



## **USA SYNCHRO SANCTION APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **USA Synchro Provides You With The Following For a Properly Sanctioned Event.**

- General Liability Insurance.  
2,000,000 Per Occurrence  
\$5,000,000 General Aggregate  
\$2,000,000 Personal & Advertising Injury  
\$2,000,000 Products-Completed Operations Aggregate  
\$ 300,000 Fire Damage  
Excluded Medical Payments
- Medical Insurance for Athletes. Coverage for event participants currently registered with USA Synchro.

Accidental Death Benefit	\$10,000
Accidental Dismemberment Benefit	\$10,000
Accident Medical Expense Benefit	\$25,000
Deductible:	\$ 250 per accident

All accident medical claims are excess of any other valid and collectible insurance coverage and each accident must meet the \$250 deductible.

- Increased Stature. The right to state in your event materials that the event is "Held under the sanction of United States Synchronized Swimming, Inc." It provides the people who attend your event the assurance that the event will be conducted fairly, in accordance with the National Governing Body's rules.
- Marketing Rights. You may use the Synchro Swimming USA logo (see top, right corner of this page) to promote your event and the fact that we have sanctioned it. If you need an electronic copy of the logo, please contact the National Office.
- Calendar Promotion. We include sanctioned events in our Events Calendar on line if we receive your sanctioning request timely. This makes it easier for those who wish to enter your event to find information about it, and to check results.
- Event Management Assistance (NEW for 2010). We provide, via the Internet, a program that will assist you in running National Championships. It allows athletes to register for the event on line, to generate entry lists, etc. This means less paperwork for you as the organizer, and for the competitor. We are evaluating the feasibility of making this program available for Association and Zone Championships, and other sanctioned events.

### **When Do You Need to Request a Sanction?**

USA Synchro's Rules require that any event (including all competitions, exhibitions, clinics, or entertainment of any kind) where athlete members of more than one group member of USA Synchro compete, exhibit, demonstrate, or display synchronized swimming talents or techniques, must be sanctioned.

For example, water shows are "exhibitions" or "demonstrations." Camps are the same as "clinics." And "competitions" include invitational, as well as geographically restricted (such as Association, Regional, or Zone) competitions. "Display of synchronized swimming talents" includes any other type of demonstration or exhibition. However, if your event includes only members of your club, you don't need to request a sanction., because it is not a "sanctionable event."

All USA Synchro sanctioned events must follow the official rules of USA Synchro. All U.S. clubs participating in the event must be currently registered as a member of USA Synchro. Foreign clubs participating must be members of their respective national authorities recognized by FINA.

All U.S. athletes, coaches and judges participating in the event must be currently registered members of USA Synchro. Foreign athletes, coaches and officials must be members of their respective national authorities, and must have provided to USA Synchro's National Office a letter from their National Authority indicating permission to participate in USA Synchro events.

### ***Where Two Events Are Conducted Concurrently.***

If you are conducting a competition where two events are being run at the same location on the same dates, you only need one sanction. For example, where a junior figures meet and a senior figures meet are held at the same pool either on the same day or consecutively, it is one event. But, where there is a break in the activities or where the events are held in two different venues, they are considered separate events and each needs its own sanction. For example, a junior figures meet held on Saturday and Sunday, followed by a senior figures meet beginning on Tuesday requires two separate sanctions. If you have a question whether your event/s are separate, contact our National Office at (317) 237-5700.

### ***What We Will Not Sanction.***

We don't sanction events where the athletes of only one group member (such as a club) are involved in the competition or exhibition. We don't sanction events where synchronized swimming talents or techniques are not displayed. So if you are holding a general fundraiser, such as a bingo night, a garage sale, a golf tournament, an open house, a fundraising banquet, etc. where you won't be displaying Synchro in a pool, you don't need a sanction, and USA Synchro will not sanction the event.

We don't sanction events where the organizer's interest in sports is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived from the event. Any income derived from sanctioned events must be used for the further promotion of amateur sports, for an approved charity, or for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

We don't sanction events where we do not have control of the rules for the event, such as State Games. We don't sanction any event where the word "Olympic", or any derivative of "Olympic," is used in connection with the event. The United States Olympic Committee must approve use of the term, and only USA Synchro has the right to obtain that permission.

And we won't sanction any organization which has failed to fulfill expense obligations to athletes or to give the prizes stated on its entry materials.

### ***How Do I Get a Sanction Approved?***

Fill out the Sanction Request on our website at [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org) (located in the list of sanctioned events) **at least 30 days prior to the event**. A designated representative of USA Synchro must approve all Sanction Requests. **Your sanction is not effective until the National Office has approved it.** Once the sanction is approved by the National Office, we will list the approved event on our list of sanctioned events on our website, and notify the LSSC of confirmation of the sanction.

What if you need to add the pool owner as an "additional insured" for an event that includes only athletes from your club? That is part of what USA Synchro provides to you as part of your membership benefits. You can find the form entitled "Certificate of Insurance Request" (Sections 1, 2 & 3) in the "Membership" section of our website, [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org). Fill out the form on line. It will automatically be forwarded to our Membership Manager. If the request complies with our guidelines, the Membership Manager will forward the request for a certificate directly

to our insurance broker. If the request does not comply with our guidelines, the National Office will so advise you, and if you need to do something to comply, we will tell you what must be done to comply. **Allow 30 days for processing. Our insurance company ordinarily needs that amount of time to issue the certificate of insurance. We cannot assure that you will receive it in less than 30 days.**

Remember, also, that sanctions issued to one organization cannot be transferred to another. Any sanction so transferred is void for all purposes, and we may deny further sanctions to your organization if you violate this provision.

We hope that you find the sanctioning process easy to use, and welcome any suggestions that may make it more user-friendly for our members. Thank you for supporting the ULTIMATE TEAM SPORT!

◆◆◆ All U.S. resident participants in USA Synchro sanctioned events MUST BE USA Synchro members. All foreign competitors must be members of their country's National Authority.◆◆◆