

Wisconsin Swimming, Inc

Glossary of Terms (Revised: 6/27/06)

Approved Meet: A Meet conducted by a USA Swimming member club or a non-USA Swimming member organization in accordance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both USA Swimming athlete members and non-USA Swimming athletes participate.

Attached: An athlete member who represents a USA Swimming member club in competition after having met the requirements of USA Swimming Article 303.

Closed Competition: Competition open only to the members of one organization or group.

Deck Entered: A Meet where entries are accepted on the first or later day of that Meet and subsequently seeded into events.

Dual or Triangular Meet: A Meet consisting of competition between two (dual) or three (triangular) clubs.

Event: Any race or series of races in a given stroke and/or distance. For competitive limits, one event equals one preliminary, or one preliminary plus its related final, or one time final, or one time trial.

FINA: Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur, International governing body for the sport of swimming.

Heat: A division of an event in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time.

Invitational Competition: A Meet for swimmers, organizations, and clubs invited by the host club.

LSC: Local Swimming Committee, an administrative division of USA Swimming with supervisory responsibilities within certain geographic boundaries designated by USA Swimming.

Observed Swim/Meet: A swim observed by at least two USA Swimming officials certified as Stroke and Turn Judges and assigned or approved by the LSC for a season culminating Championship for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a Meet conducted under other than USA Swimming rules. If the entire Meet is receiving USA Swimming observation, then any swim in compliance with USA Swimming Rules 202.4.4A, D, and E, (Individual Strokes and Relays, Requirements for Official Time, and Timing Resolution) and 103.3.1 (Race Course Length) will be considered an official time for the swimmer.

National Time Verification (NTV): Certification of a national qualifying time made by a swimmer and issued by the verification official of the LSC in which the Meet was held. NTVs shall be issued for any time that equals or betters a national time standard or international trials time standard.

Open Competition: Competition which any qualified club, organization, or individual may enter.

Race: Any single swimming competition, i.e., preliminary, final, or timed final.

Registered: Enrolled as an athlete member of USA Swimming and a LSC.

Sanction: A permit issued by an LSC to a USA Swimming group member to conduct swimming competition within its jurisdiction.

Split Time: A time recorded from official start to completion of an initial distance within a longer event.

Swimming Venue: The area located on the sides and ends of the pool, spectator area, team areas within the pool facility (e.g. portion of the building designated for teams, swimmers, or fenced area around outdoor pool), locker rooms, and such other areas as may be designated specifically by the host club or organization, Meet Director, or Meet Referee.

Timed Finals: Competition in which only heats are swum and final placing are determined by the times performed in the heats.

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