Pacific Northwest Masters/U. S. Masters Swimming
APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION

The following package must be submitted to apply for Recognition status for your event.

1. This completed application
2. Copy of proposed meet announcement/entry form, where applicable. Do not distribute forms until official recognition is received. The recognition number must be shown on the final form.
3. A check in the amount of $100.00 for the USMS recognition fee made payable to **PNA**

An event **Recognized** by USMS, Inc., through one of its Local Masters Swimming Committees (LMSC), must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Conduct of the event must be in strict compliance with applicable swimming rules and administrative regulations of USMS, Inc. A current USMS rule book must be available at the event.
2. **Recognition** for any meets held outside the jurisdiction of USMS, other than those organized under the auspices of FINA, shall be obtained from the Executive Committee.
3. Any income derived from the event must be used for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole. A **Recognition** may not be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived there from.
4. Entry forms and programs must bear the statement "Recognized by (LMSC name) for USMS, Inc." and the **Recognition** number.
5. If this event is a competition and the pool does not meet mandatory facilities standards, then entry forms and programs must bear the statement "Times achieved at this competition will not be submitted for USMS Top 10 or record consideration." This language must immediately follow the **Recognition** statement described in criterion #4 above.
6. Times achieved at events may be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times if the event has been granted a **Recognition** and a designated USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations. Times achieved at events sanctioned by USA Swimming or a FINA member federation, and conducted in strict compliance with all mandatory USMS swimming rules as defined in Part 1 of the USMS rule book shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times without formal application for recognition. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to submit times obtained in recognized events with complete documentation to the appropriate LMSC Top 10 Recorder and the LMSC Sanctions Chair.
7. Events labeled as 'Choice" or 'Open,' where any stroke is allowed, will not be eligible for records or Top Ten and cannot be included in a Top Ten submission.
8. If this event is a competition, results and required facility certifications ***must*** be submitted in proper format within 14 days of the event to the LMSC Top 10 Recorder and Sanctions Chair . See Appendix B of the rule book (PREPARATION OF MEET RESULTS and POOL LENGTH CERTIFICATION form) for proper format. Results *should* also be submitted to meetresults@usms.org for inclusion in the unofficial current top times database.

Name of club/organization: _____ hereby applies for a Recognition to hold a

Swimming competition clinic exhibition fitness event other

to be held at _____ on _____ and agrees that the above will be conducted in accordance with the applicable USMS rules and regulations.

Course length: _____ 25 yard (SCY) _____ 25 meter (SCM) _____ 50 meter (LCM)
One or both ends of course is a bulkhead: _____Yes _____No
Pool Length Certification Form: (check one, complete as necessary)

_____ is attached
_____ is on file with USMS (see http://www.usms.org/~rectabs/poollengthdb.xls
_____ is not certified (see criterion #5 above)
_____ Will be measured day of the event (if one or both ends of course is a bulkhead)

Signature of requestor:		Street Address:	
Printed Name		City, ST, Zip	
Title		Phone (s)	
Email		Date Submitted	

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Send completed package to: PNA Meet Sanctions Chair: **Lorraine Masse**
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