



NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Administrator)

Background: The U.S. Center for SafeSport has expanded the categories of individuals required to complete SafeSport training. USA Swimming tracks individuals that must complete training through membership.

Important Dates: Starting January 1, 2022, all individuals employed by the club or LSC, volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or who have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties, must be members of USA Swimming and complete Athlete Protection training as a condition of their membership.

Starting September 2022, individuals will be able to register under the new membership category at a reduced cost of \$30.

Q: Who must be a member starting January 1, 2021?

A: Any individual employed by the club or LSC and volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or who have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties. This includes meet marshals.

Q: Do timers and computer operators have to be members of USA Swimming now?

A: No. These individuals are not employed by an LSC or club and do not interact directly and frequently or have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties.

Q: Can officials, coaches, chaperones, and junior coaches apply for the new membership category in September 2022?

A: No, they cannot.

Q: Is the new membership category available in January 2021 when these individuals will have to start registering?

A: No because the technology is not in place at this time. When SWIMS 3.0 and online member registration goes live in the fall of 2022 this option will be available.

Q: Will these individuals now required to be members also have to complete a USA Swimming background check?

A: Yes, they will have to complete the USA Swimming criminal background check just like every other Non-Athlete Member.

Q: Does every employee of a YMCA or other institutionally owned facility (ie JCC, Lifetime Fitness, Seasonal Club) need to be a member in this new category?

A: No. Only those individuals employed by the club or volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or who have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties.

Q: When did meet marshals become required to be members of USA Swimming?

A: In September 2021, the USA Swimming Board of Directors approved the requirement for the expansion of categories of who needed to be a member of USA Swimming and complete Athlete Protection Training, this included Meet Marshals.

Q: Do members of a booster club need to be USA Swimming members?

A: If the booster club members are employed by the club or LSC or volunteers who interact directly and frequently with or who have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties they must be members of USA Swimming.

Q: Does an employee of a club who has no interaction with athletes need to become a non-athlete member? Like an accountant or business manager who only work remotely.

A: If they are an employee of the club then yes, they must be members of USA Swimming.



Q: Can you provide the definition and guidance documentation of the “expanded category” from the U.S. Center for SafeSport?

A: A training and education requirement is part of the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s requirements of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy. We separated these two, so it didn’t confuse our members.

Q: Do registrars of a club need to be registered if not employed by the club?

A: Club registrars will need to register if they have access to SWIMS or if they interact directly and frequently with or have authority over athletes as a regular part of their duties.

Q: A lot of people who will fall into this new Administrator category were formerly registered as “other”. Who will still be under “other”?

A: If an individual is employed by USA Swimming, LSC or member club **and** has direct and frequent contact with athletes you must still register as non-athlete other. If an individual is employed by USA Swimming, LSC or member club and they **do not** have direct and frequent contact with athletes, so you truly are just administrative support, they will register as non-athlete other in January 2022 and in the new category come September 2022. The outlier is meet marshals and the USA Swimming BODs approved that they would fall under the new Administrator category come September 2022. Coaches still register as coaches and officials as officials.

Q: When do these individuals need to start registering?

A: Identified individuals will need to register starting January 1, 2022, as non-athlete “other”.

Q: When is the new Administrator membership category available?

A: This new category will be available for registration starting September 2022 when registration for the 2023 year starts.

Q: Will the Administrator membership category be able to upgrade if the individual decides to become more involved?

A: Yes, this will be an option just like any other membership category upgrade.

Q: Does the Administrator membership category fee need to be approved through the House of Delegates?

A: No, it does not. This is approved by the USA Swimming Board of Directors.

Q: Is the Administrator membership category fee subject to the \$2.00 annual increase?

A: No. This category was not part of that approval.

Q: Who is responsible for tracking all these individuals, making sure that they have registered?

A: This will be everyone’s responsibility, individuals, clubs and LSCs.

Q: Do individuals registered under this new category have to also take concussion protocol?

A: No, they do not.

Q: What is the registration fee starting January 1, 2022?

A: The registration fee will be the same as what it currently is for non-athlete “other”, within your LSC.

Q: Is this category eligible for an LSC upcharge as other categories are?

A: USA Swimming does not recommend, in fact we discourage, LSCs up charging this new membership category. However, there is no rule prohibiting this from happening.

Q: Is there any difference in the insurance provided for the new membership category?

A: No. These individuals are covered just like any other USA Swimming member.