

## **ZONE TEAM DISABILITY SWIMMER SELECTION POLICY**

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### **Purpose:**

To determine a selection process for inclusion of swimmers with a disability at the Southern Zone Age Group Meet, in compliance with the directive for inclusion by USA Swimming.

### **Eligibility:**

Eligible swimmers with a disability must compete in a minimum of three (3) NCS sanctioned meets during the previous twelve (12) month period before the Southern Zone Age Group meet, and MUST compete in at least one (1) of the two (2) NCS LSC Championship meets, or a USA Swimming Grand Prix Meet during the same period. Applicants must be between the ages of 11 and 18 as of the first day of the Southern Zone Age Group Meet to be considered. Type or manner of disability will not be a deciding factor in the selection process. A MAXIMUM of 3 male and 3 female swimmers with a disability will be selected for any one NCS Zone team.

### **Accommodation:**

Swimmers applying for the NCS Zone Team requiring a personal assistant as deemed necessary by either the NCS Zone Team Coaching Staff and/or the swimmer's legal guardian will be funded at the same level as non-disabled swimmers.

### **Personal Assistants:**

1. Must be a USA Swimming Member
2. Must pass a Level II background check
3. Travel and lodging will not be funded by NCS (travel at their own expense)
4. Must travel with the NCS Zone team; however, travel arrangements will be made on their behalf by the NCS Zone Team Manager.
5. Meals will be provided for Personal Assistants by the NCS Zone team at no additional expense to the Personal Assistants.
6. Personal Assistants MUST either be an immediate family member or a professional care giver employed by the swimmer's legal guardian to provide care for the swimmer. A waiver will be mandatory if the personal assistant is not traveling with a family member.

### **Application Deadline:**

Applicants using any long course meter times achieved from March 1 and prior to the NCS Age Group Long Course Championships, should mail this worksheet with their application postmarked no later than the deadline on the NCS Zone Team application posted on the website. Applicants attending the NCS Age Group Long Course Championships should return this worksheet to a Zone Coaching staff member at the NC Swimming Splash Zone within 15 minutes of the Age Group Meet conclusion of Sunday's finals (11-14 year olds).

### **Attachment:**

Application

**NCS Swimmer with Disability Zone Team Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Team** \_\_\_\_\_

**NCS Sanctioned Meets Attended:**

<b>Meet Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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**Championship Meet(s) Attended:**

<b>Meet Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
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