

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
November 27, 2022
Executive Director Report

2023 Registrations as of 11/26/22

Athletes: 3414

Flex: 539 (23 have upgraded)

Outreach: 18

Individual Season: 150 (23 have upgraded)

Total: 4121

Non-Athletes: 339

Administrators: 21

Clubs: 12

We welcome CAST (Abingdon) and LASO (Marion) back this year.

SWIMS 3.0: The functionality of the new system has improved. There were many duplicate accounts created for athletes which increased the time required for various tasks that Emily and I perform. This past Wednesday a functionality was released that will allow us to merge those accounts ourselves which once completed will decrease the time required for those tasks.

A few updates:

- Meet Manager does not require the use of IDs for the athletes but will accept the new ID as well as the old format.
- SafeSport Recognition, Club Recognition, and Swim-a-thon are now available through the club portal.
- **Reminder:** In order for anyone, athlete or non-athlete, to complete any APT, including those for SSRP, he must create a USA Swimming account. 18 year-old athletes who is already linked to his parent's account must create his own account with USA Swimming.
- If you have not done so already, now is the time to renew your membership for 2023. Completing required courses has improved over the last few weeks. Remember to access these courses by logging into your account and going to Education → Course Catalog. Once on that page select All Courses to access the appropriate courses. (The Safe Sport pill shows additional courses that are available, **not** the required courses for membership.)
- Remember, 2022 registrations expire on December 31. I have sent out the registration link to unattached athletes and non-athletes who were registered in 2022.
- **If you have any problems with creating your new login and matching it to your account, contact Emily or me first. Don't email USA-Swimming at this point. We should be able to provide the help you need in a more timely fashion.**

Earlier this month clubs were sent a reminder about renewing the club membership NLT December 1st to avoid the additional fee of \$50 for renewing after that date. I will send a reminder tomorrow to those teams who have not renewed.

Additional Membership Requirement for Coaches: Every coach must complete the Quality Coaching Framework (QCF) course prior to 12/31/22. Anyone who registered as a coaches for the

first time in 2022 and who did not complete Foundations 101 and 201 prior to September 1 must complete Welcome to USA Swimming as well as QCF by 12/31/22.

2023 Swimposium: We will receive support from USA Swimming for our 2023 Swimposium. Emily and I have a call with HQ staff members scheduled for tomorrow to discuss options. Currently we are looking at the hosting it the second or third weekend in September.

Outreach: An athlete on one of our college teams was previously registered as Outreach in her home LSC. After explaining the guidelines we use to identify athletes for Outreach membership, her coach obtained information from the family that indicated that the athlete also meets our qualifications and therefore we accepted her application for Outreach membership. This college team does not cover the USA-S registration fees for their athletes so this request was solely to allow the athlete to register at the lower fee. The college team will not seek any reimbursement for meet entry fees. Because this is the first time that such a request has been made, I wanted to make you aware of the request.

High School Season: Earlier this month I sent an email to individuals who hosted meets last year and provided information about the changes to SWIMS. I stressed the importance of requiring the legal first and last names of the athletes as well as their birthdate. Additionally, I emailed all VSI coaches stressing the importance of having their athletes provide accurate information to their high school coaches. To date I have received requests for 4 invitationals and 1 championship meet.