



Richard L Allen,

Sanction Coordinator

Missouri Valley/USA Swimming Official League Blanket Sanction

(Read all Requirements and Conditions carefully. Violation of any of the Following could result in forfeiture of this Sanction.)

Sanction Number: MV-20-54

Date: July 1, 2020

Meet Date: July 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020

League Name: Northland Conference Summer League Blanket Sanction

To: Stephanie Wickerham, sent via email to: Stephanie.Wickerham@gmail.com

MISSOURI VALLEY SWIMMING, INC. (on behalf of and as agent for USA Swimming, Inc.) has approved the application to hold the above listed amateur swimming events, under the following requirements and conditions as listed in the current edition of the *United States Swimming, Inc. Rules and Regulations* and the current *Rules and Regulations of Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc.*

Conditions and Requirements:

1. All Requirements of Section 202.2 of the USA Swimming Rules shall be met.
2. All Conditions of Section 202.3 of the USA Swimming Rules shall be met.
3. All other rules and regulations of USA Swimming and Missouri Valley Swimming shall be complied with and enforced, except as same may be amended by your League Rules.
4. Any broadcasting of this event by any means without permission of Missouri Valley Swimming and/or USA Swimming is prohibited.
5. This sanction is not transferable.
6. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc. and Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. shall be free of any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. And there needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: ***"It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event."***
7. Your League **MUST** appoint a "contact person," by advising the MVS Office, 785-841-0999 of the name of that "contact person." If no contact name is provided to the office, it will be assumed that the person who applied for this sanction is the contact person. The contact person **MUST** take reasonable steps to assure that all clubs, swimmers, coaches, and officials are registered with MVS and USA Swimming. The "contact person" will receive updates from the MVS office as to teams and swimmers not registered. In the event the "contact person" is advised that a team or swimmer is not

- registered, the “contact person” is hereby empowered to deny that club or swimmer the ability to swim in any meet covered by this sanction, subject to further determination by the General Chair and/or the Missouri Valley Board of Review. Clubs will be fined \$100 for every unregistered swimmer entering and competing in a Missouri Valley competition.
8. A condition to approval of any league meet under this Blanket Sanction is Registration of the League as a League member of Missouri Valley and USA Swimming. No approval hereunder shall be construed to approve any swim unless the league is a league member of MVS and USA Swimming.
 9. This Blanket Sanction does not apply to any League Championship Meet. Any such Meet must be separately sanctioned.
 10. This Sanction applies to Dual, and Tri meets between and among league teams and to intra-squad meets held by league teams. Meets involving more than three league teams must be separately sanctioned via submittal to the Missouri Valley Swimming Meet Scheduling Committee in accordance with its Policies and Procedures.
 11. A Sanction Application Fee of \$15 is due, which must be paid prior to the first meet on your schedule. In addition, you must pay a sanction fee of \$15 to the Missouri Valley Swimming Treasurer, whose address is at the bottom of this page, within 21 Days of the date of this sanction.
 12. The results and times achieved at meets will not be valid for USA Swimming or Missouri Valley Swimming Official Time purposes unless the requirements for the minimum number of officials, per Rule 102.10, have been met.
 13. The Official Meet Results of all meets complying with the conditions set out in the paragraph immediately above must be mailed to all clubs attending the meet, together with one copy mailed to each of the Missouri Valley Swimming Records Chair and the Missouri Valley Swimming Office, both of whose addresses are below, not later than 21 days following the conclusion of the meet. In addition, the MVS Records Chair and MVS Office must receive a disk containing an additional copy of meet results in Meet Manager format.
 14. All referees, administrative officials, starters, chief judges, and stroke & turn judges must be currently registered non-athlete members of USA Swimming or members of other FINA-member organizations. All meet directors for meets sanctioned by USA Swimming must be member of USA Swimming. Persons acting in any coaching capacity must be coach members of USA Swimming.
 15. The meets sanctioned hereunder must be officiated by at least *a Referee, Starter and two (2) Stroke and Turn Judges, with at least three (3) timers per lane, unless fully automatic timing is used, at which point, two timers per lane may be used.*
 16. No swimmer shall be restricted or prohibited from swimming in any league event by virtue of membership or participation in any other USA Swimming league, club or event.
 17. All safety marshals are to be on duty anytime that warm-up/warm-down facilities are available during the meet.
 18. All events involving swimmers under the age of 12 conducted by your League are subject to the USA Swimming 4 Hour Rule and must comply with the Missouri Valley Interpretation of that rule or are subject to the sanctions set forth in the rule for violation thereof. The 4-Hour Rule is not applicable to any separately sanctioned League

Championship Meet.

19. You must provide a copy of this sanction to Each Meet Referee in your League and to each CLUB within 10 days of your receipt of this sanction.
20. You must assure safety by providing in each handout or meet announcement or equivalent the following: **“Swimmers may not dive into the pool during general warm-up. Swimmers must enter the pool by stepping feet first, or sitting and sliding in, in a safe and cautious manner. Entering in any other manner may result in the disqualification from one or more of the swimmer's events for the session at the discretion of the Meet Referee. Swimmers may dive during a designated sprint warm-up.”**
21. If you intend to publish results from any meet, either directly or by sending the results to MVS, you must notify all participating teams as follows: **“Final Results will be posted on the Missouri Valley Website and may include the swimmer’s name, age, and times.”**
22. Other than permitted racing starts during competition and warm-ups for the sport of swimming, nothing in this sanction permits diving in any way, shape or form and this sanction does not approve nor sanction any diving competition. Under USA Swimming Rules, use of diving boards is specifically forbidden.
23. You **may not** post either “Psych” or “Heat” Sheets on any web or internet site prior to the start of the meet.
24. For all Blanket Sanctions: **(a)** If the League charges no entry fees for any meet, the League receiving a blanket sanction will pay a sanction fee of \$15.00 within 21 days of the first meet held under the blanket sanction. This fee is in addition to the Sanction Application fee of \$15.00 paid before any meets are held. These fees cover all meets held under the blanket sanction (provided no entry fees are charged for any meet) except they do not cover League Championship Meets; **(b)** If the League charges any entry fee for any meet, the League receiving a blanket sanction will pay \$15.00 or 15% of the total meet entry fees (whichever is greater) for each meet in which entry fees are charged. Any fee charged in this paragraph is in addition to the Sanction application fee of \$15.00 paid before any meets are held. All fees due under this paragraph must be paid within 21 days of the completion of the dual meet at which entry fees are charged; and **(c)** League Championship meets must be sanctioned separately from the League's Blanket Sanction;
25. In the **COURSE** section of the Meet announcement the pool depth at each end of the competition course, and the certification status of the competition course shall be stated by indicating one of the following: **(1) The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4), or (2) the competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). A copy of this certification is on file with USA Swimming.**
26. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: ***Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach, as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from the water. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.***

27. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.**
28. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **Deck Changes are prohibited.**
29. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: ***“Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.”***
30. There needs to be included in your meet announcement one of the following: **“Current USA Swimming Rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), will govern this meet.” Or “All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.”**
31. Your meet announcement must include the following: **A statement setting forth the local COVID-19 protocols and requirements.**
32. Your meet announcement must include the following: **The plan for spectator ingress and egress.**
33. Your meet announcement must include the following: **The planned number of individuals gathering in the spaces (e.g., pool, deck, spectator seating, etc.)**
34. Your meet announcement must include the following: **A statement setting forth the Safe Sport considerations to ensure parents or legal guardians have access to and/or the opportunity to observe their child.**
35. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **“Deck entries will not be accepted.”**
36. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **“We have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for athletes, officials, personnel, and spectators. You must follow all posted instructions of the facility. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending and participating in [meet name], you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.”**
37. There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **“An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming**

sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.”

- 38.** There needs to be included in your meet announcement the following: **“BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND MISSOURI VALLEY SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.”**

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(if this form is sent via email, my name printed here constitutes my signature for all purposes.)

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Good Luck with your League. Hope you enjoy Great Swims!