

**Request for Observed Swim for Potential World Record Swim in  
an IM or Butterfly Swims**

Until such time that the Masters organization within FINA can definitively act on changes recently enacted by the greater FINA organization with respect to the use of the breaststroke kick in butterfly events or the butterfly portions of the IM or medley relay, those who might break a world record in one of these events must request in advance that the swim be observed for compliance with the current FINA rule to insure acceptance of the record application. The changes in the FINA rule no longer permit the use of the breaststroke kick in the butterfly. This form is to be used by the swimmer and meet officials to request the observation and certify the swim. This form is required only for Long Course or Short Course Meter events only.

Portion to be filled out by swimmer and presented to the meet referee PRIOR to the swim:

Please observe the following swim:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Event Number/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Lane \_\_\_\_\_

Meet name and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Portion to be filled out by meet officials:

I observed the above swimmer compete in the specified event and certify that the butterfly portion of the swim was completed (check one)

- without using the breaststroke kick (in compliance with the FINA butterfly rules).
- using the breaststroke kick.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Note to officials: Starting September 20, 2001 and until further notice the FINA rules prohibit the use of the breaststroke kick during butterfly swims. USMS rules at this time have not been changed and therefore still permit the breaststroke kick in the butterfly. Please observe the listed swim and if appropriate, certify that the breaststroke kick was not used during the swim. This certification should not be provided if this form is not provided in advance of the swim.

Note to meet committee: Please attach this form with application for world records. World record applications with swims certified to be in compliance will be considered. Those which indicated the use of the breaststroke kick or which were not observed may be considered if FINA chooses to do so. USMS will hold these forms until a decision has been made.