

Registration Report 1/30/13

2013 REGISTRATIONS TO DATE: (change from this date in 2012)

Athletes:	6088	(+603)
Individuals:	657	(-1)
Families:	46	(-11)
Clubs:	46	(0)

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES:

- **Change to Approved Courses:** Effective 1/14/13 all courses from the American Lifeguard Association have been removed from the approved list and are no longer acceptable for certification. Since some coaches may have been in the process of taking the course when the change was made, cards or courses that are dated 1/19/13 or earlier will be accepted. However, I cannot accept them if the card/course is dated after the 19th.
 - **Foundations of Coaching Format Change Effective Feb. 4, 2013:**
 - Former or existing coaches who are renewing for 2013 as 2nd year coach members must complete the “old” Foundations of Coaching DVD based test.
 - The format of the new Foundations of Coaching course/test is much like that of the Athlete Protection requirement in that it is an online presentation of material followed by the test. Also, the individual must be registered with USA Swimming prior to accessing the test.
 - New coaches registered between September 1, 2012 and February 3, 2013 are not required to complete the education requirement until they register for the 2nd year because the new Foundations of Coaching 101 test will not be available for them to complete prior to registering. They will have two options to complete the requirement:
 1. New Course Option:
 - a. Any time after February 4, 2013, complete the new Foundations of Coaching 101 course
 - b. Prior to 2nd year of registration, complete the Foundations of Coaching 201 course and the Foundations of Coaching Rules and Regulations test
 2. Old Course Option
 - a. Prior to 2nd year of registration complete the “old” Foundations of Coaching DVD based test.
- If an individual registered as a coach registered for the first time during this time period and has already taken the “old” Foundations of Coaching DVD based test, their record will show the requirement has been met and nothing more needs to be done..
- New coaches who register on or after February 4, 2013, must
 1. Take the Foundations of Coaching 101 test **prior to** being certified as a coach. The individual needs to be registered with USA Swimming prior to taking the test.
 2. Complete the Foundations of Coaching 201 and Foundations of Coaching – Rules and Regulations prior to registering as a **2nd year** coach.

BACKGROUND CHECK RENEWALS FOR ALL NON-ATHLETE MEMBERS: The BG check renewal process has gone fairly well and the turn-around time is very short. If you hear of someone who has renewed his check but has not received his 2013 card from me, please have him contact me immediately.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: One of the members has retired from Virginia Swimming and the athlete member is now in college and is no longer registered. According to the Bylaws, both of these individuals must be replaced which may be handled by the General Chair appointing successors with the approval of the Board.

I have already contacted current members of the committee to begin the process of identifying candidates for the elected offices as well as committee appointments. At this point we know that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer will need to be filled. Those currently in elected positions will be contacted to ascertain their interest in continuing in their respective capacity.

Action Item: Appoint and approve one athlete and one non-athlete to the Nominating Committee

2013 SECTIONAL MEET: The meet announcement and set-up file have been posted. Because the Region 1 (North) SCS meet will be long course and the Region 2 (South) SCS meet will be short course, the Zone elected to open the meets to all registered athletes in the Eastern Zone. Consequently, our meet is expected to have around 800 swimmers. Additional info:

- Meet Referee, Admin. Referee, and Evaluators have been assigned
- Kast-A-Way Swimwear has been assigned as the preferred Speedo vendor
- Credentials, medals, and awards have been ordered and I am currently working on the goody bag items for the athletes as well as tokens of appreciation for officials
- A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn in Christiansburg
- Contract has been signed with facility