

## NVSL® SWMMING AND DIVING RULE TERMINOLOGY & DEFINITIONS

*Terminology and definitions are incorporated by reference in the NVSL Bylaws and in the Swimming and Diving Rules as appropriate. It is recommended that the Rules along with Terminology & Definitions be reviewed by officials prior to every meet.*

**Bid-in:** to fill an unoccupied lane, using procedures of Rule 6.

**Course:** designated distance over which the competition is conducted.

**Division Coordinator:** An individual selected to: **1)** be the liaison between a division and the NVSL; **2)** oversee the teams in NVSL sponsored events; **3)** manage divisional meets; **4)** serve as a member of the NVSL Board.

**Entry:** listing of a swimmer in an event.

**Entry list irregularity:** listing of a swimmer who is ineligible to compete because of age, membership requirements, exceeding the number of entries permitted each swimmer in a meet, or because of improper substitution.

**Event:** any race or series of races in a stroke, distance and age group.

**Family:** (eligibility Rule 2a) includes only natural children, adopted children, foster children, foreign exchange students and blood relatives who are living in the household continuously for at least two months. "Foreign exchange students" are foreign citizens who are temporarily in the U.S. and have been placed in homes by organizations known for and engaged in placement of foreign exchange students. "Foster children" are individuals who are so designated by and have been placed in homes by organizations known for and engaged in foster child placement.

**Lane:** area of the pool in which the swimmer is assigned to compete.

**Leg (relay):** the part of a relay event that is swum by one team member.

**Length:** extent of the course from end to end.

**May:** permissive, not mandatory.

**Scratch:** to withdrawing a swimmer from an event.

**Seed:** distribute the swimmers among the required number of heats and/or lanes using their submitted times in conformance with USA Swimming Rules for timed finals competition.

**Shall:** mandatory.

**Should:** suggested, strongly encouraged, but not mandatory.

**Substitution:** replacement of one swimmer with another in an event.

**Swimming and Diving Up:** Swimming or Diving in an age group older than one's own.

**Team Meets:** dual and triangular meets.

**Technical League Rules:** USA Swimming Technical Rules and League technical rules provided in Rule 12.