

Southeastern LMSC Meet Incentive Program

This meet incentive program is intended to encourage Masters Swim teams in the Southeastern Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC) to start and grow pool meets and open water swims. The following are the guidelines to receive the incentive from the Southeastern LMSC. Teams also need to be aware of deadlines to earn the incentives specified below.

1. Before submitting a sanction request through the online process, please send a draft of your meet information to our LMSC Sanctions Chair (SESanctions@USMS.org). This allows questions to be resolved and updates to be made before submitting online. Experience has shown this streamlines the process. Please include hotel information in the meet information.
2. The event must be sanctioned by United States Masters Swimming (USMS) via the online system (http://www.usms.org/comp/sanction/request.php?utm_campaign=top_nav&utm_medium=events_and_results) and fulfill all requirements. It is the event director's responsibility to ensure that qualified officials ([USMS Rule Book, section 103](#)) are appropriately briefed and sufficient to fairly and impartially enforce USMS Rules of Competition ([USMS Rule Book, sections 101 & 102](#)). For open water events, rules can be found in section 3 of the rule book ([USMS Rule Book, section 3](#)).
3. The meet must be advertised to all members' teams in the LMSC at least 45 days in advance of the meet. At a minimum, this should involve sending the sanctioned meet information to the Southeast Zone webmaster, Dick Brewer (rdbrewer@gmail.com), and our LMSC Registrar (SERegistrar@USMS.org). They will post on the Southeast Zone website and notify LMSC members about the meet, respectively.
4. All participants must be registered USMS members and the host shall be a registered Southeastern Club in good standing. To be eligible for the incentive program, clubs should have at least 10 members, or have been in existence for more than 10 years.
5. The course of competition will meet all requirements as outlined in the current year USMS rulebook. This means that pool measurements need to be on file with USMS or provided to our LMSC Top Ten Recorder (SETopTen@USMS.org), and that measurements conform to minimum standards for times to count for USMS records and Top Ten finishes.
6. One event registrations (form, waiver, and spreadsheet) need to be sent to our LMSC Registrar (SERegistrar@USMS.org). Please send the check made out to the LMSC for the corresponding amount (or indicate how many paid via our LMSC Square account, <https://squareup.com/market/se-lmsc>) to our treasurer (email SETreasurer@USMS.org for address). One event registrations must be turned in within 45 days of the completion of the event. Failure to pay for one event registrations will disqualify the host team from receiving any payment from the incentive program. Further, neither the host team nor the person requesting the sanction will be eligible to receive a future sanction from Southeastern LMSC until payment is made.
7. Event results and any required pool measurements must be sent to our LMSC Top Ten Recorder (SETopTen@USMS.org) in a timely manner, as outlined in the sanction application requirements. Please also let the Top Ten Recorder know if there were any one event registrations (OEVTS). This applies to both pool and open water events.
8. Dual meets by master's teams are not eligible to receive payments under this incentive program.
9. A minimum of at least 30 USMS swimmers should participate in the meet. At least 15 swimmers or at least one third of the swimmers should be from outside the host team, whichever is greater.

The purpose of this incentive policy is to encourage teams to hold pool and open water meets. In any year, for pool and open water events that meet subvention requirements 1-8 above, the LMSC will pay the total cost of the national sanction fee.

During the first two years that a team organizes pool meets, we offer an incentive of \$450. If that team organizes a second pool meet in the same calendar year, we offer an additional incentive of \$200. For teams that have hosted pool meets for more than two years, we offer an incentive of \$200 for the first meet of the third year. If after three years, you still require financial help from the LMSC to host an event, please discuss your needs with the LMSC Chair who will bring your request to the LMSC Board for a vote.

For Open Water events, the LMSC will pay the total cost of the national sanction fee. The LMSC incentive for Open Water competitions is limited to one event per year.

Additional incentives for pool or open water events (limit one per calendar year):

Southeast Zone Championship hosted by Southeastern LMSC team(s) shall be an additional **\$250.00**.

US Masters National Championship hosted by Southeastern LMSC team(s) shall be an additional **\$500.00**.

Co-sanctioned pool meets with USA Swimming are eligible for one half the above outlined subvention amount. At this time, co-sanctioned open water events will be eligible for the full subvention amount described above.