



NCAA SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES INTERPRETATION August 17, 2020

Rule 9 - Interpretation

Bona Fide Competition

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“Bona fide competition is defined as an event that conforms to all NCAA rules relevant to swimming and diving performances, including the following:

- Meet is open to the public (spectators);
- Competition is between two or more teams of the same gender at the same time and site, from different collegiate institutions;
- All NCAA competitors must be eligible by NCAA standards;
- Meets must be in institutions’ approved competition schedule;
- Meets must have published results; and
- Depending on the governing body, meet official(s) must be qualified and/or certified.

Or

- Any bona fide meet as defined above and that is sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming and USA Diving that follows NCAA rules and regulations.
- The FINA Short Course World Championships provided the student athlete who is representing his/her national team is currently an eligible student-athlete at his/her institution at the time of this event.

Interpretation:

The following USA Swimming and Diving Meets, are acceptable for achievement of *time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards*:

- USA Swimming National Championship,
- USA Swimming Winter Open Championship,
- FINA Short Course World Championship, and
- USA Swimming Pro Series Meets.

Rationale:

The intent of the interpretation is to clarify which USA Swimming and Diving meets are acceptable for achievement of time standards, consideration standards and optional-entry standards. It is the intent that participation in any of the designated USA Swimming and Diving Meet(s) is a formal part of the institutional schedule with student-athletes representing their institution.