

Virginia Swimming, Inc.
BoD Meeting
April 16, 2022
Executive Director Report

2022 Registrations (4/10/22)	2021	2020
Athletes: 6290 (inc 412 upgrades)	5725 (284)	6172 (182)
Flex: 945	751	777
Outreach: 71	87	65
Seasonal: 2	2	0
Total: 7308	6565	7014
Non-Athletes: 1057 (inc. Life)	932	972
Clubs: 43	40	46

Numbers are looking good – we are approximately 200 ahead of where we were at this time in 2019, our largest year ever! All of these numbers are as of April 10th of the given year. As you can see, Flex continues to be a good option for our athletes.

A new team, Franklin County YMCA, joined our ranks in March and another one in the Wytheville area is beginning to work on the requirements. Both teams are located in the SW District.

Background Check Change: In January, registrars were informed that USA Swimming membership is now required for individuals to initiate a background check. This change went into effect on January 10th. This is a major change to the process that has been in place since BG checks were originally required. Prior to now, individuals could initiate a check before submitting a registration form. As is true for any membership or safety requirements, please have anyone who is experiencing problems contact Emily or me for assistance.

Athlete Protection Training: All APT courses (Core, Refreshers 1, 2, and 3) will be inaccessible on April 20th due to course updates from the U.S. Center for SafeSport. If you have started one of the courses but not completed it prior to April 18th, all steps that you have completed will be lost! Be certain to complete all steps in the process prior to that date! All courses will open again on April 21st.

High School Meets: We had a successful high school season this year! In the December through February time frame, 33 meets were observed across our LSC and times from those meets were loaded into SWIMS. Remember - if a time that was achieved in a VSI facility is not available in SWIMS, please contact me so that I can investigate and hopefully load the time. With changes that will be coming with SWIMS for next year, it is imperative that club coaches work with the high school coach to ensure that the correct name and birthdate for registered athletes is used for meet entries. More information about this will be coming in the future.

Athlete Scholarships: This year's scholarship recipients were announced just prior to Friday night finals at Senior Champs. More than 30 athletes submitted applications with Andrea Leng (HOKI)

and Teddy Cross (CA-Y) selected as this year's recipients. Teddy plans to attend Loyola University and Andrea will attend Washington University (St. Louis).

USA Swimming Workshop: This event will be held April 21 – 24 in Denver. Content will be included for General Chairs, Registrars, Times Officers, DEI Chairs, Coaches and Athletes. John Stanley, Drew Hirth, Scott Baldwin, Morgan Cordle, Jihan Minson, Allison Dodd, Emily Fagan and I will be attending. The updated education requirements for coaches and well as training for Online Member Registration are topics will be covered during the workshop due to significant changes in each of those areas.

Online Member Registration (OMR): Beginning with the 2023 registration year athletes, non-athletes, and clubs will register for directly through the USA Swimming website. The family or individual will begin the process on the club's website and then be transferred to the USA Swimming website to enter registration information. Once the information is entered, they will be transferred back to the club website to finalize any additional club membership requirements as well as pay the club registration fees. Except for payment of club dues, the flow of money will be the same as in the past – we will invoice clubs for their registrations and Virginia Swimming will pay USA Swimming. Clubs will pay their portion of the registration fee directly to USA Swimming during the renewal process, but we will invoice the club for the LSC portion of the registration fee. The team management vendors (Team Unify and Active) are working with USA Swimming to make the adjustments necessary for this new process. This will be a very different process for our membership so Emily and I plan to provide multiple training opportunities for our club registrars. We plan to visit different areas of the state to work face-to-face with club registrars during the week of Summer Awards (July 5-10) and the week following Age Group Champs (July 25-30). In addition, we will schedule additional workshops during the week of August 8 – 12 as needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the new registration process. Much more information should be available soon.

New Membership Category: As you are aware, the US Center for Safe Sport now requires all club employees and Board of Directors to be registered members of USA Swimming. Legislation was passed by the USA Swimming Board of Directors to create an additional, lower cost membership category for these individuals. This Administrator category is for those club employees and Board of Directors members who were not required to be members in the past for who do not serve in another capacity. Individuals for whom membership was required prior to 2021 such as Meet Directors or Officials are not eligible for this lower cost membership. Again, please contact me if you have any questions about who can register in the Administrator category.

2022-2023 Registration Fees:

Premium Athlete:	\$85
Flex Athlete:	\$20
Athlete Upgrade:	\$65
Individual:	\$75
Administrator (new):	\$40
Club on or before 12/1:	\$100
Club after 12/1:	\$150