**NCS POOL PARTY MEET PROGRAM**

NCS POOL PARTY meets are short, one session meets designed to introduce 18&U developmental athletes and their families to competitive swimming. NCS *Speedy Sanction* makes it easy to apply for an NCS POOL PARTY meet. No NCS entry fee assessments are charged for these meets.

NCS POOL PARTY meet application process:

* Complete the online NCS *Speedy Sanction* application at least 7 days prior to the meet. The application can be found on the MEET ADMIN/Meet Sanctions and Approval page at <https://www.swimnc.com/meets/>
* The $75 application fee will be billed after the meet. No other fees will be assessed.
* Note for a rush application fee of $125, applications can be submitted at least 4 days prior to the meet. No other fees will be assessed.
* Meet results for athletes who were USA Swimming members at the time of the meet can be uploaded to SWIMS by submitting a Hytek meet back up file to Sanctions@NCSwim.org after the meet.

NCS POOL PARTY meet definition:

1. Limited to a single session meet that is three hours or less for developmental 12&U swimmers (see Rule 205.11) or intrasquad or dual meets for 18&U swimmers.
2. Timing system must comply with USA Swimming Rule 102.23, which requires an automatic (electronic start with touch pads with at least one timer with a button and watch per lane), semi-automatic (electronic start with at least two timers with buttons and watches per lane), or manual system (three timers with stopwatches per lane.) Declare the timing system in the application.
3. Officiating must comply with Rule 102.10.4, which requires at least one USA Swimming certified referee, at least one USA Swimming certified starter, and at least one USA Swimming certified administrative official. These officials must be identified in the application. NCS Pool Party referees will be responsible for crediting the session to participating officials in OTS.
4. A specific order of events must be stated in the application.

NCS POOL PARTY notes:

* Clubs are limited to hosting two NCS POOL PARTY meets per season (9/1-4/30 and 5/1- 8/31).
* Clubs must be up to date on all prior meet fees due to NCS.
* NCS POOL PARTY meets cannot be hosted on consecutive days by the original host or the invited team for dual meets.
* Meets that do not comply with the NCS POOL PARTY definition requirement #1 will be charged regular entry assessment fees and applicable fines per NCS rules.
* Meets that do not meet #2 and #3 will not be eligible for uploading results to SWIMS or session credit in OTS.
* NCS POOL PARTY meets do not count toward a Flex member’s two meet limit.
* NCS POOL PARTY meets do not pay into or count for NCS Travel Fund.