

USA SWIMMING

INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR INCLUSION OF SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY IN SANCTIONED COMPETITION AT THE LSC LEVEL

USA Swimming invites you to participate in its new program designed to encourage meet hosts to devise creative and effective means of fostering inclusion of swimmers with a disability in their meets.

PROGRAM DATES: September 1, 2006 – December, 2006 and through the end of the 2008 QUAD (program will end sooner if reward money is exhausted; first-come, first-served)

ABSTRACT: Meet hosts will be rewarded \$40.00 per swimmer with a disability competing in their meets. Additionally, a prize of \$1000.00 will be awarded in September, 2007 to the meet host with the best idea for fostering inclusion. Meet hosts are not required to participate in this contest to receive the reward per swimmer.

RULES:

1. Competition must be sanctioned by the LSC and occur between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007. This program will continue through the 2008 QUAD for USA Swimming.
2. Meet results must be entered in SWIMS.
3. Prior to the start of the competition, the meet host must provide to the Meet Referee the names of swimmers with a disability entered in the meet.
4. The Meet Referee must verify that the swimmers listed did compete and were disabled. (See Article 105 of Rules and Regulations for definition of disability.)
5. The \$1000 prize winner will be selected from among the applicants by the Disability Committee. The prize will not be given if the Disability Committee cannot identify a suitable winner.

LIMITATIONS: A meet host may submit for only two meets between September 1 and August 31. There is no limit to the number of swimmers with a disability for which a meet host may be rewarded. A finite amount of money has been set aside for these rewards; if that amount is exhausted prior to August 31, 2007, the program will end sooner.

PROCEDURE: Complete the attached reward application and mail it as soon as possible after your meet to the address listed below. Applications not received by September 5, 2007 will not be entered in the contest for the \$1000.00 prize. The reward check will be mailed to your club. The \$1000 prize for best idea will be awarded and mailed in September, 2007.

USA Swimming
Disability Reward program
C/O Randy Julian
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

USA SWIMMING REWARD APPLICATION

Directions: Identify each swimmer with a disability entered in your meet and list his/her name and USA Swimming membership number in Section 1. Present this application to the Meet Referee prior to the start of competition. The Meet Referee should indicate in the appropriate columns that the athlete(s) listed did compete in the meet and did meet USA Swimming's disability criteria as defined in Article 105. (Disability is defined as a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities.)

If your club wants to be considered for the prize of \$1000.00, complete Section 2 (optional).

Complete Section 3.

Make certain that your meet results are entered into the SWIMS database.

Send completed application to USA Swimming Disability Reward Program, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.

SECTION 1 (Duplicate as needed.)

ATHLETE NAME	USA-S MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	SATISFIES DISABILITY DEFINITION Y OR N	COMPETED IN MEET Y OR N	REFEREE SIGNATURE

*****SECTION 2*****

OPTIONAL

DIRECTIONS: Describe the things you did as meet host to attract swimmers with a disability to compete in your meet. Provide information as to how you identified these athletes at the time of entry and what you did to provide a welcoming and supportive environment at the meet.

*****SECTION 3*****

MEET HOST _____ LSC _____ SANCTION # _____

MEET REFEREE _____ PHONE _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS TO WHICH CHECK SHOULD BE SENT:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY _____ @ \$40.00 = _____

(NOTE: MUST BE ATTESTED TO BY MEET REFEREE)