

## Open Water/Long Distance

### Records

- Individual national records will be maintained in quarter-mile straightaway events (1 mile and 2 mile) and time/distance pool events (1 hour, 3000 yard, 6000yard, and 5 and 10 kilometer postal). Team national records will be maintained in all long distance pool events. The records are for three-person male and female teams and four-person mixed teams.
- Record times must be achieved in a sanctioned event and routed through the meet host to the Open Water/Long Distance Committee chair. Application for USMS Open Water/Long Distance Record can be found on page 2 of this section of the handbook.
- With the exception of the quarter-mile straightaway events specified in article 305.2.1 of the USMS rule book, no national records will be maintained in open water events because of differences in courses, currents, and other physical factors.
- When a record attempt has been timed to the nearest second, .99 second is added to the time submitted. When a record attempt has been timed to the nearest tenth of a second, .09 second is added to the time submitted.
- Long distance national records may be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event if:

The split is swum during a distance pool event that is a longer version of the record attempt (it may either be the first half or second half of the event),

The swimmer completes the full distance of the scheduled event without being disqualified and

The intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the meet director at the time of entry for the longer event.

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#### Records - Allowing Splits for Postal Swims-

Long distance national records may be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event if:

**A** The split is swum as an initial distance within a scheduled event.

**B** The swimmer completes the full distance of the scheduled event without being disqualified, and

**C** The intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the meet director at the time of entry for the longer event.

**REVISION: C** The intent to record a split time is brought to the attention, in writing, of the event host at the time of entry for the longer event.

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#### Records - Allowing Splits for Postal Swims

Long distance national records may be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event if:

**D** At least two dedicated handheld watches are used to record the record split.

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#### Records - Allowing Splits for Postal Swims in Relays

**E.** Split times from individual postal events may not be used as part of a relay entry into a separate relay postal event of a shorter distance or for entry into a separate individual postal event of a shorter distance.

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# Application for a USMS Open Water/Long Distance Record

- 1. Event: \_\_\_\_\_  
1-Hour, 5K, 10K or 3000y postal; 1-mile or 2-mile cable
- 2. Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
25y, 25m or 50m pool; 1/4-mile cable
- 3. Method of Timing: \_\_\_\_\_  
electronic timing or three stopwatches
- 4. Official Time: \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_  
(If applicable) hours: mins: secs hundredths
- 5. Completed Distance: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable) specify yards or meters

6. Individual Event:

|       |        |           |       |             |
|-------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| _____ | _____  | _____     | _____ | _____       |
| Name  | Gender | Birthdate | Age   | USMS Number |

7. Relay Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

|                               |        |           |       |             |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| _____                         | _____  | _____     | _____ | _____       |
| Names (in order of competing) | Gender | Birthdate | Age   | USMS Number |

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_

FOR POSTAL RELAY EVENTS, PLEASE COMPLETE SECTIONS 8 & 9 **FOUR** TIMES, ONCE FOR EACH SWIMMER.

8. Name of Pool or Body of Water: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Swim: \_\_\_\_\_ Sanction #: \_\_\_\_\_ LMSC: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Lap counter/timer information (for postal swims only):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Course length certification (for open-water cable swims only):

Measurement technique: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person (s) who measured the course: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Record application submitted by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send the completed record application form and all required documentation to the event host.