

	POLICY & PROCEDURE	POLICY NUMBER: 201D
	Subject: ADMINISTRATION – RULES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-20-2013 Approved: 11-20-2013

A. RULES

1. All meets shall be conducted under current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and such Arizona Swimming Policy & Procedures as applicable. The Referee of the meet shall be the full authority for the conduct of competition. Procedures stated in the meet information sheet, approved at the granting of the meet sanction, shall become the rules of the meet.
2. All sanctioned competitions are required to have all warm-up sessions supervised and controlled using the warm up format adopted by Arizona Swimming. A complete copy of the Arizona Controlled Warm-up and Safety Guidelines is available on the web site. Such Warm-up guide lines shall be conspicuously posted at all meets.
3. A start stand, public address unit or 'bull horn' must be provided for the starter, and a public address unit must be placed as to be heard clearly in the designated athlete rest areas.
4. All animals are prohibited from the pool deck areas during swim meets.
5. In prelims and finals meets, the finals may not begin less than one hour after the completion of the last preliminary or trial heat.
6. The Referee of the meet shall appoint a Meet Review Committee consisting of membership as outlined in USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Athletes shall consist of at least 20% of the Meet Review Committee.
7. No athlete will be eligible to participate in an Arizona Swimming, Inc. sanctioned swim meet if the athlete or athlete's family is indebted to Arizona Swimming, Inc. Such indebtedness shall be evidenced by a judgment in favor of Arizona Swimming from a court of competent jurisdiction. Resolution of the indebtedness subsequent to selection or entry in an Arizona sponsored swim meet will make the athlete eligible for participation. An athlete will not be eligible for further participation as long as the indebtedness remains unresolved.
8. The four hour rule as set forth in the USA Swimming Rules shall govern for all meets except championship meets. All Age Group meets shall be planned to allow the events for athletes 12 years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or

less for a timed finals session or eight hours or less per day for a preliminaries and finals meet. Refer to the USA Swimming current Rule Book for detailed 4 hour rule information.

9. Registration of Coaches and Athletes. Clubs wishing to enter their athletes in meets are responsible for verifying that all participating athletes and their respective coach's, are currently registered, and where applicable, certified members of USA Swimming.

10. Participation by Unregistered Coaches or Athletes

a. Coaches who are not current USA Swimming Coach Member or their membership as expired are not permitted to coach including being on deck and acting in a coaching capacity at any AzSI event. Violations concerning Coach Membership are subject to \$100 fine to each of the following: 1. individual coach; 2. club coach represents; and 3. The host group member.

b. Clubs who enter athletes and unattached individual athletes who enter and participate in a sanction competition shall be subject to a \$100 fine per occurrence.

11. Registration of Officials:

Host Club together with the meet referee shall be responsible for verifying that all participating officials are currently registered members of USA Swimming and have completed all requirements of an official. All officials are issued a USA Swimming registration card and AZSI ID Badge indicated current registration and the level of such official designation.

12. Meet Marshals:

The Host Club together with the Meet Referee shall be responsible for verifying that all participating meet marshals have completed the Arizona Swimming Meet Marshal on-line training program and have successfully passed the test. This is evidenced by the issuance to the Meet Marshal of an ID Badge and orange marshal safety vest.

- a. Meet Marshals are not required to be USA Swimming Members.
- b. The Meet Referee shall assign marshals with specific instructions as to duties.
- c. Meet Marshal shall have full authority to warn or order to cease and desist and, with the concurrence of the Referee, to remove, or have removed from the swimming venue anyone behaving in an unsafe manner or using profane or abusive language or whose actions are disrupting the orderly conduct of the meet.
- d. Further information available in Policy 2010 regarding meet marshals

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Date	By Whom	Abstract of changes	Section	Control #
04/25/2011	HOD	Meet Marshals	11.00 et seq	
07/18/2012	BOD	Scrivener changes; added: at any event	A.10.a	12-004
		changes in review committee to conform to national	A. 6.	12-012
11/20/2013	HOD	Clarification of attached And unattached athlete fine	D	13-1
11/20/2013	HOD	Addition of penalty to host Club for invalid coach	10.a	13-2