Background

- U.S. Center for SafeSport Audit
  - Education & Training
  - Communication & Reporting
  - Quality Control System (QCS)
- U.S. Center for SafeSport Requirements
- Applies to all National Governing Bodies (NGBs)
**R-15 ACTION:** Adopted  Defeated  Adopted/Amended  Tabled  Postponed  Pulled  

**Location:**  Page 62: 202.4  

**Proposed by:**  Safe Sport Committee  

**Purpose:**  To comply with requirements from the U.S. Center for Safe Sport (the “Center”) that all meet sanctions at the LSC level follow the approved quality control system that has been approved by the Center.  

**Recommendation:**  The Rules & Regulations Committee recommends approval.  

**Effective Date:**  Immediately  

**202.4.1-.10** [No changes]  

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.12 A-N [No changes]  

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202.4 REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTION — Sanctions are issued, withheld or withdrawn in accordance with the following regulations:

.1 Sanctions may be issued only to USA Swimming group members or LSCs and their subdivisions.

.2 No sanction for domestic competition will be issued to any organization or person whose interest in swimming competition is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from sanctioned events must be used for the further promotion of swimming, for an approved charity, or for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

.3 Sanctions issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another. Any sanction so transferred shall be void for all purposes, and the LSC is empowered to deny further sanctions to any organization violating this provision.

.4 No further sanction shall be given to any organization which has failed to satisfy expense obligations to athletes or to award prizes as stated in its meet announcement until the obligations are satisfied or the prizes awarded.

.5 No sanction will be granted for any event for which the word "Olympic," the word "Paralympic" or any derivative thereof, is used in any manner in connection with said event unless consent is obtained from USA Swimming.
.6 No sanction shall be granted where unattached status is used as a basis by which a host club or LSC prohibits participation. However, a host club or LSC may require unattached swimmers to arrange for their own coach supervision before allowing them to participate.

.7 Applicants for sanction of an open water competition shall complete the application provided by USA Swimming.

.8 The Host Committee of an open water competition shall develop a safety plan for the competition in compliance with all requirements included in the published application for sanction of an open water event.

.9 All sanctions must be signed by a designated member of the LSC, and a record thereof must be retained.

.10 The following clause will appear on all sanction application forms and on all forms upon which official sanctions are granted: "In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."
Application for sanction must be accompanied by a copy of the complete meet announcement which must include the following:

A  A statement of the nature of prizes to be awarded.

B  A complete schedule of lanes and times for all warm-up procedures which must be adhered to by all participants.

C  Information about water depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3-1/2 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls.

D  The following statement: "Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement."

E  A statement that no swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302.

F  A statement indicating whether on-deck registration will be permitted and under what conditions.

G  One of the following two statements:

(1)  The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming; or

(2)  The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).
H  The following statement: "Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms."

I  The following statement: "Deck changes are prohibited."

J  The following statement: "Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open-ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present."

Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Program & Events Committee Coordinator (or his/her designee).

K  The following statement: "Held under the sanction of USA Swimming."

L  The following statement: "It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."

M  The following statement: "All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition."

N  For open water competitions, the policy for abandonment, the race timeline, the course map, and a statement whether the race will be an "escorted" or "unescorted" event.
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Legislation passed, now what?

- Meet sanction and announcements now include new language about QCS.
- Utilize the Safe Sport Meet 360 Guide
Safe Sport Meet 360
Implementation Timeline

- October 2021: Audit by the Center
- December 2021: Center requires QCS of all local sanctioned events
- May 2022: Legislation to R&R Committee
- Sept 2022: HOD vote
- Implementation Immediately
Q & A

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