

Parents,

USA Swimming's registration calendar is set up to start a competition year on SEPTEMBER 1. That means that anyone who pays to register their swimmer with USA Swimming this month is only going to get a 2023 membership that expires on December 31.

You need to WAIT until after September 1 to join for 2024. At that time, your membership will cover from Sept 2023 - December 31, 2024.

Also, ALL of our swimmers (except Novice) need to have Premium memberships. Only Novice swimmers can select a Flex membership. I will send this information out AFTER we begin practice.

For those of you who have purchased USA Swimming memberships, Virginia Swimming has sent a request to USA Swimming for refunds. Please do NOT register your swimmer (or yourself) with USA Swimming at this time.

I mentioned this both at registration:

- *USA Swimming registration is also required and you will be sent instructions that outline how to renew your current membership or purchase your swimmer's new membership **after September 1**. Memberships for 2024 are not available until September 1.*

And in the email I recently sent to all of you:

- *All TIDE swimmers are required to be members of USA Swimming.*
- *RETURNING swim team swimmers should already be members of USA Swimming for 2023. This membership is valid through December 31, 2023. USA Swimming will have an easy one-button renewal in your swimmer's account for you to renew your membership and pay for 2024. THIS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER.*
- *NEW swimmers who are not currently registered with USA Swimming will be sent a registration link after the first week of practice. You will be required to set up a login (account) with USA Swimming and then you will register your swimmer for 2024 through our unique registration link.*
- *Specific information about USA Swimming registration will be sent out in September. 2024 registration is NOT OPEN right now. You cannot register your swimmer for 2024 until after September 1.*

I am not able to see the status of any refund USA Swimming might agree to do. Please DO NOT register or renew your USA Swimming registration until after we begin practice - despite what your Team Unify account might be prompting you to do.

Jennie