

Illinois Meet Sanction Policy

Meet dates will be Reserved on a first to request basis subject to Legacy Dates.

First to request is defined as receipt of written (mail) or e-mail request for sanction date by the Sanction Chair (sanctions AT ilmsa DOT com). Upon receipt of a competing request for the same date, not subject to the Legacy Date, Sanction Chair shall notify the first requestor to complete the USMS Sanction Event Application within 14 days. After 14 days the date shall be assigned to the first requestor to procure an approved USMS Sanction Event Application.

Legacy Dates are dates which have been continuously sanctioned (excluding 2020 and 2021) by a meet host for 3 or more years on the same calendar date. Meet hosts with a Legacy Date have priority over new requests for their date. Upon receipt of a competing request subject to the Legacy Date, Sanction Chair shall notify the Legacy Date host to complete the USMS Sanction Event Application within 21 days. After 21 days the date shall be assigned to the first requestor to procure an approved USMS Sanction Event Application.

The USMS Sanction Event Application is located at <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/guide-to-local-operations/event-management/pool-meet-management/sanction-application-process>

Please submit your sanction application as soon as possible in order to secure your preferred date(s). Once USMS Sanction Event Application has been formally submitted, requested meet dates are reserved subject to this ILMSA sanction policy. Reserved meet dates will be posted on the ILMSA website as “sanction pending” until formally approved.

1. Approved meet dates will be listed on the ILMSA website as “Sanction Pending” until the sanctions process has been completed.
2. Sanctioned events take priority over Recognized events.
3. Non-Sanctioned events will not be advertised on the ILMSA website. They may be promoted on ILMSA social media and USMS LMSC Forums. Sanctioned events, whenever requested, will always take priority on the ILMSA calendar. Non-Sanctioned events may be removed from ILMSA social media in the event of a conflict with a Sanctioned event.
4. ILMSA may promote Sanctioned events via the ILMSA website and/or member email blast reminders. Meet hosts must submit their exact email content and subject line to the ILMSA Membership Coordinator (registration AT ilmsa DOT com) for distribution to members.
5. **Only one Sanctioned event per weekend will be permitted, if requested events are less than 200 miles apart.** If sanction conflicts arise, the Meet Director of the first to sanction event must approve the conflicting sanction date. Unresolved conflicts may be brought before the ILMSA BOD for mediation.