

Process for Dual Sanctioning OW events with USMS and USA Swimming.

You will want to sanction the event with USMS, and apply for USA Recognition for the event. This will allow all USA Swimmers to compete under USA, and USMS members to compete under USMS. If you sanction with USA, ALL swimmers will have to become members of USA Swimming, regardless.

1. Fill out USMS application. You can download from this page: https://www.usms.org/gto/gto_longdist. (Under "Open Water Guide to Operations, part 2, first bullet, safety plan application).
2. Send to Conner Bailey (SESanctions@usms.org) via email—work with him to make any changes/updates/etc prior to submitting through the USMS submission system.
3. He will also need to test your registration system to ensure that you cannot register without electronically signing the waiver.
4. USA Swimming has required language that needs to be on your event website and in the event information (might as well include from the start!):
 - a. One of the following for MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy):
 - i. All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
 - ii. Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), will govern this meet.
 - b. Drone policy language: Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open-ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.
5. When Conner gives his okey dokey, submit through the USMS website sanctioning system.
6. David Minor will review safety plan after Conner approves. In the meantime, you can start working on the USA recognition...
7. Fill out USA application (safety form very similar to USMS, therefore lots of copying and pasting!)
 - a. Application: <https://fs22.formsite.com/usaswimming/form108/index.html>
 - b. Recognition form: <https://www.teamunify.com/SubTabGeneric.jsp?team=szsslsc&staidid=2475> (click on first link, SES Application for Sanction Instructions). Form is the same for sanction or recognition, as is the cost.
8. A few notes:
 - a. You cannot have alcohol at USA Events. However, for dual sanctioned events, you can request a waiver from the Program & Events committee. Please email those requests to Kaitlyn Pawlowicz (kpawlowicz@usaswimming.org).
 - b. You can also request a waiver from the same committee for the use of drones if operated for safety purposes (e.g. overhead monitoring of the course).
 - c. You need to name officials (no TBD). Required officials include USA certified OW Referee and Independent Safety Coordinator.
 - d. The event director also needs to be a member of USA Swimming.
 - e. Sanction fee is \$75 for USA Swimming (the LMSC covers the cost of the sanction fee for USMS sanctioning). Mail this along with the recognition/sanction form to Tom Healey at the address listed on the form.
9. Mail the sanction fee check, along with the recognition/sanction form, to Tom Healey at the address listed on the form.
10. Submit any other documents (event information, safety plan) to Tom Healey (southeasternswimming@hotmail.com).
11. Tom will submit to USA Swimming national office and to local OW experts for review.
12. Please contact helen naylor (SEOpenWater@usms.org) for any questions. She can also help you find certified OW officials for USA and/or USMS.