



Dual Recognition FAQ

Q: We are a U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) club that runs a USMS **sanctioned** event. How can members of College Club Swimming (CCS) participate in our swim meet?

*CCS-registered members can only swim in a **sanctioned** event if they are registered members of USMS. A reduced fee registration option is available to CCS members for \$25. The only competitive limitation is that they are members of that CCS club, which is also recognized as a USMS club. All times are valid for records and rankings. If the CCS member wishes to represent a non-CCS club, they should register for a full standard membership (\$60).*

*The alternative is to run a **dual recognized** event (instead of **sanctioned**): the USMS club should apply for **recognition** with the Niagara LMSC Sanction Chair and a local CCS club should apply for **recognition** from CCS. Please note, only **sanctioned** events are eligible for the \$450 "meet bonus" and coverage of officials. However, Niagara LMSC will cover the USMS recognition fee (\$100).*

Q: We are a College Club Swimming (CCS) club that runs a CCS **recognized** event. How can members of USMS participate in our swim meet?

*Please apply for USMS **recognition** with the Niagara LMSC Sanction Chair (NISanctions@usms.org). Keep in mind:*

- *USMS charges a \$100 fee for recognition status.*
- *We require use of Club Assistant (CA) Online Meet Entry (OME) for USMS members. There is a \$100 (minimum) service fee and 5% charge for credit card processing. The OME takes some time to set up. Please provide at least four weeks' notice prior to the event date.*
- *The Niagara LMSC Treasurer will receive meet revenue from CA, deduct the USMS recognition fee, and send a check for the remaining amount to the CCS club representative. Niagara LMSC does not keep any fees.*
- *The meet must be run using Hy-Tek Meet Manager and results (*.mdb backup and hy3 file) must be submitted to Niagara LMSC within 7 days of the meet conclusion. Send to: NIChair@usms.org and NI10TopTen@usms.org.*

Q: Why can't we run a **sanctioned** event with USMS and CCS?

*A **sanction** is reserved for events where all the participants are members of USMS.*

Q: We are a CCS club that runs a CCS **recognized** meet and we need officials. Can you help?

*Yes. Please contact our Officials Chair (NIOfficials@usms.org) for more information. Volunteer officials may be available, but a standard rate of \$50 per official (per day) is common. Even if you're not running a dual **recognized** event, we will try to help staff your meet.*

Q: I have more questions. Who should I contact?

- *CCS/USMS: collegeclub@usmastersswimming.org or call 941-256-USMS (8767).*
- *Niagara Local Masters Swim Committee (LMSC): NIChair@usms.org or NISanctions@usms.org.*