



# U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING

## Announcement

### Sanction Rebate Program

May 13, 2016

To all LMSC chairs, vice chairs, sanctions chairs, and open water chairs:

U.S. Masters Swimming has approved a sanction fee rebate program for 2016 sanctioned pool and open water events. Rebates of up to \$1,000 are available to LMSCs to help offset the national component of 2016 sanction fees.

It is recommended that the LMSCs pass some or all of this sanction fee expense to the event hosts through LMSC sanction fees. However, USMS realizes that some LMSCs simply do not have the capacity to absorb the national sanction fee and some event hosts do not have the capacity to easily accommodate increased sanction fees from the LMSCs.

Therefore, USMS has set aside funding to help LMSCs that don't have the financial resources to promote the development of and participation in sanctioned events.

#### Sanction Fee Rebate Program Highlights

- Rebates will be awarded to LMSCs for specific events, as identified in the application.
- Rebates will be awarded primarily on a basis of the LMSC's financial need. However other considerations, such as distribution of monies geographically, will be considered.
- Rebate preference will be given to events hosted by USMS clubs and their chapters.
- Rebate awards to LMSCs will not exceed the USMS national sanction fee, less any LMSC sanction fee.
- USMS has formed a five-member panel to review and decide rebates for all applications. The approval panel may fully or partially award rebates, defer action, reject applications, or return applications to the submitter for additional information.

When filling out the [rebate application](#), please be prepared to answer the following questions:

- Event information: Name, sanctioning LMSC, event dates, sanction number (if already sanctioned)
- Amount of rebate being requested
- Rebate requester and LMSC contact information (Name, Email, and Phone)
- Expected event participation
- LMSC financial summary: Revenue, expense, assets
- Description of why you are applying for this rebate
- If event entry fees are the same as prior year's entry fees, explain why they were not raised. What other additional revenue sources have been explored?
- Event host financial forecast: revenue, expense and contributions to other organizations

#### Questions?

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#### Rebate Application

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W3ZZSW6>