



# United States Masters Swimming OPEN WATER SWIMMING APPLICATION FOR SANCTION

The following package must be submitted to apply for a sanction.

1. This completed application.
2. Copy of proposed meet announcement/entry form, where applicable. Do not distribute forms until official sanction is received. The sanction number must be shown on the final form.
3. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ for the sanction fee.

An open water event sanctioned by USMS, Inc., through one of its Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSC), must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Conduct of the event must be in strict compliance with applicable swimming rules and administrative regulations of USMS, Inc. A current USMS rule book must be available at the event.
2. All swimmers competing in long distance meets sanctioned by USMS must be USMS members or members of their nation's recognized Masters swimming national governing body, and must be 18 years of age or over.
3. The entry form must contain the following clause (CAPITALIZATION AS INDICATED IS MANDATORY) and it must be signed by each person entering the meet:

*I, the undersigned participant, intending to be legally bound, hereby certify that I am physically fit and have not been otherwise informed by a physician. I acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in Masters swimming (training and competition), including possible permanent disability or death, and agree to assume all of those risks. AS A CONDITION OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE MASTERS SWIMMING PROGRAM OR ANY ACTIVITIES INCIDENT THERETO, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE, OF THE FOLLOWING: UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC., THE LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEES, THE CLUBS, HOST FACILITIES, MEET SPONSORS, MEET COMMITTEES, OR ANY INDIVIDUALS OFFICIATING AT THE MEETS OR SUPERVISING SUCH ACTIVITIES. In addition, I agree to abide by and be governed by the rules of USMS. Finally, I specifically acknowledge that I am aware of all the risks inherent in open water swimming, and agree to assume those risks.*

4. Entry blanks and programs must bear the statement "Sanctioned by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc." and the sanction number.
5. The word "Olympic" or any derivative thereof may not be used in any manner in connection with the event unless consent is obtained from the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).
6. A long distance meet may include both USMS and USA Swimming events, with the USMS events sanctioned by USMS and the USA Swimming events sanctioned by USA Swimming. Under no circumstances shall a USMS athlete and a USA Swimming athlete be considered part of the same event. Athletes holding both USMS and USA Swimming registrations must declare their race affiliation, in writing, prior to the start of the meet.

Name of club/ organization \_\_\_\_\_ hereby applies for a sanction to hold a swimming:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ competition \_\_\_\_\_ clinic \_\_\_\_\_ individual swim \_\_\_\_\_ exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ other; to be held at  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ and agrees that the above will be conducted in accordance with the applicable USMS rules and regulations.

_____ Signature of requestor	_____ Name
_____ Title of requestor	_____ Address
_____ Date submitted	_____ Telephone number
	_____ Email

Send completed package to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LMSC Sanctions Chair

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 Address City State Zip  
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 Phone Email