

Foreign Travel by USA Swimming Members

While LSCs and USA Swimming clubs are free to set up competitions with FINA Federation members, the formal invitation must be issued by the foreign federation. State organizations and foreign clubs are not empowered to extend a formal invitation.

This is to ensure compliance with FINA GR 3.1 and GR 3.2:

GR 3.1 A competitor competing at a meet in a foreign country shall be a member of an affiliated Member or of a club affiliated thereto. This section shall apply equally to judges, officials, trainers, and coaches.

GR 3.2 All competitions must have received sanction by the Member where the competition takes place, and all competitors or clubs must have permission from their respective Member.

Steps for the LSC Registration Chair to follow:

1. LSCs and clubs wishing to compete abroad must complete the **Foreign Travel Permit Request** form and submit it to the LSC Registration Chair.
2. The LSC Registration Chair checks the form to see that all the athletes and clubs on the form are current members of the LSC/USA Swimming.
3. The LSC Registration Chair signs the form in the appropriate place and submits it and along with the foreign federation invitation and the meet information to National Headquarters. (The foreign federation invitation and meet information is very important and will require follow-up from USA Swimming Member Services if it is not received with the form.)
4. Keep a copy of all information submitted to National Headquarters and attach all related correspondence you receive regarding this request.

After USA Swimming Member Services receives the form and processes it, the foreign federation will be notified. All related correspondence will be copied to the host club and the LSC Registration Chair.

USA Swimming Foreign Travel Permit Request

(Please print clearly and provide all requested information.)

The athletes, judges, officials, trainers, and coaches listed on the attached or below, is/are registered members of their Local Swimming Committee and USA Swimming.

Local Swimming Committee _____

Participants _____

Note: In accordance with FINA rule GR 2.3, no U.S. athlete can be designated a member of the "USA Swimming Team" unless selected as such by USA Swimming.

They/he/she plan to participate in sanctioned competition in

Country to be visited _____ Dates _____

Name of meet _____ Location _____

Meet Dates _____

All competitions must be sanctioned by the Member (Foreign Federation) where the competition takes place. **This request must be accompanied by invitation from foreign federation and complete meet information.**

Group Leader _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Submit with copy of foreign federation invitation and complete meet information to LSC Registration Chair.

LSC Registration Chair Signature _____ Date

LSC Registration Chair, fax or mail to National Headquarters.

Valid only when endorsed by official representative of USA Swimming.

USA Swimming Representative Signature _____ Date