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To: LMSC Chairs
National Championship Event Directors
Committee USMS Open Water Committee

LMSC OW/LD Chairs
USMS Long Distance
USMS Board of Directors

Subject: USMS Open Water Long Distance National Championship Bids for 2024

Greetings! The 2024 U.S. Masters Swimming (USMS) Long Distance National Championship bid forms for Open Water events may be accessed and completed by using the following link.

[2024 U.S. Masters Swimming Open Water National Championship Bid Form](#)

We encourage all interested organizations to submit bids.

The bid form is an easy-to-use document that has been updated for your convenience. Please fill out the bid form and submit by **August 1, 2022**. Attachments to the bid form, such as maps for OW swims, logos, registration fees, and pertinent event details, are not required but will be considered. They should be emailed to me at the address at the bottom of the page. A safety plan for the OW events is required to be submitted with the bid.

You will receive an immediate email response acknowledging confirmation that your bid form was received. Please follow up via phone (number below) if you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours.

Site/host selection for the 2024 events will occur *prior* to the 2022 USMS Annual Convention. Committee collaboration, review and discussion of all bids will take place via conference calls before the Convention. We will schedule phone interviews with bidders and select bid winners in August/September.

Please refer to the 2022 USMS Rulebook article 307.3 for additional information regarding site selection for long distance national championships.

Selection will be based on the overall suitability of the bid received. Additionally, in the case of open water, the area in which the event is to be held, safety, the online entry method and the annual event schedule are also considerations. The use of Club Assistant as the online entry system is mandatory for ePostal national championships and preferred for open water national championships. Bids received after the deadlines listed above may not be considered if a qualified, timely bid has already been received for the same event. We encourage bidding for multiple events to strengthen your options.

Open water national championship bidders will find an OW event calendar, information, manuals, and other important resources at [USMS Open Water Central](#).

Please feel free to copy this email to any interested party and contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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