

	POLICY & PROCEDURE	POLICY NUMBER: 201B
	Subject: ADMINISTRATION – SWIMMING COMPETITIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE: 9/1/2015 Revised 6-21-2017

A. CLASSES AND TIME STANDARDS

1. Classes of Swimming Competition

- a. The following are brief descriptions of the types of meet classes offered on the Arizona competition schedule. Some differences may occur from meet to meet.

- 1) **Senior.** This class meet is open to all athletes whose times are equal to or faster than the Arizona State Senior Qualifying Time Standards. In these meets, an athlete who has at least three (3) State Senior Qualifying Times is eligible to swim all events offered (as the meet permits). The Arizona 3 Qualifying Times rule can be waived by specific meet fliers. The meet may be restricted to athletes 15 years of age or older.
- 2) **Senior Development.** This class meet is open only to athletes 15 years of age or older whose times are SLOWER than the Arizona State Senior Qualifying Time Standards.
- 3) **Arizona Swimming ABC Time Standard (Age Group).** This class of meet is open to athletes who meet the qualifying standards for a particular age group. Standards are posted on the Arizona Swimming website. Meets may be held as A, B, or C or combinations thereof (A/B, B/C, A/C, etc.).
- 4) **Age Group Q+ (plus).** This class of meet is open to athletes whose times are EQUAL to or FASTER than the Arizona State qualifying standards for a particular age group.. In these meets, an athlete who has at least three (3) State qualifying times is eligible to swim all events offered (as the meet permits). The Arizona 3 qualifying times rule can be waived by specific meet flyers.
- 5) **Q- (minus).** This class of meet is open to athletes whose times are SLOWER than the Arizona State Age Group qualifying time standards.
- 6) **No Time Standard (NTS).** This class of meet does not require a qualifying time to enter.
- 7) **8 & Under.** This class of meet is open to athletes 8 years of age or younger. These meets may be a 1 day, single session meets or the class

may be intermingled with the events of another meet with the following age groups: 6 & Under, 7 year olds, 8 year olds. The 8 and Under Championship Meet sessions shall be run separately, no other classes to be included.

8) Pool Open Water. Pool Open Water swimming is used when access to an actual Open Water site is unavailable. The number of loops can be determined based on the age of the competitors. This competition can be open to any athlete and has no time standards.

9) Open Water Swimming. Any swimming competition that takes place in rivers, lakes, or oceans subject to the rules and regulations for age and time as specified by USA Swimming.

b. Interscholastic Competition. Arizona Interscholastic Association (“AIA”) sets rules for High School competition. Consult AIA for rules, policy and procedures.

2. Time Standards

- a.** Time standards regulate the qualifying of athletes for a given class of competition and are set based on the recommendation of Technical Planning Committee and approved by the House of Delegates. No converted times may be used, except as stated in paragraph e below.
- b.** If an athlete is a Q+ in short course they shall enter a long course meet at the minimum Q+ standard or the qualifying short course time if the meet allows for such entry and vice versa.
- c.** Time standards will be published annually and available on Arizona Swimming’s web site. There are no time standards for the 8 & Under age group, except that for the Championship meet the swimmers must have legally completed the race prior to the Championship meet entry deadline.
- d.** Custom time standards may be used for other selected meets.
- e.** Times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or more may be adjusted as provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of entering an Arizona Q+ meet.
- g.** National Reportable Age Group Time is the time standard used for compiling the Top 16 USA Swimming age group times for each season. These are compiled automatically by USA Swimming through SWIMS.
- h.** Times achieved by USA Swimming athlete members in collegiate, high school, and YMCA meets not sanctioned or approved by Arizona Swimming will be acceptable for USA Swimming Reportable Times only if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The meet must be a championship meet or a meet specifically authorized by USA Swimming Program Operations.
- 2) Request for USA Swimming observers must be made to the Officials Chairman at least 10 days prior to the meet.
- 3) USA Swimming observers shall be certified stroke and turn judges assigned and approved by Arizona Swimming.
- 4) Sufficient numbers of observers must be on deck at each end of the course to verify USA Swimming Rules compliance.
- 5) Times of observed swims must be submitted to AzSI in an electronic format that may be uploaded into the USA Swimming database, SWIMS.
 - a. such times must include all information necessary to uploading, including but not limited to registered name, USAS id number, event, time achieved etc.
 - b. Non-electronic times are not acceptable.

UPDATES

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