

Registration Report
Virginia Swimming, Inc.
October 1, 2017

2017 Membership Statistics:

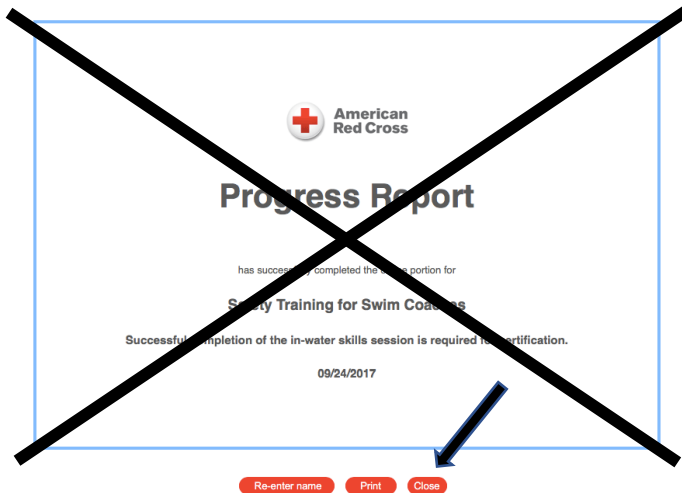
	Actual Transactions	Current Membership
Year-round Athletes:	6751	6703
Seasonal:	198	198
Non-athletes:	977	1001
Clubs:	49	48

2018 Registrations as of 9/28/17:

Year-round Athletes:	3743
Non-athletes:	79
Clubs:	14

Safe Sport: APT has moved to a new platform called USA Swimming LEARN but there have been a few glitches. Be certain to complete the one question survey at the end of each course. If you have any problems or your record is not updated within 48 hours of completing the course, let me know.

Safety Training for Swim Coaches:



Progress Reports are no longer acceptable proof of completion of the online course. When you complete the course and view the Progress Report, print the report or take a screen shot of it. Then click Close. This will generate an email to you with a link to the course. Once you have opened that link and logged in, you will be able to view the course certificate. You can then forward the email with the link to me.

I am aware that there have been many issues with accessing the course and have been in contact with the Red Cross about them. It

seems that Chrome is the browser that works best for the course but some have been successful with Firefox. Do NOT use Safari or your cell phone to complete the course! Please keep me informed of any problems that you are having accessing the course.

EZ Spring Age Group Champs: In the fall, the EZ approved changing the spring meet from an All Star format to one where qualifying times are used for meet entry. At the EZ meeting at the first of May, the EZ approved changing to meet from an LSC entered meet to a team entered meet. This means that the LSC no longer selects the team and a team can choose to attend the meet with any of its athletes who qualify. These changes will be in effect for the 2018 spring meet which will be held in Webster, NY, March 29-31. Qualifying times have been posted on the Eastern Zone website. We are currently working on the meet announcement which will be published as soon as it is finalized

Sending Documents for Certification or Registration: Almost every form that needs to be completed can be completed online if it is saved to the computer hard drive. Then fill in the necessary field and save it again. If completing a form by hand, be certain to use pen and write legibly, especially birthdates and email addresses. Please attach documents to the email instead of embedding them in the body of the email. I keep paper copies of all registration forms and transfer forms. Because pictures taken with a cell phone do not print well, please do not send pictures of registration or transfer forms. However, I will accept cell phone pictures of certification updates.

Convention Legislation Updates:

- **Jr Coach Membership Category:** This will allow teams to have 16 or 17 year-olds serve in a coaching capacity while under the direct supervision of a fully certified coach. The individual must meet all membership requirements except the BG check. Once the individual turns 18, s/he must pass the BG check. It is strongly recommended that teams still conduct pre-employment screening for the Jr Coaches (ex. Contact school officials, etc). This is expected to become effective at the beginning of the 2019 swim season.
- **Dates for Summer Sectional Meets:** A proposal submitted by the Eastern Zone to allow summer sectional meets to be held at any time prior to eight days before the US Open or Juniors was approved. This removed the 'front end' of the window and means that sectional meets can be held as early in the summer as desired by the Zone. Hopefully the summer EZ LC Super Sectionals that was so well attended in the past will again be viable.
- **Flex Membership:** A new category of membership, Flex, was also approved. LSCs will have the option to offer or not offer this type of membership. The fee for this category will be \$20 with the portion retained by the LSC to be \$10. This category will allow athletes to participate in two meets during the season below the championship level. The implementation date for this category is expected to be the beginning of the 2019 season.
- **Changes to USA Swimming Board Structure:** Major changes to the composition of the Board of Directors were approved. See <https://www.usaswimming.org/news-landing-page/2017/09/16/usa-swimming-modernizes-board-structure-adds-two-member-categories-passes-disaster-relief-resolutions> for a full report or ask me about it.