

2024 SAAA Swimmer Registration (as of 3/5/24)

Insurance Coverage: Swimmers are not considered registered (and thus are not insured) until all of the following have occurred

1. You have received a copy of their birth certificate,
2. You have received a signed and completed SAAA Waiver Form. All required information must be included on the waiver form.
3. The SAAA Admin Secretary receives your complete updated roster. The roster must also have the correct information, including but not limited to, the first and last name of the athlete and their birthdate matching the birth certificate. Use middle initials, not middle names.

Teams must register swimmers BEFORE they can begin any training sessions. Your season may begin on Monday, April 1st, 2024. Training sessions, including practices, dryland, group meetings, etc., are not official SAAA approved events (and thus are not insured activities) if ANY of the participating swimmers are not properly registered with SAAA. Participation by even one uninsured/unregistered swimmer invalidates the insurance of all insured/registered swimmers. Registered swimmers will be insured until Friday, July 26th, 2024.

Training sessions, including practices, dryland, group meetings, etc., must be directly supervised by a currently registered SAAA coach. This means that the coach's name and all certifications (including the background check) must be current and on file with the SAAA Admin Secretary.

Eligibility: Swimmers must be at least 4 years old by June 1st. Swimmers may not participate if they are 19 for that season, or beyond the summer following their graduation from high school. This rule still applies to home schooled kids or others that graduate early.

Waiver Forms and Binders: Insurance binders will not be shown or collected prior to invitationals or Championships. It is highly suggested that all teams still have some document for contact numbers, medical issues, allergies, or any other important information that may be needed in an emergency situation. This information should be available and accessible to a variety of people. It doesn't do any good if all of this info is only on one coach's phone, and that coach goes into the pool on a rescue attempt with their phone in their pocket.

You may create your own Google Docs (or similar) version of the SAAA waiver form, but it still needs a legal signature agreeing to all of the waiver items. An electronic signature is allowed. Without that signature, the swimmer is not a valid and insured SAAA swimmer.

Birth Certificates: Teams will still collect a copy of the birth certificate for each swimmer. These will be used to double check information before submitting registrations. The copies will remain with each team until the end of the season and must be readily available should SAAA need to double check spelling, DOB, etc.

Questions are most likely to arise between late June and the start of Championships. Do not leave the birth certs with somebody that is going out of town. If there is a question about an athlete, it is possible that they may be prevented from competing until the issues are resolved.

Registration Deadline: The final day to submit swimmer registrations for the 2024 summer season will be Saturday, June 15th.

Payment:

1. Your team is responsible for paying for any submitted swimmers. SAAA will not give any refunds.
2. The cost of swimmer registration is \$25 per swimmer.
3. Your team will submit two checks (made out to SAAA) during the season.
 - a. The first check will cover all swimmers registrations and must be received by the Admin Secretary by 6pm on Monday, April 22nd. Teams that submit a check in April do not pay for additional registrations until the end of the season.
 - b. Teams that don't have swimmers in the water in April will submit their first check to the Admin Secretary by May 31st.
 - c. Payment for any remaining swimmers will be made before the end of the season along with Championship entry fees. Details will be announced later.

Athlete Transfers/ Switching Teams: A swimmer (or parent) who desires to change his/her team affiliation within the SAAA must submit a written request to the SAAA President stating a) the team they are currently registered with, b) the team they would like to switch to, and c) a brief explanation or reason for the change. If the Executive Board approves the switch, the swimmer will still be required to participate in the minimum number of required meets for their new team to be eligible for Championships. A swimmer may only change teams once during the course of a season. Swimmers may not switch teams after the registration deadline.

Registration Reminders

1. All registrations will be done electronically. Teams may use Meet Manager, Team Manager, or Team Unify for the registration process.
2. Make sure your TEAM info is correct and updated in whichever software you are using.
3. Enter swimmers using their full name (Last, First, and middle initial) AS IT APPEARS ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE. Double check their age/ birth date.
4. Remember to include a PDF of all of your athletes when sending your rosters to Allison.
5. ONLY submit swimmers that you intend to be swimming SAAA. Don't mix your current SAAA roster with your year-round, HS teams, or previous summers.
6. You will be required to pay for all submitted athletes.
7. SAAA Rule 20 states: "Swimming prior to proper validation will result in a \$50 fine per swimmer." Swimmers that compete prior to registration will be fined and any such meets will not count towards their eligibility for Championships.