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**APPROVED MEET APPLICATION**

This application is to request Approved status for a competition conducted under USA Swimming technical rules where both USA Swimming athlete members and non-USA Swimming participants will compete. The application must be received, along with the **\$30 Approval Fee**, by the Maryland Swimming Office sixty (60) days prior to the start date of the competition; an additional fee applies up to thirty (30) days prior to the meet. Applications will not be considered less than 30 days prior to the meet. Meet information including all necessary items (see page 2 of this application) and fee must accompany this application.

Name of Meet \_\_\_\_\_

Host organization \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Meet \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Director/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

The meet host must provide a sufficient number of USA Swimming officials, certified at a minimum of Stroke & Turn level, to assure that the conduct of the meet and all times achieved are in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules. (USA Swimming Rule 202.4) Minimum requirement is two (2) USA Swimming officials per session.

Official	Phone	Official	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Approvals issued to one organization may not be transferred to another. In granting this approval it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Maryland Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. Complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the Maryland Swimming TIMES chair: times@mdswim.org within seven (7) days after the competition.

This meet is: \_\_\_\_\_ Championship meet (season-ending)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Large Invitational (5 or more Teams and 200+ athletes)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Multi-Team (4 or more Teams and 150+ athletes)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Received \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Officials Approved or Denied by \_\_\_\_\_

Application Approved or Denied by \_\_\_\_\_ Notification sent \_\_\_\_\_

## Approved Meet – Application Fees is \$30

A splash fee of \$.50 per individual event for ALL competitors is due to Maryland Swimming within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the Meet.

### Information that must be included in the Meet Announcement:

- 1) USA Swimming & Maryland Swimming shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet.
- 2) One of the following two statements:
  - a. The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2C (4). A copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming; OR
  - b. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2C(4)
- 3) Information about the water depth measured for a distance of 3 feet 3 ½ inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from both end walls. (Start end and turn end)

### Other items of interest:

- 1) Information on the requirements for an Approved meet can be found in Article 202.4 of the USA Swimming Rulebook.
- 2) The competition must be conducted according to Part I (blue pages) of the USA Swimming Rulebook and various other sections as noted in Article 202.4.6. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. Start, individual stroke and relay rules
  - b. Event limit per day (including time trials and deck entries)
  - c. Swimwear restrictions
  - d. Timing rules
  - e. Minimum standards for facilities
- 3) At least two certified USA Swimming officials must be on the deck for observation purposes at each session of the competition.
- 4) A complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the Maryland Swimming TIMES chair: times@mdswim.org no less than five (5) business days prior to the first day of the meet for a meet reconciliation against the SWIMS database. This information will be returned to the meet director so that any registration and/or ID discrepancies or issues may be corrected in the meet database prior to competition.
- 5) Only USA Swimming registered athletes should have an ID number in the Meet results database
- 6) Times for registered swimmers with ID numbers in the meet database will be loaded into SWIMS. These times are legitimate for all purposes (qualifying times for local, regional or national meets, records, recognition, etc).
- 7) Times achieved at an Approved meet will be loaded with the swimmer attached to his/her USA Swimming Club or, as UNattached if the swimmer is not affiliated with a Club or is within the 120 waiting period for transfer.