

## **1i. NBSL Swimmer Eligibility**

1. Swimmers on NBSL Teams must be members of their swim club on the same basis as non-swim team members. All swimmers must be active dues paying members of an NBSL League Pool. "Swim team only" memberships are not permitted, nor are memberships limited to the swim team season. An exception will be given to only those NBSL League Pools with summer camps existing before January 1, 2010 and are grandfathered by the NBSL.
2. For NBSL competitions, employees of a pool are not eligible to swim for that team unless they were a bona fide member of the pool during the previous season. An employee of one pool may swim for another pool provided they meet all eligibility requirements. (Example: Emily is a lifeguard at pool B and her family holds membership at pool A; Emily may swim for pool A. Emily may not swim for pool B)
3. Babysitters, houseguests and nannies are not eligible to swim for the NBSL.
4. The age group of a swimmer for the entire season is determined by his or her age as of June 1. Swimmers with birthdates on June 1 will be assumed to have reached the higher age.
5. A swimmer is eligible to compete so long as their age is less than 19 as of June 1 of the current year – i.e., a swimmer's age must be 18 or under on June 1.
6. A swimmer must swim for **only one** Summer Recreational Swim League from May 1 – August 31 of the current season – e.g., may not swim for both Suburban and NBSL. Participation on a USA Swimming or YMCA short or long course competitive swim team shall not be considered a violation of this rule.
7. A swimmer is required to swim in **at least two** NBSL dual meets during the current season in order to participate in the NBSL Classic or Invitational meets. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the NBSL.
8. A swimmer must swim for only one NBSL League Pool during the current swim season. A family may be represented on only one swim team during the season. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the NBSL.
9. A swimmer who participates in any NBSL sanctioned event must have a parent's or guardian's signature on the 2012 Eligibility Agreement form prior to participating in an NBSL event.

**If you have a swimmer who is ineligible under these rules that you feel needs a special dispensation, please bring a formal request to the NBSL board, via the President, and it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.**

## **Eligibility Forms:**

All teams must have swimmer eligibility forms submitted to the President of the NBSL Board prior to the first meet of the season. If a team has not turned in a majority of their forms prior to a meet, that team will have 25 points deducted from their final score in that meet. Copies of ALL forms must be at the Scorer's Table on the day of the meet, and any additional forms need to be submitted to the NBSL President within 3 days. A swimmer without a form will be considered ineligible.

If an individual swimmer's eligibility or age group is questioned/challenged, the NBSL representative from the challenging pool will notify both the NBSL representative from the pool with the swimmer in question, and the NBSL board asking for documentation supporting that swimmer's eligibility and/or age. The documentation must be provided within 7 days. If the documentation is not provided, or is not satisfactory to the board, the swimmer in question will be disqualified from all events in which they participated, including relays, and the meet will be rescored. In addition, 25 points will be deducted from the offending team's final score.

## **6a. Individual Eligibility Form**

I have read the NBSL Eligibility Rules provided to me by my league pool and acknowledge that any infraction of these rules will result in both individual and team penalties for the current season. Such penalties will include and not be limited to the following:

- restriction of a swimmer from any NBSL sanctioned event during the current season
- forfeiture of a meet for a team who swims an ineligible swimmer in dual meets/champs during the current season

**1<sup>st</sup> Swimmer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Swimmer's birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Swimmer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Swimmer's birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Swimmer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Swimmer's birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> Swimmer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> Swimmer's birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5<sup>th</sup> Swimmer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5<sup>th</sup> Swimmer's birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Swim Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: All swimmers must have at least one parent's/guardian's signature prior to participating in an NBSL event.

*Please have Pool Rep return forms to NBSL President before first meet*