

USA Artistic Swimming International Relations Club Option Procedures

Applications for the Club Option program are now being accepted. A Club Option Application form must be completed. The application form must be submitted to the International Relations Chair no later than <u>January</u> <u>31st</u>.

Details of the Club Option Policy are located in Appendix F of the USAAS Rulebook. Four (4) websites can be searched to identify possible international competitions for club options:

- 1. AQUA <u>www.worldaquatics.com</u>. This is a worldwide calendar (US events are included).
- 2. LEN <u>https://www.len.eu/full-calendar/</u> This calendar covers competitions held in Europe.
- 3. PAQ <u>https://www.panamaquatics.com/</u> This calendar covers competitions held in North, Central and South America.
- 4. USA Artistic Swimming <u>www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming/events/international</u> This calendar includes events USA Artistic Swimming has received the preliminary information.

The application form should be self-explanatory. Provide the club name and contact information, the type of competition (Age Group, Junior, Senior, Masters), the competition name, dates and events in which the club will enter, the names of the adult personnel, and athletes who will attend the competition and the judge who you would like to accompany the club and an approximate number of people in the delegation. Only US AQUA/PAQ judges are allowed to attend and will be selected by the International Relations Committee.

As stated in the Club Option Policy in Appendix F, National Center for Safety Initiatives ("NCSI") Background Checks and SafeSport training for all staff, including but not limited to coaches, managers, chaperones, U.S. AQUA/PAQ Judges and other adults who have regular contact with, and/or authority over, athletes while participating in the Club Option are mandatory. National Center for Safety Initiatives ("NCSI") Background Check information and SafeSport training can be found on the USA Artistic Swimming website. In addition, a USA Artistic Swimming membership is also required.

Applications will be reviewed and approved as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact the International Relations Review Subcommittee Chair, Betty Hazle at bettyhazle@yahoo.com.

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