

Summary of Sanction Fees Increase Proposal

The Executive Committee is forwarding this proposal to the appropriate committee(s) for action during the 2004 Convention. Please review the complete document for a full understanding of the issues. For everyone's convenience, the points are summarized here.

- During the 2003-04 season, the National Office has processed fewer requests for sanctions than in prior years. This is appropriate, as requests for 'no fee' sanctions have essentially disappeared.
- There may still be events being held without appropriate sanction, and clarification is needed regarding the sanctioning of meets in which two or more associations conduct combined championships.
- The collegiate structure does not align with our associations' geography, so there is a need to define the appropriate sanction structure for collegiate competitions.
- There are clearly defined benefits to organizers for sanctioning their events, and these are explained within the document.
- The process of issuing a sanction, preparing needed documentation and coordinating support for third parties as required is labor and time intensive. Disruptions caused by the need to process sanctions outside of normal routine greatly increase the cost to our organization.
- The revenue generated by the sanction falls far short of covering the cost of issuing one.
- USA Synchro sanction fees fall within the low range of fees charged for sanctions by other NGBs.
- It is proposed that the organization increase sanction fees to more accurately reflect the cost of service, using a tiered structure. *Please note that the Executive committee is requesting an additional (lower) tier:*

Description	Fee
Sanction for an Association Level event, or an event involving members of two or more clubs, where fewer than 35 athletes participate	\$ 35.00
Sanction for an Association Level event, or an event involving members of two or more clubs, where 36-70 athletes participate	\$ 50.00
All other events that fall within the sanctioning requirements of Section 25.01 (except international meets and those conducted by U.S. Synchronized Swimming, Inc.)	\$ 100.00
Late Fee: Sanction requested less than 30 days before the event	\$ 25.00
Late Fee: Sanction requested less than 7 days before the event:	\$ 50.00
Additional charge for overnight return of the sanction:	\$ 15.00

- Associations' share of sanction fees will increase under the proposed structure.