

Connecticut Swimming Incorporated
Prize Value Policy

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(Note: references to USA Swimming Rules are to the 2006 Rules and Regulations)

Purpose: Some meet hosts wish to offer cash or other valuable prizes to create the incentive for visiting teams to participate and/or to enliven competition. CT Swimming allows this within limits designed to preserve the amateur character of the sport.

Scope: This policy covers all sanctioned meets

Regulations concerning valuable prizes:

1. Host clubs may offer prizes to individual swimmers of nominal value such as ribbons, medals, trophies or novelties in accordance with USA Swimming rules. Such prizes are required if they are specified in the approved Meet Announcement, and also if they are required under other CSI policies. Otherwise they are optional.
2. Host clubs may not offer cash or valuable service or merchandise prizes to individual athletes or relay teams based upon performance. Raffles or other non-performance related prizes are allowed within reason, subject to Program Operations approval.
3. Host clubs may offer cash or valuable service or merchandise prizes to visiting clubs based upon performance, subject to the following guidelines:
 - a. Cash prizes shall be offered in reasonable amounts, and in no case shall exceed \$1000 per visiting club
 - b. Prizes must be approved in advance by Program Operations
 - c. Prizes based upon team scoring or other criteria shall be described in the Meet Announcement. The Meet Referee shall be responsible for determining official scoring, but responsibility for determining prize awards shall be solely that of the host club.
 - d. If the value of any team prize exceeds \$100, the Meet Announcement must include the following language "Awards and prizes are being offered solely by [name of host club] and are not the responsibility of Connecticut Swimming Inc."
4. Ongoing failure to deliver awards or prizes as described in a Meet Announcement may result in denial of meet sanctions.