

MEET HOSTS

Inclusion of Swimmers with a Disability

Below are the suggested statements from the USA Swimming Disability Subcommittee of the National DEI Committee for use in Meet Information Letters/Meet Announcements. There are different statements for different types of meets.

Club Meets, sanctioned by an LSC (no time standard)

Club meets without a time standard required for entry, whether timed final or prelim/final format, should include the following statement:

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

Recommended best practice: Coaches submit the Athlete Necessary Accommodation Form along with the meet entries for each competition

Athlete Necessary Accommodation Form should be included in meet information.

[Athlete Necessary Accommodation Form](#)

LSC Meets – time standards required for entry, i.e., LSC Championships or Large Invitationals

LSC-governed meets such as senior championships, age group championships, or closed invitational meets with time standards should include the following statement.

All swimmers with a disability may meet the LSC Parallel Time Standards according to their performance group (P1, P2, P3) in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

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LSC Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

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Sectional Meets – time standards required for entry

All swimmers with a disability should meet the Sectional Parallel Time Standards according to their performance group (P1, P2, P3) in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

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Sectional Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

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Zone Meets – time standards required for entry

All swimmers with a disability should meet the Zone Parallel Time Standards in every event they wish to participate in the meet. Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance notice in writing, accompanying their meet entry file, to the meet referee by the entry deadline. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the host's ability to accommodate all requests.

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Zone Parallel Time Standards should be included in the meet information.

- ✓ Athlete Necessary Accommodation Form should be included in meet information.

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