

	<b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> 201J
	<b>Subject:</b> <b>SENIOR SWIMMING</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> <b>04/01/2011</b> Approved: <b>11/17/2010</b>

## A. QUALIFYING

1. An athlete will qualify for Senior competition if he or she turns 15 years of age when they have achieved the Arizona Senior Time Standard or If an athlete turns 15 after Senior States and prior to Age Group States they will qualify for participation in the Senior State Championship meet.
2. An athlete may qualify in any sanctioned or approved meet or time trials. For entry in championship meets, only performances in sanctioned and approved meets and time trials are acceptable.
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.

## 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 this Swim Guide, Policy and Procedure 200.
- b. For senior meets, an athlete may enter their best recorded time or a slower time between the standard and their best time.

### 2. Relay Eligibility

- a. /SC/ There is no limit to the number of relays that any one club can enter into State Championship meets 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 but entries must be entered in C4 below.

### 3. Event Limitations

- a. In trials and 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.

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- 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 trials and finals system shall be used in all Arizona Senior State Championships but is optional in all other meets.
2. /SC/ Proof of time will be REQUIRED in advance for all swimmers for this meet.
  - a.. All entry times will be verified against the USA Swimming SWIMS database. 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.
4. **State Championship Relay Entries.** Aggregate entry times are required for entry into relay events at the Senior State Championship meet. The aggregate time must be achieved by the participating athletes. Proof of such times may be required. Friendly Amendment by BOD: There may be a requirement to provide proof of times for relays.