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## Greetings from the Chair // Angela Monty

Welcome to summer 2023! In the last nine months, we have participated in an incredible transition from our old SWIMS to the new SWIMS database and OMR. There have been some features that have worked well and other components that have not. As we continue to be committed to the success of our athletes and LSCs, we must stay the course with this transition. Please continue to stay involved with this process as we prepare to complete the 2023 registration year and look ahead to opening 2024.

Take the time to read the information as it is sent, participate in the meetings when they happen and communicate the changes. Your role is an important resource and continues to build the foundation of success for athletes and members in your LSC.

As always, if you have questions, feedback or ideas, continue to forward those to us at the Registration/Membership Committee. We will continue to prioritize and provide feedback to USA Swimming staff. Have a terrific summer and best wishes to your LSCs as they compete in LCM championship season.

All the Best,  
Angela

### **Help and Support Are Available**

Each Zone has a USA Swimming Registration Chair who can assist in the training of and dissemination of information to the LSC Registration / Membership Chairs. It is important to know who your Zone Chair is as they will help guide, support and share information with you.

### **2022-23 USA Swimming Zone Registration Chairs**

Eastern: Mary Turner (VA), [myturner525@gmail.com](mailto:myturner525@gmail.com)

Central: Erin Schwab (OH), [office@swimohio.com](mailto:office@swimohio.com)

Southern: Vanessa Brewer (FL), [vanessa.brewer@floridaswimming.org](mailto:vanessa.brewer@floridaswimming.org)

Western: Laurie Benton (PC), [laurie@pacswim.org](mailto:laurie@pacswim.org)

A complete list of LSC Registration Chairs can be found [here](#). Updates to this page can be sent to [estimson@usaswimming.org](mailto:estimson@usaswimming.org). A USA Swimming staff resource list can be found [here](#).

Most USA Swimming committee meetings are open to the public to attend. If you are interested in attending a specific committee meeting, visit USA Swimming's Events [page](#).

## 2023-24 USA Swimming Membership Fees

Below is a list of membership types and the associated fees:

<b>Membership Role</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Life	\$1,000
Full Price - athlete, coach (provisional and junior), official and other	\$70
Non-Athlete Administrator	\$30
Outreach	\$5
Flex	\$30
Seasonal - individual, one or two	\$40
Year-Round Club and Organizational	\$70

Seasonal Club	\$40
Single Meet - unattached open water	\$10

## California Athlete Protection Act

Olympians Natalie Coughlin and Summer Sanders express significant concerns over a bill proposed in the California state legislature that will undermine collegiate sports and potentially lead to the elimination of swimming scholarships and programs. The California Athlete Protection Act (AB 252) redirects revenue to athletes in high revenue-generating sports like football and basketball, without offering a plan to replace those funds that currently support Olympic collegiate sports. Natalie and Summer argue that the bill forces schools to cut Olympic sports programs and that it will have a devastating and disproportionate impact on women's sports. Read more [here](#).

## Quality Coaching Framework

**Existing coaches must complete the Quality Coaching Framework course by September 1, 2024.** An existing coach is defined as having completed both FOC 101 and 201, or has been previously grandfathered in which nullified this requirement.

New coaches must take Welcome to USA Swimming and the Quality Coaching Framework courses prior to getting on deck to coach. The Core Certification, which is a series of courses, must be taken during the first year as a coach member.

Learn more about coaching requirements by viewing the coach certification flow chart [here](#). The Rules and Regulations exam is still a one-time requirement, taken prior to the second year of registration.

## Provisional Coach Membership

Starting in the 2023-24 membership year, USA Swimming is offering a provisional coach membership (PCM). Here are the highlights for Registration Chairs:

- The USA Swimming membership fee is the same as other non-athlete coach memberships.
- Junior coach members are not eligible and will not change with the PCM updates.
- PCM members must be in one-to-one supervision at all times by a current non-athlete coach member in good standing.
- SWIMS will be programmed to accurately track the requirements during the three (3) years.
- Additional information, including specific details, will be covered in the July webinar.

## Bulk Renewal for Existing Members

USA Swimming announced enhancements to the OMR process with the addition of bulk renewals. Bulk renewal will offer coaches and team leaders the opportunity to renew multiple members in a single transaction. USA Swimming is committed to soliciting and integrating member feedback as part of a continual effort to improve the software we use, and the addition of bulk renewals comes as a direct response to coach and team leader feedback. It is one of the numerous enhancements that will be offered as part of the 2023-24 OMR process.

The ability for team leaders to opt-in to bulk renewal is completely optional. If team leaders do not opt-in,

their clubs will automatically be opted-out, and members will self-renew through their individual SWIMS accounts.

Please note:

- The opt-in period for bulk renewal will be made available mid-August.
- USA Swimming will notify and post further information, including visuals on how to opt-in to bulk renewal, before the opt-in period.

A table listing top benefits of self-renewal vs. bulk renewal, previous email communication and FAQ can be found on the website [here](#).

## USA Swimming University

Guided directly by coach feedback, USA Swimming has updated its education catalog. This includes the USA Swimming University, a single location to access all educational resources.

Key updates include:

- More efficient user experience.
- Updated look and feel.
- Ability to browse course offerings without logging in.
- New and improved course offerings.

Check it out [here](#).

## Foreign Forms

For quick reference, please keep the following forms on hand:

- [Foreign Invitation to Athletes and Teams](#)
- [Notification of USA Swimming Membership](#)
- [Release USA Swimming Member to Join Foreign Federation](#)
- [Foreign Travel Permit](#)

## Miscellaneous Items

Read through the below items:

- The [resource list](#) has been updated. This helps direct who you should contact at USA Swimming for various things.
- Enhancements to SWIMS:
  - If there are enhancements you think would benefit members and/or SWIMS users, please send to Angela Monty ([admin@wisconsinswimming.org](mailto:admin@wisconsinswimming.org)).



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