

**Virginia Swimming Inc.
Registration Report
April 28, 2013**

Year to Date Registrations (as of 4/24/13):

<u>Athlete</u>		<u>Non-Athlete</u>		<u>Clubs</u>	51
Athlete	6435	Individual	602		
Seasonal	84	Family	49		
Total:	6519	Life	9		
		Total:	709		

Coach Membership Requirements:

1. Red Cross Certification Changes:

- a. After September 1, 2013, First Aid will no longer be required for coach membership. However, it will be required until that point so an update must be submitted to me for any FA certification that expires prior to that date in order to maintain coach status.
- b. Also on September 1, Safety Training for Swim Coaches will change to a two year certification for new or updated courses. The online test for STSC will still be available **BUT** I will no longer receive an automatic notification of the test. Once again you will need to send me a copy of the email stating that you have passed the test. Remember - the in-water portion of STSC must be completed within 30 days of passing the online test. See the attached page for information that was mailed to all facilities that sponsor the ARC Learn to Swim Program.

2. Foundations of Coaching:

- a. An individual registering as a coach for the first time must now complete the online Foundations of Coaching 101 test prior to becoming a Coach Member.
- b. Any individual who registered as a coach for the first time after Feb. 4, 2013 must complete the online tests for Foundations of Coaching 201 **and** Rules and Regulations Prior to registering as a coach for the second year.
- c. Unless the original Foundations of Coaching test was completed previously, an individual who registered as a coach for the first time prior to Feb. 4, 2013 must complete the online tests for Foundations 101, and 201, as well as Rules and Regulations prior to registering as a coach for a second year. (The original Foundations of Coaching test will no longer be available after 9/1/13.)

3. Before registering for any course, please check the list of courses currently accepted for certification which can be found at <http://www.usaswimming.org/coachmember> .

Transfer Information: The following information was included in the USA Swimming LSC Registrar Newsletter:

- **Tips For Helping Coaches And Parents To Manage The Process of the 120-Day Waiting Period (Rule 203.3) in Instances of Permanent Family Relocation**
 - A swimmer may unattach from a club at any time, may enter any meet as unattached, or change to unattached at any time during a meet.
 - As soon as you are aware of a pending relocation, consider changing the swimmer to unattached status to initiate the 120-day waiting period by submitting a completed a transfer form to your current LSC.

- When using meet management software to enter the swimmer in a meet, be aware of the acceptable unattached codes in your meet software so that the athlete is properly entered into the meet as UN. (The only official designation for unattached is UN.)
- **Colleges & The 120 Day Rule**
 - Under NCAA rules, a swimmer's last day of the "season" is defined as his/her last day of the academic year (note: **not** swimming season). Each college's NCAA compliance officer **MAY** interpret this rule differently. To be sure that you are not violating the swimmer's college rules, ask the swimmer to contact his/her NCAA officer for permission to attach to his/her club. Reminder: College swimmers do not have to wait 120 days to attach to a club IF they have represented **ONLY** their school team.
 - Once the athlete represents a USA registered team (even if it is the team affiliated with the school), the 120 Day Rule goes into effect.

Background Checks: Criminal BG checks that were completed in 2011 are starting to expire. To renew the check, go to [USA Swimming BG Check](#) and **select Option 2**. Please note - if a BG check renewal is not initiated within 30 days of expiration of the previous check, the cost will be \$39. The normal cost for a renewal is \$19. Remember, a current BG check is a membership requirement - if the check is not current, your membership is no longer valid and you may not serve in a coaching or other non-athlete capacity.

Proposal to accept credit card payments for certain services:

- Use PayPal as our credit card service provider because the overall fees are lower and many people are familiar with using it.
- Initially only accept credit card payments for non-athlete registrations, Zone Team payments, Swimposium, Banquet, and Clinic (and the like)
- Have a two tiered payment scale for non-athletes -
 - Pay by check: regular fee
 - Pay by credit card: regular fee plus amount to cover transaction fee
- Increase the fees to cover the cost of using PayPal for all other items for which credit card payments are accepted

Action Item: Approve use of PayPal as a service provider to accept credit card payments for services identified above.

Future Board of Directors Meetings for HoD Weekends: In order to better plan for Board meetings, it would be most helpful if times were standardized for the Board meetings held on the weekends of the spring and fall HoD meetings. I do not believe they need to be the same in the fall and the spring as our schedules for those weekends are very different. These do not need to be written in stone and can be modified if the schedules for the two weekends indicate that a change is needed.

Action Item: Set dates and times for Board meetings for Fall and Spring Board meetings prior to HoD meetings.



American Red Cross



As a provider of the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program, you are eligible to offer the Safety Training for Swim Coaches course. This course helps to meet the safety education requirement for USA Swimming's 15,700 coach members. With the spring competitive swim season fast approaching, there are many new coaches who are seeking this training as well as current coaches who need recertification over the next few months.

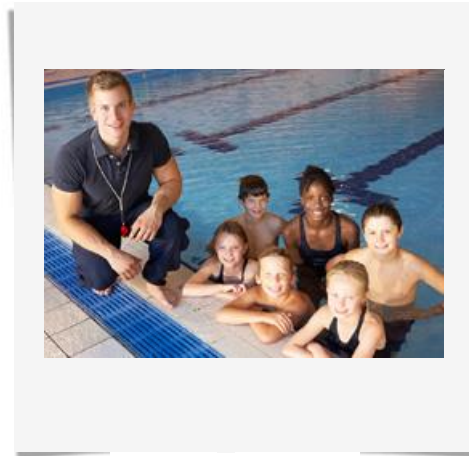
Please be sure to include Safety Training for Swim Coaches in your course schedule this month (and every month) to help your community's coaches meet this requirement.

All of your Water Safety, Lifeguarding and Safety Training for Swim Coaches Instructors are eligible to teach this course. Please visit the "Swim Coaches" page of instructorscorner.org to find the information you need to offer our Safety Training for Swim Coaches course.

Thank you for helping to create a safer environment for swimmers of all abilities!

Best regards,

Your American Red Cross Aquatics Team



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