



How to get your times to count for USMS Records and Top 10

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Categories/Types of Meets Covered

- ▶ USMS Sanctioned Meets
- ▶ USA Swimming Sanctioned/Approved Meets
- ▶ Other meets within the jurisdiction of USMS
- ▶ FINA Member Sanctioned Masters Meet
- ▶ Other Meets outside USA and not sanctioned by a FINA Member Federation
- ▶ USA Swimming/USMS Dual Sanctioned Meets
- ▶ “Third Party” Meets



Scope of Discussion for each Type

- Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
- Pool Length Certification
- Top 10 Requirements
- USMS Record Requirements
- FINA Masters World Record Rqmts



USMS Sanctioned Meets

- Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
 - Confirm pool measurement status
 - Develop the meet announcement
 - Enter sanction request through the USMS system
 - LMSC approves or requests more information
 - Meet announcement cannot change after sanctioned without following rules for change



USMS Sanctioned Meets

- ▶ Pool Length Certification
 - ▶ Required for USMS Top 10 and USMS Record Consideration
 - ▶ Measure all lanes once
 - ▶ If bulkhead, bulkhead placement confirmation measurements required at the meet
 - ▶ Before the meet and after each session
 - ▶ Re-certification required if pool has structural changes
 - ▶ USMS List of Measured Pools on GTO
 - ▶ USA List not used for certification, must use USMS List

USMS Sanctioned Meets

- ▶ Top 10 Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Pool length certification
 - ▶ Minimum primary timing system of two watches
 - ▶ Meet Host submits all swims to LMSC Top 10 Recorder within an LMSC determined time limit. TTR uploads to USMS Event Rankings.
 - ▶ LMSC TTR submits all meets for a specific course, with pool measurement forms and split request forms, on an annual calendar, 20 days after season close.

USMS Sanctioned Meets

- USMS Record Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - USMS Records are allowed
 - Pool length certification required
 - Primary timing electronic (automatic), secondary (semi-automatic), tertiary watch times not accepted (possible change eff. 1/1/2019)
 - Application Form signed by Meet Referee or Admin. Referee
 - Other documentation required as noted on App. Form



USMS Sanctioned Meets

- USMS Record Rqmts (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - Other doc. required (See App. Form)
 - Pool Bulkhead Confirmation Form
 - Printout from timing system
 - Heat Sheet showing Heat and Lane
 - Swimmer to submit proof-of-age document to the USMS Records Administrator



USMS Sanctioned Meets

- ▶ USMS Record Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Record Apps & Doc due 90 days after end of season
 - ▶ Recommend filing right after the record is set !!!!
 - ▶ Meet Directors responsible for docs except for proof of age (swimmer responsible)
 - ▶ Recommend Meet Director download and add current USMS records to scoring computer for easy ID of recs
 - ▶ Current records published only on USMS website
 - ▶ Records published on USMS website as soon as ratified

USMS Sanctioned Meets

- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Rqmts (SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ World Records and FINA Masters Top 10 are allowed
 - ▶ Primary timing electronic (automatic), secondary (semi-automatic), tertiary watch times not accepted (Rule from 2017 FINA Congress, next FINA Congress is 2021)
 - ▶ The same application is form used for World and USMS Records, submit only once. No application needed for Top 10
 - ▶ USMS Records Admin forwards Applications to FINA Records Admin
 - ▶ Other documentation required as noted on App. Form

USMS Sanctioned Meets

- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Rqmnts (SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ World Records must be applied for within 60 days of event
 - ▶ Recommend filing right after the record is set !!!!
 - ▶ Meet Directors responsible for docs except for proof of age (swimmer responsible for proof)
 - ▶ Recommend Meet Director download and add current FINA Masters records to scoring computer for ID of recs
 - ▶ FINA records published May 1 and Nov 1 each year
 - ▶ FINA link on USMS Records website



USA Swimming Sanctioned/Approved

- Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
 - Recognized by USMS without further sanction required
 - Pool must be USMS certified on the USMS List of Measured Pools regardless, even if on the USA list
- Pool Length Certification
 - Same as for Sanctioned except bulkhead confirmation not required for Top 10 but required for records
 - Swimmer may have to measure the pool

USA Swimming Sanctioned/Approved

- ▶ Top 10 Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Same as for Sanctioned (minimum primary timing 2 watches)
 - ▶ Swimmer responsible for submitting times to LMSC TTR
- ▶ USMS Record Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Same as for Sanctioned except bulkhead confirmation measurement required
 - ▶ Swimmer responsible for all documentation
 - ▶ Don't leave the event without required documentation
- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Rqmts
 - ▶ World Masters Records Not Allowed



Other Meets – USMS Jurisdiction

- ▶ Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
 - ▶ Recognized Meet applied for on USMS Sanction System
 - ▶ Same requirements as Sanctioned
 - ▶ Meet Host agrees to run the event per USMS rules
 - ▶ USMS Observer required and written report required
 - ▶ Some meets accept responsibility for Records and Top 10, check with LMSC or Meet Host to confirm
- ▶ Pool Length Certification
 - ▶ Same requirements as Sanctioned
 - ▶ Pool must be on the USMS List of Measured Pools
 - ▶ Don't assume meet host has done certification



Other Meets – USMS Jurisdiction

- ▶ Top 10 Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Same documentation and deadlines for submission
 - ▶ Don't assume Meet Host will be able to ID records or have forms
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 - ▶ Same documentation and deadlines for submission
 - ▶ Don't assume Meet Host will be able to ID records or have forms
- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Rqmts
 - ▶ World Masters Records Not Allowed



FINA Member Sanctioned Masters Meets

- ▶ Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
 - ▶ Category is considered a USMS Recognized Event
 - ▶ Swimmer must represent the USMS Club and with USMS number for times to count for USMS
- ▶ Pool Length Certification
 - ▶ Certified according to standard for FINA Member Federation
 - ▶ Check with FINA Masters Recorder or Meet Host to confirm
- ▶ Top 10 Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Same as USMS Sanctioned Meets
 - ▶ Swimmer is responsible to meet reqmts and report to TTR



FINA Member Sanctioned Masters Meets

- ▶ USMS Record Requirements (SCY, SCM, LCM)
 - ▶ Same as USMS Sanctioned Meets
 - ▶ Swimmer responsible for documentation rqmts
 - ▶ Swimmer should not expect meet host to have forms
- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Rqmts
 - ▶ World Masters Records are allowed
 - ▶ Meet Host is responsible for documentation and application sent to FINA Records Admin.
 - ▶ Be proactive, don't assume, check with Meet Host if you set a record



Other Meets outside USA and not sanctioned by a FINA Member Federation

► Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements

- Category is Recognized Meet but ...
- Recognition obtained by the swimmer from the USMS Executive Committee
- Observer required, written report required
- Swimmer responsible for all documentation and reporting of times
- Swimmer enters with USMS number and represents USMS Club

► Pool Length Certification

- Required, follows rules of FINA member organization



Other Meets outside USA and not sanctioned by a FINA Member Federation

- ▶ Top 10 Requirements
 - ▶ Top 10 Allowed, swimmer responsible for documentation
- ▶ USMS Record Requirements
 - ▶ USMS Records allowed, swimmer responsible for documentation
- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Requirements
 - ▶ World Records not allowed

USA Swimming - USMS Dual Sanctioned

- ▶ Pre-Meet Administrative Requirements
 - ▶ Category is USMS Sanctioned Meet
 - ▶ All USMS Sanctioned Meet Pre-Meet Rqmts followed
 - ▶ Special case under agreement with USA that combines USA/USMS meets together
 - ▶ USA Swimming Rules apply
 - ▶ Agreement with Meet Host and participating Clubs to allow dual
 - ▶ Swimmer must compete with USMS number or use "Declaration of Intent" if has to use USA number to register
 - ▶ Swimmer enters with USMS number and represents USMS Club.

USA Swimming - USMS Dual Sanctioned

- ▶ Pool Length Certification
 - ▶ Same as for Sanctioned Event
- ▶ Top 10 Requirements
 - ▶ Same as for Sanctioned Event, Meet Host reports times to LMSC TTR
- ▶ USMS Record Requirements
 - ▶ USMS Records allowed, swimmer should be proactive for documentation
 - ▶ Don't leave meet without documentation
- ▶ FINA Masters World Record Requirements
 - ▶ World Records allowed, same requirements as Sanctioned Events
 - ▶ Swimmer should not assume Meet Host will identify, be proactive



Third Party Meets

- ▶ From a USMS viewpoint, meet falls into one of the preceding categories
 - ▶ USMS Sanctioned
 - ▶ Other Meets within the Jurisdiction of USMS
 - ▶ FINA Member Sanctioned Meets
 - ▶ Other Meets outside the USA
- ▶ Follow the requirements of the meet category into which the meet falls
- ▶ FINA Masters World Records not accepted from Third Party Meets
- ▶ (Read current FINA Rules)



Resources & Reference Material

- ▶ USMS Rule Book is always right!
 - ▶ USMS Guide to Operations
 - ▶ USMS Top 10 and USMS Records Website Pages
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