

	<b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 201J
	<b>Subject:</b> <b>SENIOR SWIMMING</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> <b>07/01/2014</b>

## A. QUALIFYING

1. An athlete will qualify for Senior competition if they have achieved the Arizona Senior Time Standard.
2. An athlete may qualify in any USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meet or time trials.
3. An athlete who qualifies Senior in a specific stroke and distance will be considered qualified in the same stroke and distance in all courses.
4. Age on the first day of the meet shall determine the swimmer's age for the entire meet.

## B. ELIGIBILITY

### 1. Individual Eligibility

- a. In senior meets, eligibility shall be governed by the Classes of Swimming Competition as outlined in sections 1.H.1.a.1) and 2) of Policy and Procedure 200.
- b. For senior meets, except for State Championship meets, an athlete may enter their best recorded time or a slower time between the meet time standard, if any, and their best time.
- c. /SC/ To enter State Championship meet swimmers must submit fastest conforming or non-conforming time achieved in the 18 months prior to the competition.
  - i. For State Championship meets the events will be seeded based on time standard used to enter meet.
    - a. For long course, events will be seeded LCM, SCM, SCY.
    - b. For short course, events will be seeded SCY, LCM, SCM
  - ii. All times are subject to verification through the OME the US Swimming Times database.

### 2. Relay Eligibility

- a. /SC/ Each club may enter a maximum of four relay teams per relay event but only two (2) relays from one club may score in any event. All relays at State Championships meets are No Time Standard (NTS) events.

- b. /SC/ All relays at Senior State Championships meets are No Time Standard (NTS) events but Aggregate entry times are required for entry into relay events at the Senior State Championship meet.
- c. /SC/ Relay event may be swum as timed final events.

### **3. Event Limitations**

- a. In prelim / finals meets, qualified athletes may compete in three events per day, plus relays, for which they are eligible.
- b. In timed finals meets, qualified athletes may compete in a maximum of five events per day, plus relays for which they are eligible. Meet may limit athletes to less than five events in a meet.
- c. The appropriate limitation of events in timed finals and trials and finals meets is inclusive of any time trials held at that facility that day.
- d. An athlete who enters more events than allowed shall scratch events to conform to the above limitation. There is no refund of the entry fee.

## **C. CONDUCT OF MEETS**

- 1. The preliminaries and finals system shall be used in all Arizona Senior State Championships but is optional in all other meets.
- 2. /SC/ Proof of time and current registration is REQUIRED in advance for all swimmers entered in the Arizona Senior State Championship meet. To accomplish this, AzSI will use the USA Swimming On-Line Entry program (“OME”) which will verify both registration and proof of time when swimmer is entered. For purpose of proof of times:
  - a. All entry times will be verified against the USA Swimming Times database through the OME process. Entry times must have been achieved before the entry due date for entries. If a time cannot be proven before the meet, the swimmer will be removed from the event. If a swim cannot be proven to have been performed in a USA Swimming sanctioned meet, the swimmer will be removed from the meet. No refunds will be given if a time cannot be proven. Only official results from sanctioned, approved or observed meets may be used to prove times.
  - b. Converted times are not to be used. Time standards for this meet are provided in short course yards, short course meters, and long course meters. A swimmer who has met the qualifying time standard for an event in any course may enter that event in this meet.
  - c. When possible, coaches will be notified of swimmers who have not proven entry times.

- 3. Warm-up Procedures.** The Arizona Controlled Warm-up and Safety Guidelines shall be followed at all meets whether sanctioned, approved, closed or open. The Arizona Warm-up Guidelines are available from the web page Document Library.

## **UPDATES**

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<b>Dates</b>	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>Basic Abstract</b>	<b>Sections</b>	<b>Control #</b>
05/01/2012	use of OME	entries for states	C.2	
05/01/2012	last 18m; seeding	times good, seeding	B.1.c-d	
05/01/2013	update for USAS rule	age defined	A.4	13-07
05/01/2014	all athletes that have Q	eligibility HOD	A-1	14-10
06/xx/2014	change effective date	open to all with Q	A-1	14-11