



## **ORINDA-MORAGA POOLS ASSOCIATION**

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To: OMPA Member Pools

From: OMPA Board of Directors

Re: Temporary Addendum to Rules and Regulations Effective January 1, 2008

This is to notify all OMPA member pools that the OMPA Board of Directors has voted to temporarily modify its Rules and Regulations to allow a swimmer a one-time exemption to train with and compete for a USA Swim team from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of competition of the Far Western Short Course Championship swim meet (usually the last weekend in March or the first weekend in April) of that same calendar year.

This addendum only applies to those swimmers that will be competing in the 11&12 and the 13&14 age groups for the same calendar year's OMPA swim season. (i.e. a swimmer who is 14 years old through this exemption period but turns 15 before June 15<sup>th</sup> of the same calendar year would not be eligible.) These swimmers may not have previously trained with or competed for a USA swim team during any period of time from January 1<sup>st</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Swimmers that elect to exercise this one-time exemption will retain their OMPA eligibility for that calendar year swim season but will not be eligible for County. The Exemption will be considered "used" for any swimmer that continues to train with a USA Swim team during the period regardless of the length of time (i.e. one day or 3 months).

Please note that this addendum is intended to allow swimmers who are seriously interested in swimming year round a "one-time" opportunity to try USA Swimming for up to 6 or 7 months to see if that type of program is right for the swimmer without having to give up their OMPA team if it is not. It is not intended to be used for additional training opportunity for swimmers competing in the OMPA with no serious interest in swimming for a USA Swim team.

The OMPA Board of Directors requests that any swimmer considering using this one-time exemption have a meeting with the swimmer, parents, OMPA team coach and USA team coach to discuss what is best for the swimmer.

This addendum does not permit or allow any OMPA member club to organize and/or offer any workout during this Exemption Period, as this would violate Section 1.01(d). This addendum precludes any OMPA member club from organizing their own (or jointly organizing) USA Swim Club to offer training for their member swimmers. As with all OMPA Rules and Regulations, it is the responsibility of the OMPA member club coaching staff and the OMPA families to make sure all swimmer eligibility rules are complied with. This temporary addendum

will expire with the end of the OMPA swim season 2010. A final draft of this addendum will be available in January, 2008.

Please notify your team members of this addendum to the OMPA Rules and Regulations. Any questions can be addressed to the OMPA Board through your team representative.

Sincerely,

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