



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 (bridge membership) 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) for USMS clubs that switch from a sanctioned to a recognized event.*

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:*

- *All swimmers must be registered with CCS or USMS. You can't allow college clubs that aren't registered with CCS.*
- *USMS charges a \$100 fee for recognition status.*
- *We (Niagara) 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 our Sanction's Chair at least four weeks' notice prior to the event date. If you already run your event using CA OME, contact CA to discuss including USMS members for no extra service fee.*
- *The Niagara LMSC Treasurer may receive meet revenue from CA, deduct the USMS recognition fee, and send a check for the remaining amount to the CCS club rep. Niagara LMSC does not make any money off your event.*
- *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.*