

## Registration Report Fall 2013

1. **Seasonal Membership:** I have received a request to add a seasonal membership in the fall to accommodate high school athletes. A county in the Richmond area club swimming in its high schools. This means that Each High School that so desires, can form a club, incorporate, hire a coach, and rent lane space. A number of surrounding counties and private schools in the area have agreed to include some of these clubs at their meets this season. One of the local swim teams has asked if seasonal membership would be a possibility for the athletes who interested. USA Swimming allows one or two seasonal memberships of not more than 150 days per period. Currently, we offer one seasonal membership period: March 15 - August 8 (which is not 150 days). If we add a fall seasonal membership and choose to all the entire 150 days, here are a couple of options:

Option 1: Sept. 1 - Jan. 27

Option 2: Sept. 15 - Feb. 11

Option 3: Oct. 1 - Feb. 26

At this point I have not checked with USA Swimming to determine if this could be instituted immediately or if it needs to wait until 2015. I will do that tomorrow and have that information for you at the meeting.

**Action Item:** Decide if Virginia Swimming should offer an additional seasonal membership period in the fall to accommodate high school swimmers.

2. **Tracking Apprentice Officials:** In response to requests for tracking apprentice officials and concerns about non-members being on deck while training, SWIMS will now have a new category: Non-Member. Beginning around the first of January, apprentice officials will be required to complete an abbreviated registration form that will be entered into SWIMS. This non-member status will be valid for 60 days during which time the individual can train and decide if s/he wants to continue as an official before having to spend the money for non-athlete registration and background check. Before the end of the 60 days, the individual must complete the BG check, Athlete Protection Training and submit a non-athlete application and payment. More information will be coming out on this as the enhancements to SWIMS are completed.
3. **Athlete Protection Training:** The updated version of the APT is available and must be completed by Dec. 31 by all non-athlete members who were took the training in the fall of 2011. This is a requirement for 2014 membership so I am holding 2014 cards until the individual has updated his/her APT. Remember APT must now be renewed every year.

4. **Athlete Membership Cards Mailed by USA Swimming:** The first batch of 2014 athlete cards should be mailed around the first of November with mailings occurring at two week intervals following that.
5. **Deck Pass Update:** The newest Deck Pass update allows any member to see his/her membership card. This feature is available on the mobile app as well as the computer. Athletes can use this in place of their membership card for proof of membership.
6. **Club Portal Update:** There have been several updates to the reports available in the Club Portal. A flyer is attached that shows these. An important upgrade to the athlete roster: unattached athletes are now included along with the date that they can attach to the team!!