



"Tryout Issues"

Swimming Tryouts means swimming practices where a swimmer(s) who is not and who has never been a member of USA Swimming, Inc. participates in swimming activities with a USA Swimming, Inc. member club for a period not to exceed thirty days from the first day of practice to determine the swimmer's interest in becoming a member of USA Swimming, Inc. Tryout swimmers may not participate in more than one tryout period within the same twelve month span.

The USA Swimming Insurance Program provides **General Liability** coverage for the club, coaches and USA Swimming members when a non-USA Swimming member is swimming with a club during a tryout period.

However, coverage is only valid if:

- a) All the coaches on deck are USA Swimming certified coach members

AND

- b) The tryout period is limited to 30 consecutive days within a twelve-month period for any one individual and clinics sponsored by a USA Swimming entity (such as LSC or USA Swimming club).

Tryout period only applies to individuals who were never a member of USA Swimming.

Note: The non-member is not provided any coverage under the USA Swimming program. If said individual was injured or caused an injury, he/she would have to look to his/her family medical and/or family liability insurance.

What we sometimes hear is that the "tryout" period is ongoing (not restricted to the 30 consecutive day time frame) or that the coaches are not all USA Swimming certified. Be aware that coverage may be voided if a claim/loss occurred and it was determined the requirements were not being met.

If you need further information or clarification, please contact [Denise Thomas](#) or [USA Swimming Risk Management](#).