

Pool Length Certification Form (rev. 9/28/2019)

Measurement procedures for completing this form are found on the next page. Please review them before measuring your pool and submitting this form. Only this side needs to be submitted for your pool certification.

1. Facility

Pool Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 LMSC _____

Please Circle one for each:

Nominal Pool Length
 25 Yards 25 Meters 50 Meters

Moveable Bulkhead
 Yes No

Note: For facilities with multiple pools, please identify the specific pool being measured either by unique pool name within the facility or the pool location in relation to other pools within the entire facility.

2. Measurement parameters (circle answer)

- a. Measuring device (see instructions): Steel tape? Laser? Other _____
- b. Distances measured in (check one):
- feet with feet displayed as a decimal to 1/100 like 75.01 feet
 - feet/inches with inches displayed as a fraction to 1/8 like 75ft 3/8 in.
 - meters with meters displayed as a decimal to 1/100 like 50.01m
 - meters/centimeters with centimeters displayed as 50m 1cm.

3. Measurements *Complete section A with measurement of all lanes if the pool has never been measured. OR Complete section B for bulkhead confirmation.*

A. Initial Measurement: Date of Measurement: _____ No. of pads in place per lane(0,1,2): _____

Lane 1 _____ Lane 2 _____ Lane 3 _____ Lane 4 _____
 Lane 5 _____ Lane 6 _____ Lane 7 _____ Lane 8 _____
 Lane 9 _____ Lane 10 _____ Lane 11 _____ Lane 12 _____

B. Bulkhead Confirmation Measurements: (per Rule 105.1.7)

Measure the outermost lanes and a center lane before the meet plus after each session with lane number & length of the lane.

	Date	L-Outer Lane #	Left Outer Lane Length	Center Lane #	Center Lane Length	R-Outer Lane #	Right Outer Lane Length	# of pads in place
Pre-meet								
Post session 1								
Post session 2								
Post session 3								

4. Measured by:

Submitted by:

Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____ City/State/ZIP _____
 Phone Number _____

Maintaining pool length certification forms is an LMSC responsibility. Completed forms should be sent to the Top Ten Recorder of the LMSC. Attach a copy of this form to record applications if the form is not already on file with the USMS National Swims Coordinator. If a bulkhead is used, a copy of this form from the beginning of the meet and for each session must be included with meet results sent to the LMSC Top Ten Recorder in order to verify bulkhead placement. For a record application, the bulkhead measurement on this form should be attached to and submitted with the Record Application form. To add the pool to the USMS List of Measured Pools, e-mail a copy of this form to Mary Beth Windrath, National Swims Coordinator, records@usmastersswimming.org. Measure before applying for a sanction.

Measurement Procedures

- Additional information can be found in the Records and Tabulation section of the USMS Guide to Operations, which can be found on the USMS website or obtained from your LMSC Top Ten Recorder.
- Note that existing certification forms may be used if on file with the pool, the LMSC, USMS or FINA, as long as all lanes have been measured.
- A 25 meter pool measures 82 feet 0.25 inch (82.02 ft) A 50 meter pool measures 164 feet 0.50 inch (164.041 ft).
- Measurements must be conducted using a measuring device with a minimum measuring quality of a steel tape over the nominal distance. A laser measuring device may be used, but it must be as accurate as required for steel tapes. The accuracy of the measuring device must provide accuracy of at least ± 0.005 m (± 0.20 inch or 0.016 foot). This tolerance refers to the tolerance of the measuring device only. A pool must always be at least as long the specified distance in the rulebook, which has a minus zero tolerance.
- Tapes may not be combined to perform the measurements.
- Measurements may be reported in either the English system (feet/inches) or the metric system (meters/centimeters). Be sure to include any fractions or decimals. (ex. 75 ft should be 75.00 ft or 75 ft 0 in.)
- For initial certification, one measurement must be conducted for each lane of competition. For bulkhead confirmation, only the outermost lanes and a center lane must be measured.
- Inspect each end of the pool. In general, if a protrusion would have an adverse impact on the length of the course in the area where a touchpad would be placed (to 0.80 meter below the surface of the water), the protrusion must be used as a measurement point. Otherwise, measurements must be taken in the center of each lane at water level.
- Measurements may be conducted with or without touchpads in place. If touchpads are in place, measure from the face of the touchpad to the other end. Pools that are measured with no pads in place must be at least 25.01 yards (or 75.03ft or 75ft 3/8 inches) or 25.01 meters (or 82.05 ft or 82ft 0.6 in or 82ft 5/8in.) long in order to be considered acceptable for use of a single pad per lane and at least 25.02 yards (or 75.06 ft or 75ft 3/4 inches) or 25.02 meters (or 82.10 ft or 82 ft 1.2 in) to be acceptable for 2 pads per lane. For 50 meter pools, they must measure at least 50.01 meters (or 164.08ft or 164 ft. 1 in.) for use of a single pad per lane and at least 50.02 meters (164.11ft or 164 ft 1.3 in.) for use of 2 pads per lane.
- Permanent courses need only be measured once unless structural changes, including resurfacing, have occurred since original measurement.
- For a pool with a moveable bulkhead, if the initial pool length certification for all lanes is on file, the following rules must be observed.
 - For events sanctioned by USMS, proper bulkhead placement must be confirmed before the meet and after each session of the meet. Bulkhead placement is confirmed by course measurement of the two outside lanes and a middle lane.
 - The measurement rules and policies of FINA shall be the standard for events sanctioned by a FINA Masters member federation other than USMS. Currently FINA does not require bulkhead measurements for either FINA Top 10 or Records.
 - The measurement rules and policies of USA Swimming shall be the standard for Top 10 eligibility for events sanctioned by USA-S. Currently USA-S only requires bulkhead placement measurements for national records, so times achieved by USMS at USA-S meets are eligible for Top 10 consideration without bulkhead measurements. The measurement rules and policies of USMS shall apply for dual sanctioned events, so at these meets bulkhead measurements must be performed for times to be considered for either USMS Top 10 or Records.