

Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
Observed Meet Application
Season-Culminating Championship Meet

An Observed Meet is a meet which is held under rules other than those of USA Swimming, but from which certain times can be used for entry into any USA Swimming Meet. USA Swimming certified officials observe individual swims and provide verification that the swimmer has complied with current USA Swimming Rules. (See USA Swimming Rulebook, Article 202.5)

Instructions:

1. Request for observation will be submitted **not less than 10 days prior** to meet date.
2. Send this completed application along with the appropriate fee in order to receive approval to the following address:

Judy Ramirez
Louisiana Swimming, Inc.
207 Dutton Court
Slidell, LA 70461

From _____ for _____
Name of Meet Host Name of Meet

To be held at _____ in _____
Name of Facility City

on _____ fee _____
Date(s) \$100 fee per meet

Type of Meet _____

Name of currently certified USA Swimming Officials who will officiate at the meet:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Check one of the options below:

- This meet will be observed in its entirety, exclusively by USA Swimming Officials, according to staffing guidelines specified in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations
- This meet will be officiated exclusively by USA Swimming officials, but due to the limited number of verification requests expected, only swims specifically requested in advance will be observed for compliance with USA Swimming Rules.
- This meet will be officiated by the proper number of Association officials and also observed by a minimum of two (2) assigned USA Swimming Stroke and Turn certified officials, one at each end of the competition course, in compliance with USA Swimming Rules.

- It is understood and agreed, upon granting of this Observed Meet Application, that the host club will submit **within 3 business days** after the event the Meet Manager Backup file and **10 business days** after the event ALL required reports and fees to Louisiana Swimming.
- In granting this approval for observation of Season-Culminating Championships, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Louisiana Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

Signed _____ Date _____
Meet Referee

Requirements for Observation of Season-Culminating Championship Meets:

1. The meet must be a season-culminating Championship, e.g., League, Conference, District, Sectional, State, Regional, High School Championship, or be specifically approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations Vice President or designee. A time trial held in conjunction with the meet that is officiated in accordance with the same standard as the championship meet may also be observed.
2. Requests for USA Swimming observers for certification for times from meets in the championship progression must be made to Louisiana Swimming at least ten (10) days prior to the meet.
3. Timing systems must comply with conditions outlined in 102.16.
4. A USA Swimming official must verify that all swims approved for USA Swimming purposes were in accordance with the requirements of 102.24 (Timing Rules), 103.3 (Racing Course Dimensions), and 103.13 (Starting Platforms).
5. Where the technical rules of the stroke differ from USA Swimming as defined in Article 101, at least two (2) USA Swimming observers, who shall be certified Stroke and Turn Judges assigned or approved by the Louisiana Swimming Officials Chair, must be present, one at each end of the course, to verify compliance of the swim or swims with that part of the USA Swimming rule that differs from the organization's rule. Where the technical rules as listed in Article 101 are identical to those of the organization under whose rules the meet is being conducted, the judgment of the organization officials shall be sufficient. An individual swim being observed requires notification to the observers prior to the start of the competition. The times should be entered, upon request, into SWIMS, the National Times Database.