

Motion 2102MTF01: The Membership Task Force moves that the Board of Directors approve and forward to the House of Delegates changes to the Rules and Regulations. Administration of the Swimming Program – subsection Registration and Membership.

Reasoning: Pacific Swimming has not raised registration and membership fees since September 2014. USA Swimming's registration fees increase \$2 per year for a Premium Athlete and Non-Athlete. Since 2014, USA Swimming's fees have increased by \$12. USA Swimming has already indicated that they will soon raise the Seasonal, Flex, Annual Club and Seasonal Club registration and membership fees. To maintain a minimum level of revenue from registration dues, the Membership Task Force's standardizes the amount above the USA Swimming registration and membership fees that Pacific will retain. In 2015, the minimum revenue from Athlete and Non-Athlete registrations needed to fund Pacific's programs was \$15. Based on the historical income and spending trends (pre-COVID-19) the current minimum revenue is \$18. This same reasoning was applied to all types of registration and membership fees.

The Membership Task Force recommends the development of a Non-Coach Non-Athlete (Individual) registration category and fee. The Task Force feels that Non-Coach Non-Athlete members such as Officials and others (i.e. Meet Directors and Club Board of Directors) donate hours of their time to the swimming community and the registration fee should not be as much as a Coach Non-Athlete member.

The Membership Task Force recommends the development of an Outreach Non-Coach Non-Athlete member category and fee. The registration fee would be the same as the Outreach Athlete fee. USA Swimming does not currently support this type of membership.

The Membership Task Force recommends the development of an Outreach Club membership and specifies how an Outreach Club is designated annually. This idea is not supported by USA Swimming. The fee has been set to cover the USA Swimming Club Membership fee.

A considerable amount of time is spent each month processing transfers. On a survey of other LSCs, many charge a fee (\$5 – \$100) to process intra and inter LSC transfers. The Membership Task Force recommends a processing fee of \$15 for intra LSC transfers and exempts Outreach Athletes from this fee.

SECTION 1

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SWIMMING PROGRAM

A. Registration and Membership

1. Categories

All athletes who participate in practices with member clubs or meets sanctioned by Pacific Swimming shall be registered with USA Swimming as athlete members. All coaches who are on deck at practices and/or meets shall meet special training requirements to qualify for coach membership as required by USA Swimming. All officials and other non-athlete members shall complete criminal background checks and athlete protection education as required by USA Swimming. In order to meet the requirements for club membership, the club shall have at least one coach member and one athlete member. All meet directors and deck officials shall be non-athlete members.

2. Registration Periods

Athletes may register for a full year, a summer season and/or a fall season. They are offered a single continuous 30-day try out period when first joining USA Swimming, during which time registration is not required. The period ends after 30 days or upon submitting an entry for a meet, whichever is earlier.

3. Applications

The Registration and Membership Chairs handle athlete registration, non-athlete membership and club membership. Club names and abbreviations shall be approved per Pacific Swimming's Policies and Procedures. The current official form(s) may be obtained from the Chair. Refunds of duplicate registrations/memberships will be made upon approval of the Chair.

4. Registration and Membership Fees

- a. The Registration fee for a Premium Athlete shall be the USA Swimming Premium Athlete registration fee plus \$18.00.
- b. The Registration fee for a Seasonal Athlete shall be the USA Swimming Seasonal Athlete registration fee plus \$15.00.
- c. The Registration fee for an Outreach Athlete shall be the USA Swimming Outreach Athlete registration fee.
- d. The Registration fee for a Coach Non - Athlete shall be the USA Swimming Non - Athlete registration fee plus \$18.00.
- e. The Registration fee for an Official and Other Non-Coach Non - Athlete shall be the USA Swimming Non - Athlete registration fee plus \$8.
- f. The Registration fee for an Outreach Non-Coach Non - Athlete shall be \$5.00.
- g. The membership fee for an Annual Club shall be the USA Swimming Annual Club membership fee plus \$155.00.
- h. The membership fee for a Seasonal Club shall be the USA Swimming Seasonal Club membership fee plus \$100.00.
- i. The membership fee for an Outreach Club shall be the USA Swimming Annual Club membership fee.
 - a. An Outreach Club shall be designated annually if the Outreach membership is twenty percent (20%) of the total athlete membership during the previous or prior swim year.

5. ~~4~~-Transfers and Changes

An athlete who changes clubs, intra-LSC or inter-LSC, shall wait for 120 days after his/her last competition representing the old club before representing the new club in competition. The athlete shall compete as an unattached athlete during the 120-day period. The athlete shall notify the Registration Chair of the date of last competition with the old club by completing a transfer form.

- a. Pacific Swimming shall charge a \$15 fee for all athlete transfers between two clubs within Pacific Swimming. Outreach athletes are exempt from this fee.

6. ~~5~~- High School/College Competition

California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) does not penalize USA Swimming members for swimming attached to their local swim clubs during high school season for the Sectionals and National Championship

meets. However, the CIF does require that in any other USA Swimming or Pacific Swimming meet held during the high school club season, athletes shall compete unattached. It is the CIF athlete's responsibility to be unattached for these meets.

76. Responsibility

The club shall ensure that all of its athletes, coaches, officials, **board members** and meet directors are members of USA Swimming. The meet director shall ensure that all athletes, coaches, and officials participating in a meet are members of USA Swimming.