

“COMPETITION:

At all meets outside of the Florida LMSC, at all national competitions, and at most meets in the LMSC unless otherwise designated, members of FACT must always enter their club as FACT; they don't have any choice – USMS rules state that a person can only belong to one USMS club, and that is FACT.

Members of a club/chapter who are not members of FACT must always enter as their club/chapter.

Could they ever be on the same team at meets?

Individual events: Yes, but only under special conditions. If a FL LMSC meet director decides to allow chapters to compete for team high point honors – and ONLY at a meet in the FL LMSC – individual event points for FACT-chapter and Club-chapter members could be added together for team high point. That decision rests solely with the Meet Director.

Relays: Yes and No

For the “Yes” part, at some meets in the LMSC where chapters could compete independently, members of Club-chapter could swim on relays together which would count for the club's team high point. Members of FACT-chapter could swim on relays together which would also count for club's team high point (example a relay of all SWIM and a relay of all SWIF).

For the “No” part, members of FACT-chapter and Club-chapter can never swim on the same relays, EVER! USMS rules prohibit members of different clubs from participating on relays together, and in the eyes of USMS, FACT-chapter and Club-chapter are always two separate clubs. Any joint relay team would be disqualified.

How would results from those special meets be reported?

Before submitting the meet results to the LMSC Top 10 recorder, the Meet Director would change the club affiliation of all Florida Aquatic Combined Team members to FACT, even though they might have been counted as their

club/chapter for team high point. So all individual times and records at the LMSC, zone USMS and FINA levels will be with FACT. Each club/chapter will decide if it will allow its FACT members times to count for its own club records.

What about relays in USMS Postal Championships?

No. The same is true for creating relays in USMS Postal Championships. No combined relays. However, members of FACT who are from different chapters can combine postal results to create relays.”

NOTE: Clearly stated to all Meet Managers: Results sent to the Florida LMSC Top Ten/Recorder and to USMS must signify FACT for all members of this Club, which is the USMS recognized designation.