

**Program Operations Task Force
Pool Measurements Record Purposes**

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1. Measurements of existing fixed wall pools: A blast email should be generated to notify all LSC General Chairs, Registration, and Sanctioning Chairs that the USA Swimming Website should be checked to note whether fixed wall pools in the LSC are documented at the proper length. LSC's will be required to have fixed wall pools where A level competition and above is sanctioned, measured, and recorded according to stated USA and FINA guidelines. This shall be completed by no later than September 1, 2010. Potentially, the LSC could deny a sanction until completed. It is to the facilities benefit and the LSC to have this in order.
2. Measurement of pools with moveable bulkheads: The above blast email will also require pools with moveable bulkheads to be subject to the same initial measurement in all possible configurations (25 yd. and mtr. and 50 mtr.). This will be recorded at USA Swimming. Further, this same initial study will confirm that the bulkhead is stable, unbowed, and properly positioned. Appearances to the contrary will require the bulkhead to be re-measured and recorded with USA Swimming.
3. Before competitions in pools with a moveable bulkhead(s), the meet host and/or referee shall examine the bulkhead and confirm visually that the bulkhead is stable, unbowed, and properly positioned. This will be required for A level and above meets. Each day of competition and before every session, the referee or LSC authority shall inspect the pins, mounts, etc of the bulkhead to confirm a stable, unbowed, and proper position. This is intended to ensure that NAG and LSC records have controls and also that LSC leadership and officials are engaged in oversight of pool length conditions.
4. In the event of a World record (in the metric courses), measurements shall be conducted according to FINA procedures.
5. American and US Open Records in moveable bulkhead pools will require that a referee or LSC authority measure the lane in which the record was performed at the conclusion of the session. This can be done with a professional grade steel tape or with a calibrated laser (USA Swimming will assist in providing information on acquisition and usage). Measurement shall be taken at the water level of the touchpad. In the event of a measurement short of the required sanctioned length, an accredited engineer shall be summoned and all of the criteria for measurement of a National Record will then apply.
6. To clarify the above, NAG and other age group records do not require measurement if the facility is pre-certified and recorded with USA Swimming.

Otherwise, the lane will require measurement after a NAG record performance using current procedures.

7. Other NGBs may also have access to the database for recording pool measurement results. Duplication of measurement procedures will not be required for any NGB record in a pool that is on file and meets the above stated requirements.