

Northwest Zone Open Water Championship Information

Event Format and Rules

1. The NW Zone Open Water Championships shall be held between June 1 and September 30, inclusive.
2. The championship event shall be a distance from 1500 meters to 2 miles.
3. Wet suits may be allowed at the discretion of the event director. If awards are given to wet suit competitors, they shall be awarded separately from those for non-wet suit competitors. Any published results or records must clearly indicate which swimmers wore wet suits.
4. The event host shall determine awards, which may include NW Zone ribbons. Individual awards shall be available for at least three places in each age group. Additional awards beyond three places may be given and shall be at the discretion of the event host.
5. The event host shall pay the NW Zone a surcharge of \$1.50 per swimmer entered in the NW Zone Open Water Championship. This fee may be waived if the event is held in conjunction with a USMS National Open Water Championship event.

USMS Sanction

The LMSC hosting the event shall be responsible for obtaining the USMS sanction for the event, and will be responsible for any USMS surcharges associated with the sanction.

Safety Plan

The event host shall provide a safety plan in compliance with USMS Open Water event standards and guidelines.

Awards and Scoring

The host LMSC of each NW Zone Championship is responsible for distributing awards for that event. The zone shall provide awards to the championship host at no cost. There shall be no LMSC, club or team scoring.

Meet Results

Ensure that event results are posted and available to the Zone Chair within 10 days of its completion.

Zone Forum

The host shall provide a meeting space near the venue for the NW Zone Forum on the day of the event, two hours prior to the start of the event or at another time as approved by the Zone Chair.