

Your request for observed status for the **SJISA Invitational** to be held on **January 26, 2019** at **GCIT** has been granted. The observed number is **MA 1908 OB**. Unless we are informed otherwise, we will assume that the officials will observe the entire meet.

A complete backup of the meet must be submitted to the Middle Atlantic office, office@maswim.org, within seven (7) days after the competition. All disqualifications made under USA Swimming rules shall be entered into the meet results database by the Meet Director or Coordinator. **The USA Swimming ID registration number of all swimmers that requested observation and want their times input into SWIMS must be in the database. No other swimmers should have such USA Swimming ID numbers,** although high school IDs or ID numbers in a format other than USA Swimming are permissible. **Please reference the USA Swimming rulebook section 202.8 when assigning the observing officials to the deck of the pool.**

202.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR OBSERVED SWIMS

(Below are the important points)

.1 Meet is season-culminating champ or large invitational approved by USA Swimming

.3 All swims approved for USA-S are in accordance with:

- **4 Association officials (ref, starter, 2 S & T judges)**
- **102.24 Timing**
- **103.3 Dimensions of racing course**
- **103.13 Starting Platforms**

.4 If 2 of the 4 assn. officials are also USA-S certified and there is at least 1 at each end of the pool, you do not need two extra observers (this is on Form A or B in policy manual). If you need the 2 extra, 1 must be at each end of the pool. Observers verify compliance in swims only where the rules are different from USA-S rules and note these without using the NFHS DQ process, and provide the info to the designated USA-S official rep at the meet.

Differences are in the backstroke turn (kick and glide permitted) and swimmers may stack hands in breaststroke and butterfly at turn and finish. I have attached the most current rule differences provided by Jay Thomas and the OKI group for your review.

I have included a relay request form. All members of a relay must be currently registered members of the same USA club at the start of the meet or the relay will not be loaded. Please emphasize this to the coaches when you are instructing them on the observation procedure. Relay request forms should be scanned and returned to me with the meet backup.

REQUEST FOR OBSERVATION OF RELAYS

This form is to be used by coaches to request observation of a relay by USA Swimming officials at this meet. **All swimmers must be currently registered members (as of the meet start date) of the same USA club. If this condition is not met, the relay will not be loaded into SWIMS.** Complete a separate form for each relay. Illegible or incomplete forms will be discarded.

Meet name _____ Meet Location _____ Meet date _____

Circle one in each category:

Distance Stroke Gender Time _____

200 Freestyle Male

400 Medley Female

800

This relay is to be uploaded into SWIMS with the swimmers listed below

representing _____ in the _____ (name of USA Swimming Club) LSC.*

SWIMMER #1

Swimmer's full name	_____
	(last name) (legal first name – no nicknames) (middle initial)
Date of birth	_____

SWIMMER #2

Swimmer's full name	_____
	(last name) (legal first name – no nicknames) (middle initial)
Date of birth	_____

SWIMMER #3

Swimmer's full name	_____
	(last name) (legal first name – no nicknames) (middle initial)
Date of birth	_____

SWIMMER #4

Swimmer's full name	_____
	(last name) ((legal first name – no nicknames) (middle initial)
Date of birth	_____

*LSC stands for Local Swimming Committee. Examples – MA is Middle Atlantic, MR is Metropolitan, MD is Maryland, VA is Virginia, PV is Potomac Valley, AM is Allegheny Mountain, etc.

This form should be returned to the USA Swimming meet officials or the meet director. Do not send this form to the Middle Atlantic office.