

July 11th Governance Committee:

Kaitlin Diver, Sammy DeClerq, Mary Ellen Tynan and Tracy Haling were in attendance.

The Committee worked on the final wording for the Outreach Membership policy proposal and Outreach members meet reimbursements. Both will be presented at the upcoming WYSI board meeting, but as separate proposals.

Outreach Membership:

The Outreach Membership is a reduced membership fee offered to athletes who meet the criteria designated by WYSI. The fee amount is governed by USA Swimming and WYSI. The Outreach membership fee replaces the USA Swimming and Wyoming Swimming membership fees and is paid annually at athlete registration. This athlete membership is for the calendar year; however, swimmer registration applications submitted on or after September 1st will be valid through December 31st of the following year. The current Outreach Membership is \$7 per athlete. Of this \$7, \$5 goes to USA Swimming and \$2 goes to WYSI.

Qualifying Criteria:

To qualify for Outreach Membership, the athlete or athlete's family, must meet the eligibility requirements for ONE of the following programs:

LIEAP: Low Income Energy Assistance Program

Medicaid Kids Care CHIP

Free and Reduced federal lunch program

Foster care program

Or special circumstances (approved on a case by case basis by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee).

To enroll: An athlete or athlete's family must provide documentation of qualifying for one of the above listed programs to the adult club designee, who is registered with USA Swimming and in good standing. No qualifying documentation may be kept by the club. Athletes must re-enroll each year. The board reserves the right to verify Outreach membership status.

Outreach member **non-championship** meet fee reimbursement:

Outreach members are eligible for reimbursement for meet fees of 2 non-championship meets in short course season and 2 non-championship meets in long course season.

Reimbursement requirements:

1. Meet fee reimbursement is available only for meets hosted by a WYSI team.
2. Athletes must be in good standing to receive reimbursements.
3. Reimbursements will be available until funding has been dispersed.
4. Application for reimbursement are due within 30 days of the meet completion.
5. Reimbursements are not for relay-only swims or time trials.
6. Applications for reimbursement shall include a copy of the athlete's qualifying documents for Outreach Membership.
7. Applications for reimbursement will be approved by the LSC registrar.
8. Reimbursement is only available for events in which the Outreach members competed.

Outreach member **championship** meet fees:

Outreach members are eligible for a WYSI state championship meet fee of \$10, providing all requirements have been met for meet qualifications. Payment shall be included in the team meet fee registration check.