

Pacific Masters Standing Policies
Updated June 2023

Pool Competition Policies

Scoreboards at Championship Meets. Pacific Masters will pay all fees for tall scoreboards at Championship meets. (March 2010)

Individuals with Administrative Access to Championship Meet Entries. An individual with administrative access to the meet entry system (i.e. ability to view individual entries) for a Pacific Masters championship meet must enter the meet 10 days before the entries for that meet close should they chose to enter that meet. (March 2009)

Open Water Competition Policies

Ambulance Costs at Open Water Swims. Host pays \$2 per swimmer, Pacific Masters pays remaining amount up to \$500. Other safety related spending for an event can be forwarded by the Open Water Chair to the Executive Committee for approval. (Sept 2011)

Two Divisions for Open Water Points Competition. Category 1 for participants wearing FINA approved swim wear. Category 2 for participants wearing wetsuits, shoulder to ankle tech suits, rash guards, etc. Rules and awards for both divisions will be equivalent. (May 2012).

One Event Registration (OEV) for Open Water Events. At the discretion of the sponsoring club, one event registration is permitted for open water events subject to the following conditions:

- A. Pacific Masters events are conducted and sanctioned for the benefit of annual members.
- B. The fee for one event registration, including clinics where membership is required, shall be 51% of the current USMS/Pacific Masters annual registration fee rounded up to the nearest dollar. Pacific Masters share of this fee shall be the amount left after the USMS OEV fee has been deducted. OEV registrations may be upgraded to full membership within 30 days with payment of full registration amount less the OEV payment.
- C. All OEV registration forms and official composite spreadsheet shall be forwarded to the Registrar within 5 days.
- D. Events with participant limitations will establish a policy to give USMS annual members preferential treatment for entry. This policy must be approved by the Open Water sanctions chair prior to sanctioning of the event.
- E. As is the policy for all Pacific Masters swimming awards and records, only Pacific Masters annual members shall be eligible for Pacific Masters open water awards. Award criteria for individual open water events, except for the Pacific Masters Open Water Championships, shall be at the discretion of the event host.

- F. If a person upgrades an OEVT registration to an annual membership, he/she will, upon request, have his/her OEVT places included in the open water point competition.
- G. An event host that does not submit one event registration forms to Registrar on a timely basis may be denied the opportunity to offer OEVT registration in subsequent years.

(Reapproved January 2014)

Other Policies

Delegate Travel Allowance. Pacific Masters will provide \$100 to each USMS convention delegate for incidentals.

Coaching Clinic Reimbursement Policy. Pacific Masters Swimming strongly believes that coaches are vital to the success of its swimming programs and as such emphasizes continuing education for coaches. Pacific Masters financially supports coaches who attend local, regional and national educational clinics that are sponsored by Pacific Masters or United States Masters Swimming (USMS).

Pacific Masters will reimburse up to 80% of the early registration fee of any USMS Coaching Clinic conducted within the Pacific Masters region for any coach registered with a Pacific Masters club. Other clinics conducted within the Pacific Masters region deemed by the Coaches Chair to be relevant to Masters swimmers may be reimbursed at the same rate.

Pacific Masters will reimburse up to 80% of the early registration fee and up to \$200 towards travel expenses of any USMS Coaching Clinic conducted outside the Pacific Masters region for any 'USMS Recognized Coach' registered with a Pacific Masters club.

Coaches chair to determine individual eligibility for clinic reimbursement. (March 2014)

Open Water Insurance Surcharge. (February 2013)

1. Solo and relay swimmers not part of an organized event within a sanctioned event are responsible for the \$1800 insurance surcharge for the event. Payment must be made prior to the issuance of the sanction.
2. Open water event host will remit \$5 per swimmer (not per swim) to PacMasters to defray this insurance surcharge. Event host be allowed to charge \$5 per swimmer (not per swim) to cover this cost. Cap on Open Water event fees is increased by \$5.

Scholarship Policy. PacMasters will include in its annual budget an amount to cover the cost of 6 full memberships to PacMasters/USMS. Individuals may request a scholarship

by sending an email or letter to the registrar stating their name and a brief statement on why the scholarship is needed. An individual's eligibility for a scholarship will be limited to once every 5 years. Scholarship approval will be made jointly by the registrar and chairman. Any money not spent on scholarships will be donated to the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation at the end of the year. (April 2013)

Dues Waiver. Pacific Masters will waive the dues, including USMS and Pacific portions, for any registrant age of 85 and over. (April 2013)

Call for "No Show" Swimmers at the start. The meet referee, in her/his discretion, shall decide whether to call for no show swimmers at Pacific Masters sanctioned meets, and shall inform the coaches of her/his decision at the coaches meeting before each session. Under no circumstances shall the referee decide to make more than one call for no show swimmers. The referee's decision shall be consistently maintained throughout the session. (Revised June 2023)