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To: General Chairs
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From: Bruce W. Stratton, Chair, Rules & Regulations Committee

Subject: Interpretation of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Article 202

There have been several questions regarding the ability of LSCs to impose requirements for sanctions and/or approvals that are in addition to those listed in Article 202. It is very common for LSCs to impose limitations due to meet scheduling concerns. However, many LSCs would like to also impose conditions such as requiring a club to have a certain number of certified officials in order to obtain a sanction.

The Rules & Regulations Committee believes that LSCs need to have the ability to impose additional reasonable conditions for sanctions and/or approval that are in the best interests of the LSC and USA Swimming. Accordingly, the attached interpretation was adopted by the Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above e-mail address.

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Bruce W. Stratton
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**USA SWIMMING
RULES & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

INTERPRETATION OF ACTICLE 202

Effective September 28, 2007

BACKGROUND REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR SANCTIONS AND APPROVALS

Article 202.1 gives the Local Swimming Committee (LSC), as the administrative arm of USA Swimming, the authorization to issue sanctions and approvals for all swimming competition and benefits, exhibitions, clinics and entertainment involving competitive swimming within its geographical boundaries. Articles 202.2, 202.3 and 202.4 provide specific conditions and requirements that must be met in order to issue a sanction or approval. The question is whether conditions or requirements may be imposed that are in addition to those listed in the Rule and Regulations.

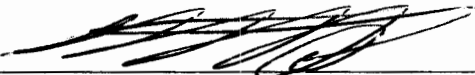
INTERPRETATION

Additional requirements/conditions for sanction or approval may be established by the LSC provided the requirements/conditions have been approved by a majority vote of the LSC House of Delegates.

AUTHORITY

Article 506.5.4 states in part that “the Rules & Regulations Committee, or its designee, shall have the sole authority to officially interpret Part One and the authority to interpret the remainder of these Rules and Regulations.”

The USA Swimming Rules & Regulations Committee approved the interpretation shown above on September 28, 2007, and is effective September 28, 2007.



Bruce W. Stratton, Chair
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