

Dear Race Director,

We are looking at your race and the one's listed below as a qualifier for the Grand Prix event to be held in Indianapolis in August. I have also included the items we are looking for in return for your race being designated as a Grand Prix qualifier. Why is this important? Only the top 15 US swimmers from the National Championships and the top 15 US swimmers in the grand Prix event will qualify for the Olympic Trials. Open Water Trials is different than the pool due to the qualifying procedure set up by FINA. Here are the 4 items that we are looking for to be on the list. If you are good with these, then email me an okay and we will post your event as an approved event for qualifying for the Grand Prix.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

1. Must be USA Swimming sanctioned event
2. Must send results to Lindsay Mintenko with in 3 days following the event. lmintenko@usa-swimming.org
3. The race must be 5k or longer to be considered for selection.
4. This is a one time trial event, if this process goes into the future, your race will be considered first.

Races to be considered to be on the Grand Prix Qualification Tour:

Hawaii Loong Distance race December 16, 2006

ISHOF Open Water Race December 30, 2006

NC Open Water Event, Pinehurst, NC June 2, 2007

Death Valley OW swim, Clemson, SC June 9, 2007

Alamo Area Open Water June 9, 2007

Hummer Huntington Mile, Huntington, IN June 23, 2007

Colorado Senior OW Champs, Colorado Springs, CO June 30, 2007

Long Beach Open Water race June 30, 2007

Atlantic City Bay Race, Atlantic City, NJ July 1, 2007

Fran Schnarr Memorial Huntington Bay, NY July 14, 2007

Seal Beach Open Water July 14 or 21, 2007