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Sanction and Recognition Application Guide

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Hello meet organizers,

Thank you for organizing a USMS meet! You're providing a tremendous value to our NELMSC members. This guide details recent changes to the Sanction/Recognition application process, including what must be included in your meet announcements and entry forms.

As a reminder, entries must not be accepted before the sanction or recognition has been issued. Paper forms may not be distributed, online entry systems may not be activated, and the event may not be listed as sanctioned/recognized on the USMS Calendar of Events until the sanction has been issued.

[This is a link](#) to the current version of the USMS sanctioning guide for event directors. I've summarized the important changes below. If you have any questions, please email NESanctions@usmastersswimming.org.

Looking forward your successful events!

Jason Weis

NELMSC Sanctions Chair

Meet Information must include the following:

- ☐ Location, date(s), warm-up and meet start times
- ☐ Order of Events
- ☐ Seeding information (ie how the meet will be seeded)
- ☐ The following statement:
 - o Sanctioned/Recognized by the New England LMSC for USMS, Inc.
Sanction/Recognition Number is _____.
- ☐ Pool Certification Statement (one of the following):
 - o The length of the competition course without a bulkhead is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1.
 - o The length of the competition course has been measured and is NOT in compliance with USMS articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1: Times achieved in the meet will NOT be eligible for USMS Top 10 and records.
 - o The length of the competition course is not on file with USMS. Eligibility of times achieved in this meet will be contingent upon pool length measurement and approval with USMS; if bulkheads are present, their placement must also be confirmed by measurements at the meet (articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1).
 - o The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and records will be



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contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

- Record Eligibility Statement:
 - This meet will use (automatic/semi-automatic/manual) timing.

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Times from this competition will be eligible for world record, USMS record, and Top 10 consideration.
- Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS records and Top 10 consideration, but not for world records.
- Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS Top 10 consideration, but not for world or USMS records.
- Times from this competition will not be eligible for world record, USMS record, or Top 10 consideration.

NOTE: SCY meets are never eligible for FINA world records- FINA does not recognize SCY as an official course of competition.

- Entry deadlines and payment methods
- Sanctioned meets only: Each swimmer must complete the [USMS Liability Waiver](#)
- Recognized meets only: An observer must complete [this form](#) during the meet
- **In addition to filling out the online sanction application, all meet documents must be uploaded via this link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FF327WQ>
- All NELMSC Meets must also complete the [meet evaluation form](#), meant to reflect and identify areas of improvement for future meets.
- Meets must submit results to NEtopten@usmastersswimming.org within 14 days of the conclusion of the meet.
- Recognized Meets Only: must submit \$50 recognition fee to NELMSC Treasurer.