

# **Coaches Application for 2012 FINA Masters World Championships**

## **Information:**

World Championships will be held in Riccione, Italy June. The open water event will be held on June 3 – June 17, 2012. The USMS Coaches Committee has created a subcommittee dedicated to International Coaching. Previously USMS has sent coaches to The World Championships to provide on deck coaching and guidance, and support for USMS swimmers in attendance. The swimmers in attendance will not swim for team USA; rather they will continue to support their own club. However, the coaches are there as USMS representatives and will work to help each and every swimmer that desires it. Coaches should strive to create a sense of unification and a team spirit.

Coaching responsibilities:

## **Prior to the meet:**

- Monthly emails introducing the coaching staff and allowing the athletes to ask questions of the coaches
- Weekly emails the month of the events with any pertinent reminders and notices
- Create a schedule for the coaches to ensure each session is covered and all swimmers have an opportunity for feedback
- Team apparel and caps – provide a weblink and notify swimmers via email of the discounts provided
- Provide the coaches emails and phone numbers to the swimmers
- Respond to swimmers' emails in a timely manner
- Gather the “in case of emergency” contacts
- Be a contact person for trouble shooting with problems that arise for swimmers prior to the meet (within reason)
- Arrange for the swimmers to be together during the opening ceremonies

## **During the meet:**

- Provide assistance during warm-ups, including: getting splits, providing race strategies, etc.
- Create a homebase for the swimmers to sit and congregate
- Provide race feedback, splits, etc. as desired
- Encourage swimmers
- Arrange a team meeting the day before competition begins
- Serve as advocate for USMS swimmers regarding protests & administrative problems
- Coordinate a team picture
- Organize a page on the USMS website for results, photos and updates to be posted throughout the meet
- Coaches may swim but should note that their duties as a coach supersede their duties as a swimmer

**After the meet:**

- Provide a report detailing the experience and giving feedback as to how things could be improved to EC, Executive office, Coaches Committee
- Send out a follow-up email thanking the athletes for their participation
- Collect feedback from the athletes about their experiences - good and bad

**Reimbursement:**

The reimbursement will be approximately \$1800 for the head coach and \$1200 for each assistant coach (pending USMS approval)

**Application Process:**

- Any interested Masters Coach may apply for the position
- Applicants must complete the following application by April 1, 2011

**Selection Process:**

- The International Coaching subcommittee will review all applicants and recommend four to the USMS coaches committee
- The USMS coaches committee will vote to approve the coaches applications
- Applicants will be notified by April 30, 2011

**Supervision:**

The USMS International Coaching Task Force supervises this project.

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## **2012 USMS Coaching Application for Riccione, Italy**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

USMS Team:

Coaching experience and credentials:

What unique qualities would you bring to the coaching staff?

Why do you want to serve as a USMS coach representative in Italy?

Have you ever participated in a World Championship meet as either a coach or athlete?

Do you feel comfortable managing a large number of unfamiliar athletes? Please explain.

Are you familiar with FINA rules?

How many members from your club are attending World Championships?

Prerequisites:

You must be a USMS member

You must hold a valid passport

You must be able to attend the entire swimming program

Which position are you applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Head Coach      \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Coach

Do you plan on competing in the meet?

Do you agree to adhere to the above listed responsibilities?