

Pool Length Certification Form (rev. 12/04/2015)

Measurement procedures for completing this form are found on the next page. Please review them before measuring your pool and submitting this form. Only this side needs to be submitted for your pool certification.

1. Pool name _____ LMSC _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Note: For facilities with multiple pools, please identify the specific pool being measured either by unique pool name within the facility or the pool location in relation to other pools within the entire facility.

2. Measurement parameters (circle answer)

- a. Nominal pool length: 25 yards? 25 meters? 50 meters?
b. Moveable bulkhead: Yes? No?
c. Bulkhead placement confirmation timing: Before the meet? or After Session (name) _____
(If measurements are a confirmation of bulkhead placement, only the outermost lanes and a center lane must be measured. Measurements must be taken before the meet starts and again after each session)
d. Measuring device (see instructions): Steel tape? Laser? Other _____
e. 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 (check one):

- _____ feet with feet displayed as a decimal to 1/100 like 75.01 feet
_____ feet/inches with inches displayed as a fraction to 1/8 like 75ft 3/8 in.
_____ meters with meters displayed as a decimal to 1/100 like 50.01m
_____ meters/centimeters with centimeters displayed as 50m 1cm.

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:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Date _____

Submitted by:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Date _____

Maintaining pool length certification forms is an LMSC responsibility. Completed forms should be sent to the Top Ten Recorder of the LMSC. Attach a copy of this form to record applications if the form is not already on file with the USMS Records Administrator. If a bulkhead is used, a copy of this form from the beginning of the meet and for each session must be included with meet results sent to the LMSC Top Ten Recorder, in order to verify bulkhead placement. For a record application, the bulkhead measurement on this form should be attached to and submitted with the Record Application form. To add the pool to the USMS List of Measured Pools, e-mail a copy of this form to Mary Beth Windrath, Records Administrator, records@usms.org. Measure before applying for a sanction.

Additional information can be found in the Records and Tabulation section of the USMS Guide to Operations, which can be found on the USMS website or obtained from your LMSC Top Ten Recorder.

Measurement Procedures

- Note that existing certification forms may be used if on file with the pool, the LMSC, USMS or FINA, as long as all lanes have been measured.
- A 25 meter pool measures 82 feet 0.25 inch. A 50 meter pool measures 164 feet 0.50 inch.
- Measurements must be conducted using a measuring device with a minimum measuring quality of a steel tape over the nominal distance. A laser measuring device may be used, but it must be as accurate as required for steel tapes. The accuracy of the measuring device must provide accuracy of at least ± 0.005 m (± 0.20 inch or 0.016 foot). This tolerance refers to the tolerance of the measuring device only. A pool must always be at least as long the specified distance in the rulebook, which has a minus zero tolerance.
- Tapes may not be combined to perform the measurements. Fiberglass or other flexible tapes may not be used to perform 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 outermost lanes and a center lane must be measured.
- Inspect each end of the pool. In general, if a protrusion would have an adverse impact on the length of the course in the area where a touchpad would be placed (to 0.80 meter below the surface of the water), the protrusion must be used as a 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, the LMSC Top Ten Recorder will apply a correction of 1 centimeter (or 0.25 inches) per lane per pad.
- Permanent courses need only be measured once unless structural changes, including resurfacing, have occurred since original measurement.
- For a pool with a moveable bulkhead, if the initial pool length certification for all lanes is on file, the following rules must be observed.
 - For events sanctioned by USMS, proper bulkhead placement must be confirmed before the meet and after each session of the meet. ***Bulkhead placement is confirmed by course measurement of the two outside lanes and a middle lane.***
 - The measurement rules and policies of FINA shall be the standard for events sanctioned by a FINA Masters member federation other than USMS. Currently (Jan 2015) FINA does not require bulkhead measurements for either FINA Top 10 or Records.
 - The measurement rules and policies of USA Swimming shall be the standard for Top 10 eligibility for events sanctioned by USA-S. Currently (Jan 2015) USA-S only requires bulkhead placement measurements for national records, so times achieved by USMS at USA-S meets are eligible for Top 10 consideration without bulkhead measurements. The measurement rules and policies of USMS shall apply for dual sanctioned events, so at these meets bulkhead measurements must be performed for times to be considered for either USMS Top 10 or Records.