

**United States Masters Swimming
Metropolitan Local Masters Swimming Committee**

POOL LENGTH CERTIFICATION FORM

1. Facility Name _____ LMSC _____

Facility Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. Measurement parameters (*circle answer*):

- a. Nominal pool length: 25 yards 25 meters 50 meters
- b. Moveable bulkhead: Yes No Placement confirmation _____
- c. Measuring device (see below): Steel tape Laser Other _____
- d. Number of touchpads per lane at time of measurement:
- None One Two

(In some cases, two touchpads may be used, one at each end of the pool.)

3. Measurements (minimum distances measured):

Distances measured in (*circle one*): feet/inches or meters/centimeters

If these measurements are a confirmation of bulkhead placement, only the outer-most lanes and one center lane must be measured.

Lane 1 _____ Lane 2 _____ Lane 3 _____ Lane 4 _____

Lane 5 _____ Lane 6 _____ Lane 7 _____ Lane 8 _____

Lane 9 _____ Lane 10 _____ Lane 11 _____ Lane 12 _____

4. Measured by:

Submitted by:

Name _____

Name _____

Title _____

Title _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

State _____ Zip _____

Date _____

Date _____

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Maintaining Pool Length Certification Forms is the responsibility of both the Event Director and the Metropolitan LMSC. Completed forms should be sent to the LMSC Sanction Chairperson for record-keeping purposes and for subsequent distribution to the required individuals. Attach a copy of this form to USMS National and/or FINA World Record Applications if the form is not already on file with the USMS National Records and Tabulation Chairperson. If the event competition course is bordered by one or more bulkheads, a copy of this form must be included with meet results sent to the LMSC Sanction Chairperson to verify bulkhead placement.

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES:

- Note that existing pool length certification forms may be used that are on file with the facility, the LMSC, USA-Swimming or USMS, as long as all lanes have been measured, and as long as bulkhead placement confirmation is not required.
- A 25 meter pool measures 82 feet 0.25 inches. A 50 meter pool measures 164 feet 0.50 inches.
- Measurements must be conducted using a measuring device with the minimum measuring quality of a steel tape, at least ± 0.005 m (± 0.20 inches or 0.016 feet), over the nominal distance. A laser measuring device may be used, but it must be as accurate as required for steel tapes.
- Tapes may not be combined to perform the measurements.
- Measurements may be reported in either the English system (feet/inches) or the metric system (meters/centimeters).
- For initial certification, one measurement must be conducted for each lane of competition. For bulkhead confirmation, only the outer-most lanes and one center lane must be measured.
- Inspect each end of the pool. If there are any protrusions in a lane from 0.8 meters below the surface to the top of the touch pad or wall or up to 0.3 meters above the surface whichever is higher, you must use the protrusion as the measurement point. Otherwise, measurements must be taken in the center of each lane at water level.
- Measurements may be conducted with or without touchpads in place. If no touchpads are in place at the time of measurement and will be used for competition, a correction of 1 cm. per lane per pad will be applied.
- Permanent courses need only be measured once unless structural changes (including resurfacing) have occurred since original measurement.
- For a pool with a moveable bulkhead, initial course measurement (of each lane) must be confirmed by a responsible person at the conclusion of the session. Only the outer-most lanes and a center lane must be measured thereafter for bulkhead placement confirmation.