

PART III
GENERAL RULES OF NORTH CAROLINA SWIMMING, INC.
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This section is provided for information and easy reference to schedules, lists, fees, rosters, tables, procedures, etc. Most of the items included herein are a part of the NCS By Laws or NCS Rules and refer to NCS By-Laws or NCS Rules. Items that are a part of the NCS By-Laws are amended according to NCS By-Laws Article 111, Section 111.3 while items that are a part of the NCS Rules are amended according to Part II, Article 2132, Section 213.2.

ARTICLE 301: GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AGE GROUP - The class of competition with some age restriction. Also, A grouping of swimmers by age. See NCS Rules, Article 206 for currently recognized NCS age groups.

AGGREGATE RELAY TIME - Times achieved by four swimmers in individual events which are added together to arrive at a relay time for entry purposes.

APPROVAL - A permit issued by USA Swimming to conduct a meet in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both USA Swimming members and non-USA Swimming members may compete. A designated USA Swimming official must be present and attest that the conduct of competition conforms to all relevant USA Swimming rules and swim meet requirements in order for times to be used as USA Swimming qualifying times. Approval may be withheld or revoked at any time.

APPROVED MEET - A meet conducted in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both USA Swimming members and non-USA Swimming participants may compete and their times be used as USA Swimming qualifying times. A designated USA Swimming official present at the meet must attest that the conduct of competition conformed to all relevant USA Swimming rules and swim meet requirements in order for times to be used as USA Swimming qualifying times.

ATTACHED - A USA Swimming athlete member who represents a USA Swimming club member in a meet after meeting the requirements of USA Swimming Article 302.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The group that manages the affairs of NCS between meetings of the House of Delegates. See NCS Bylaws, Article 105.

CLOSED COMPETITION - A competition open only to members of one organization or group. (i.e., a league Meet).

CLUB - An organization which has been accepted for membership by USA Swimming and operates on a year round basis.

COURSE - Designated distance over which competition is conducted.

LONG COURSE METERS - 50 meters (55 yards to be recorded as 50 meters).

SHORT COURSE METERS - 25 meters.

SHORT COURSE YARDS - 25 yards.

OPEN WATER COURSE - As sanctioned, approved, or observed.

EVENT - A race or series of races in a given stroke and/or distance. For competitive limits, one event equals one record attempt against time, one time trial, one timed final, one preliminary, or one preliminary plus its related final.

EX OFFICIO - A member with full rights, including vote, unless limited by USA Swimming, but who cannot be counted to establish a quorum.

FINAL - Any single race that determines final places and times in an event.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES - The group comprised of athletes, clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers, other representatives, and their officers that manage the affairs of NCS. See NCS Bylaws Article 104.

INITIAL DISTANCE - That portion of a race for which an official time may be recorded, but which is not in itself a completed event.

INVITATIONAL COMPETITION - A competition for only those athletes, clubs, and organizations invited by the meet host.

LSC (LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE) - An administrative division of USA Swimming with supervisory responsibilities within certain geographic boundaries designated by USA Swimming.

MEET - Competition, clinic, exhibition, Swim-a-thon, benefit, or other event or series of events where amateur swimmers compete, demonstrate, or exhibit.

NCS, legally incorporated as North Carolina Swimming, Inc. - The LSC for swimming in the state of North Carolina, as defined in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

NCS HANDBOOK - The official compilation of NCS Bylaws and Rules that defines and organizes the swimming program for North Carolina Swimming.

NGB (National Governing Body) - An organization that is responsible for the conduct of a particular sport in the United States. The NGB for swimming in the United States is USA Swimming.

OBSERVED SWIM - A swim observed by assigned USA Swimming officials for conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in a meet conducted under non-USA Swimming Rules.

RACE - Any single swimming competition; e.g., preliminary, final, timed final.

SANCTION - A permit issued by USA Swimming to conduct a meet in conformance with all USA Swimming Rules. Any Sanction may be withheld or revoked at any time. See Part II, Article 201.

SANCTIONED MEET - A meet conducted in conformance with all USA Swimming rules. See Part II Article 201.

SEASONS - There are two competitive swimming seasons within each year: May through August, referred to as Long Course Season or Summer Season, and September through April, referred to as Short Course, Spring, Winter, or Fall Season.

SENIOR - The class of competition without any age restriction.

SPLIT TIME - Time recorded from official start to completion of an initial distance within a longer event.

TEAM RELAY TIME - A time achieved in a relay event by four members of a club/organization.

UNATTACHED - A USA Swimming athlete member who does not represent a USA Swimming club member.

USA SWIMMING - The National Governing Body for swimming in the United States and legally incorporated as United States Swimming, Inc. USA Swimming is responsible for the conduct and administration of swimming in the United States and affiliated with the Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA), the international federation for aquatics, through United States Aquatic Sports, Inc. (USAS).

USA SWIMMING RULES AND REGULATIONS - The official Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming

ARTICLE 302: MEET ENTRY FEES AND SURCHARGES

302.1 Meet Entry Fees (Fees are maximum)

	TYPE OF EVENT	INDIVIDUAL	RELAY
.1	Timed Final Meets	2.50	8.00
.2	Prelims / Finals Meets	3.50	8.00
.3	NCS Championships	4.00	8.00

302.2. FEES FOR LATE ENTRIES The fees charged for late entries are limited to no more than double the above listed amount for each event of that type.

302.3. Flat Fee – In lieu of a facility fee, travel fee and event fees, a club hosting a closed sanctioned meet may charge a flat fee of up to \$12 for a one day meet or \$20 for a two day meet.

302.4. TRAVEL FUND SURCHARGE The current NCS travel fund surcharge is \$2.00 per swimmer per meet. This NCS-mandated surcharge must be collected for all sanctioned NCS meets that charge or collect entry fees, except as otherwise provided in these Rules. National Championship, closed league, and open water meets are not required to collect any NCS travel fund surcharge. Refer to NCS Rules Part II, Article 209.

302.5. NON-NCS REGISTERED ENTRANTS Meet hosts may charge non-NCS registered entrants an additional fifty cents (\$.50) per individual entry and an additional one dollar (\$1.00) per relay.

ARTICLE 303: MEMBERSHIP, SANCTION, AND APPROVAL FEES

303.1. NCS GROUP MEMBERSHIP \$95.00 is the current annual NCS group membership fee which includes all USA Swimming required fees.

303.2. NCS YEAR ROUND ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$50.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming

athlete membership (registration) fee which includes all USA Swimming required fees.

303.3 NCS SINGLE SEASON ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$30.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming athlete membership (registration) fee, which includes all USA Swimming required fees.

303.4 NCS NON-ATHLETE MEMBERSHIP \$50.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming non-athlete membership fee which includes all USA Swimming required fees

303.5 NCS NON-ATHLETE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$90.00 is the current annual NCS Swimming non-athlete membership fee, which includes all USA Swimming required fees.

303.6. SANCTION and APPROVAL FEES

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| .1 | National or Sectional Championships | \$0.00 |
| .2 | Meets with no entry fees | \$0.00 |
| .3 | All other meets | \$10.00 |
| .4 | Fees shall accompany requests for sanction or approval. | |