

2022 Spring HOD Membership Report

Friday Registration Workshop Sessions at 2022 National Workshop - Denver, CO

SWIMS 3.0 Online Member Registration Demo (OMR) – Overview of the SWIMS 3.0 initiative and reasons for the update/upgrade. Registration process from the LSC Registrar point of view, as well as the member point of view. Demonstration of workflow, money flow, and the ways it will improve value to members, and be more adaptable than the current system, when changes or additions need to be made.

The system is in the alpha phase, but on track to move to LSC testing and scheduled to be fully implemented beginning Sept 1, 2022, with existing SWIMS data migrated to the new system. The actual registration process is very intuitive, and will be a much-needed update to the current method. USA Swimming is the last NGB to update – this is long overdue.

It was emphasized that there will undoubtedly be bumps in the road during the first year, ongoing feedback is needed, and the team answered a great many questions and concerns about the changes, and encouraged anyone with questions to reach out at any time.

What will change with the registration process?

- No more paper forms (or pdf forms) for registration. Online.
- **All** members will create a new account beginning Sept 1, and then registration processes will be done online through USA Swimming website (athletes, non-athletes, clubs). Very similar to how most school registrations are now done – all online.
- Online registration of non-athletes and clubs, not just athletes.
- New member IDs for everyone - will be random, and no longer based on DOB or any personal info.
- Improved data – contact information, club staff, club facilities, management of LSC BOD roles and LSC security roles (SWIMS access), ethnicity, gender identity
- All LSC Time Standards in the system (not just National Age Group motivational standards)
- Dual registration for two teams will no longer require setting up 2 records.
- Clubs with no 3rd party vendor will be able to manage their club through the USA Swimming website.

What will stay (roughly) the same in the registration process?

- 3rd party vendors (TU, Active, others) that clubs currently use will be able to be *activated* by the club so that they work with SWIMS 3.0.
- Safe Sport compliance. USA Swimming is sunsetting Deck Pass, but the new method for tracking/showing certifications will be very similar. Non-athletes and adult athletes will access their credentials through an updated USA Swimming app that will be connected to their account to show their “Dashboard” indicating that they are in good standing. Or, if not in good standing, what requirements are expired/still needed (APT? Coach ed requirements? Concussion? Registration renewal? Etc). Similar to Deck Pass, but updated.
- The general flow of the registration process will be very much the same.

- athlete/non-athlete will sign up through their club, and the club will have a unique link to send to its families to complete the registration process.
- The club collects payment from the family, and sends the registrations to the LSC for approval.
- The LSC Registrar approves the registrations, works with the club to resolve any issues, and invoices club.
- The club pays the LSC (mailing a check), and USA Swimming draws its portion on the 10th of each month, the LSC keeping its portion.

USA Swimming communication, webinars, and other education for LSC Registrars (and clubs) coming in May, June, July, August in the lead up to the launch of SWIMS 3.0.

Saturday Legislative Review Session at 2022 USA Swimming National Workshop - Denver, CO

Discussion of 203.3 – 120 Day Rule

Discussion included

- Possibility of reducing waiting period to 30 or 60 days, or completely eliminate waiting period
- Waive waiting period to athletes transferring from clubs that fold, or for military families that must move frequently, or for anyone moving a certain distance to be determined, or for athletes being bullied (and how would that be determined)
- Possibility of only applying waiting period during a certain time period (i.e. 2 months leading up to LSC Champs)
- Possibility of only applying rule when transferring within LSC
- Effect of waiting period on athletes – harm in being unattached, exclusive and isolating for new team members who may have been forced to relocate simply due to family circumstances
- Necessity of having some form of “pause” when considering transfers to prevent club hopping

70% of responses submitted on the online survey indicated support for reducing to a 30 day waiting period.

Proposal based on discussion at the workshop and ongoing feedback will be presented at Fall National HOD.

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