



Required Quality Control System Components of all USA Swimming and Local Swimming Committee Sanctioned Events

Pre-Event

- Include the following language in the meet sanction:
 - A quality control system has been implemented to ensure that individuals who are ineligible for participation are unable to participate in this competition. Additionally, all adult members of USA Swimming who have not completed their Athlete Protection Training will not be able to participate in this competition.
- Include the following statements in the meet information that is made available ahead of the meet, to all participating clubs, coaches, parents, and athletes either by distribution and/or online:
 - The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.
 - The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (www.usaswimming.org/maapp) prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult participant. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.
 - Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 833-5US-SAFE (833-587-7233) or online at www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.
 - For information on how to report other alleged violations, including without limitation, the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy, please visit www.usaswimming.org/report.
 - All athletes age 18, or who turn 18 during the meet, must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing by the first day of the meet. A member not in good standing will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns age 18 on or during the meet, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay.
 - All U.S. athletes, coaches, and staff expecting to receive a deck pass should be prepared to show proof of current USA Swimming membership. Coaches must meet and have current certifications for all the requirements of coach membership including successfully passing the required background check and APT course.



- Run a meet recon report for all participating athletes. Adult athletes flagged due to not completing Athlete Protection Training are not permitted to have deck access or participate in the meet until such time as all membership requirements are completed.
 - A notification should be sent to any athletes flagged in the meet recon report notifying the athlete, of the need to complete the requirement(s) and that if the requirement(s) are not completed prior to the start of the meet that the athlete will be prohibited from participating. This notification should be copied to the athlete's club head coach.

At Event

- Permanently suspended or ineligible individuals cannot be present on deck, coach, or perform any function at a meet requiring USA Swimming Membership.
 - During registration, ensure all coaches, officials, trainers, massage therapists, LSC or host club staff, and medical professionals show proof of current USA Swimming membership (e.g., require them to show their Membership Card via the USA Swimming app) at registration. If such an individual cannot demonstrate proof of membership in good standing, deck access will not be granted.
 - Individuals permanently suspended or ineligible can be spectators at a meet and may be in the stands.
 - Violators shall be reported to the Meet Director or Meet Referee, who can then direct that individual to the spectator area. A subsequent report should also be made to USA Swimming.

Post-Event

- Should it be determined that a banned or suspended individual had access to the deck, report this to USA Swimming immediately.

Open-Water Meets with single-meet athlete registration

- For open water meets, that allow single-meet open water athlete registration, those individuals' names must be checked against the banned lists. Any individuals who are on the USA Swimming "Individuals Permanently Suspended or Ineligible" list and the "Individuals Suspended or Ineligible- Specific Date" as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database, are not eligible to participate.
 - <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/individuals-suspended-or-ineligible>
 - <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/response-and-resolution/centralized-disciplinary-database/>

In addition to referencing these resources, the USA Swimming membership database, SWIMS, should be accessed to ensure the individual is eligible to participate per other USA Swimming requirements. [Note: athletes who register for a Single Meet Open Water membership are not required to complete Athlete Protection Training in order to participate.] No credentialed access will be given to any individual ineligible to participate in the event.