



UNDERSTANDING USMS ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Participation means the opportunity to enter and swim in a sanctioned USMS event.

DEFINITIONS

Recognition means the acknowledgment of a participant's performance in a sanctioned USMS event and for other regional and national programs for purposes of scoring, ranking, awards, records, or other competitive distinctions.

PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES

All members are welcome to participate in USMS events in the category they are most comfortable (*within stipulations of the policy*).

MEN/OPEN

Anyone

WOMEN

Women and anyone who identifies as a woman

WOMEN'S RECOGNITION PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY

NATIONAL

Women's records and rankings
based on sex assigned at birth.

LOCAL

Local recognition
*varies by state or local law
and/or facility use agreements.*

LOCAL MEET AWARDS

Local recognition procedures are driven by applicable law and facility use requirements and will be noted during event registration.

Procedures for local recognition determined in advance.

ELIGIBILITY, CERTIFICATION, AND PRIVACY

Eligibility and certification handled centrally by USMS.

Any member may opt out of recognition or awards for privacy or personal reasons.

USMS values fair competition, inclusive participation, and meeting legal requirements where we host meets.