consent for USA Swimming to provide (Print name) _____ (hereinafter "Minor Participant") with medical care and treatment and emergency medical services associated with participation in this activity and give my consent to USA Swimming and its representatives to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above-mentioned athlete for injury that could arise from activities in this program. Additionally, I hereby agree that, in the event that Minor Participant, or I on behalf of Minor Participant, elect to obtain any of these services or treatments from any sources other than that provided or approved by USA Swimming, I shall accept full and complete responsibility.

I further authorize release of any medical information necessary to provide treatment or to process a claim for accident/medical payment insurance for an injury or illness incurred while Minor Participant is participating as a member of the USA Swimming delegation in this activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Authorization for Use of Likeness

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that Minor Participant may be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming and consent to the

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

WAIVER & RELEASE

Release - Minor's Rights:

In consideration of allowing Minor Participant to participate in this USA Swimming event, I hereby release and hold harmless USA Swimming, members of its board of directors, and its officers, employees, members, volunteers, other participants, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties"), of and from, and do discharge and waive, any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that Minor Participant may have or sustain with respect to any and all damage and/or injury, of any type, arising out of his or her participating in this USA Swimming event.

Release - Parents'/Guardians' Rights:

In consideration of allowing Minor Participant to participate in this USA Swimming event, I hereby release and hold harmless the Released Parties, of and from, and do discharge and waive, any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that I may have or sustain with respect to any and all damage and/or injury, of any type, arising from Minor Participant's participation in this USA Swimming event.

Indemnification by Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned parent/guardian further agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liabilities for indemnities, contribution or otherwise with respect to any damage and/or injury, of any type, arising from Minor Participant's participation in this USA Swimming event.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____