

## 2025 REGISTRATION & SANCTIONING

- 1) All registrations will be submitted and paid for through the USA Swimming SWIMS 3.0 database. You will be responsible for giving your members access to your club's direct registration link, or by utilizing the bulk renewal process for renewing members (you must have opted into bulk renewal by August 25). All members who are unattached will get their link directly from the SES Office. Starting September 1, 2025, you will now be able to pay the entire club registration fee (both the USAS and SES part) via the SWIMS database by one electronic payment. No more invoices from SES for Club Registration.

There is a \$50–100 dollar fine for entering a swimmer into a meet that is not properly registered. Additionally, if they are not registered by the time the meet is over there is a \$50 fine for each event - USA Swimming Article 302.4. I have been a little lenient with some of you in the past but we must get better at this for the sake of insurance at our practices and competitions.

There are a number of ways to check your registration–

- ☐ The team athlete and non athlete roster is in new SWIMS 3.0 database
- ☐ Each family/member will have a dashboard in the new SWIMS 3.0 database where they can check their status with USA Swimming and if they are in good standing.
- Athletes upon reaching their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday must have completed the Athlete Protection Training in order to be in good standing. There is NO LONGER a 30 day grace period after turning 18. Any athlete who needs to take the APT Training will have to set up their own Ping Account with the SWIMS 3.0 database (no fee for Ping Account creation). The athlete will still be visible under the parent's/guardian's Ping account even after they create their own to take the APT.

- 2) Host meet directors- All swim meet sanctioning and reporting will be the same as in 2024-2025. Please make sure you get the meet registration file to me the weekend before your meet. After the meet is completed, you can just send the results file. This will help get all our meet results into SWIMS in a timely manner. There is a webpage devoted to meet management on the web page for reference.

There is a new requirement for all meet invitations. You must include a line (preferably under the Safety Portion of the invitation) stating what, if any, medical services will be provided at sanctioned and approved meets. Meets will not be given sanction or approval numbers without this language.

Additionally, all Covid-19 language can now be removed from your meet invitations.

- ☐ Host Meet Directors–only registered coaches allowed on deck.
- ☐ Host Meet Directors need to be registered with USA Swimming.
- ☐ Remember what you bid for entry expenses is what you MUST use unless the change is approved by the GC.
- ☐ ANY variation from your accepted meet bid must be approved by the General Chair and a bid by rules set out in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- ☐ Please have your meet information to me 4 weeks prior to your meet
- ☐ Please run a exceptions report before sending the SD3 file to the Registration Chair
- Do NOT allow any deck entries into your meet without first checking the athlete's eligibility. This can now be done via the USA Swimming SWIMS 3.0 app (same place as you would see coaches and officials certification).

- 3) TRANSFERS – Paper transfer forms are no longer required. All transfer fees are now \$15.00 regardless of whether they come from inside or outside the LSC. I will e-mail you invoices for transfers once they are approved by the receiving club. Transfer fees ARE NOT paid directly to USA Swimming but must be paid to Southeastern Swimming via ACH or check. Parents will initiate transfer request from their dashboard in the USA Swimming SWIMS 3.0 database

- 4) USA Swimming - No individual registration fees (athlete or non-athlete) are changing from 2024-25. Team Renewal Fees have increased from \$170.00 to \$330.00 (225 to USAS/105 to SES)

a) FLEX – \$30 FOR THE YEAR, TWO MEETS ONLY. If they have swum two meets, they must be UPGRADED to PREMIUM membership. THIS MUST BE DONE before the meet starts. Flex is only available to swimmers ages 12 and younger.

b) Junior Coaches Membership for coaches age 16 and 17. There is only a \$12.00 charge if they are already a registered Premium Athlete. Junior Coaches do not need to complete Background Checks, but must obtain all

other certifications required of any coach.

c) The Administrator registration will be \$30.00. Generally speaking, this category is usually for Board Members or Club employees who do not have direct interaction with the athletes, control over finances, control over the website, or are not serving as the team's meet director. If you have a question on whether a non athlete member should register as Other or Administrator, please reach out to me at the SES Office.

d) Reminder that each team may select which registration types are offered to members of their team. You may set these up in your SWIMS 3.0 database under Registration→Manage Offerings

5) Your background check, Athlete protection and all your education courses are automatically updated in the database. NO need to send them to me. All completed courses should be updated within two days of completion. Certifications for CPR, Concussion Protocol, and Safety Training for Swim Coaches should still be sent to me via e-mail to be uploaded.

6) LCM Meet Schedule

Bid packages will be sent to host the Summer Championships via e-mail September 8, 2025 and will be due no later than September 20, 2025

- Bid Packages will be posted and voted on for approval via online vote from September 21-27, 2025
- After Summer Championships have been approved, we will solicit bids for regular meets to be hosted from April 1, 2026-August 31, 2026 via online form. All Meet bids will be due by October 15, 2025.