WISCONSIN SWIMMING, INC.

Title: Wisconsin Swimming-USA Swimming Registration Policy Number: 10

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April 26, 2005 Scope, 10.4.3, 10.5.2

Scope: This policy provides direction to LSC members relating to all matters regarding USA Swimming registration.

10.1 Registration of Swimmers in Meets

- 10.1.1 All competitors in sanctioned events must be registered athlete members of USA Swimming and Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.
- 10.1.2 Swimmers must meet representation rules contained in Article 303 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. In particular: "For a swimmer to represent a USA Swimming Club in a competitive event, one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days must have elapsed without the swimmer having represented any other USA Swimming Club in USA Swimming competition."
- 10.1.3 Swimmers must meet eligibility rules contained in Article 304 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- 10.1.4 Swimmers must retain their registration cards and present them when requested by the Meet Director or Meet Referee or their designated representatives at sanctioned swim Meets.

10.2 Individual Registrations

10.2.1 An individual registration shall be processed through the LSC Registration Coordinator. The address of the Registration Coordinator may be obtained from the General Chairman. Club registration shall be processed also through the LSC Registration Coordinator.

10.3 Athlete Registration and Effective Date

10.3.1 Registration of LSC athletes shall be conducted by the LSC Registration Coordinator. Registration is effective upon receipt of the completed application form with applicable fee and acceptance by the LSC Registration Coordinator or, for deck registration, by the Meet Director. Applications and transfer information may be obtained from the LSC Registration Coordinator.

10.4 Registration Fees

10.4.1. LSC registration fees are set by Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. and include membership in both USA Swimming and Wisconsin Swimming and for USA Swimming accident and liability

insurance coverage. A check for the registration fee must be made payable to "Wisconsin Swimming."

10.4.2 The annual registration fees, beginning with the 2006 registration year, are:

A. Athlete, Age Eight (8) Years and Younger:	\$38
B. Athlete, Age Nine (9) Years and Older	\$46
C. Non-Athlete	\$46
D. Family, Non-Athlete Member Members	\$82.50
E. Seasonal Athlete, All Ages	\$27
F. Surcharge for submittal of Non-Electronic application	\$5

Note: The USA Swimming registration fees will increase by one dollar (\$1.00) through registration year 2014, so the LSC registration fee also will increase accordingly. Four dollars (\$4) of each of these registration fees remains in the Wisconsin Swimming operating fund.

10.4.3 Explanation of registration fees:

- A. Registration Year: January through December; however, a member may pay his/her dues any time after September 1st for the following registration year. A first time member, who pays after September first, obtains registration through the following registration year, i.e., up to sixteen (16) months.
- B. Athlete's Age: The age of the athlete on the date that the LSC Registration Coordinator receives the registration application is the athlete's age for registration fee purposes. The LSC does not issue a refund to a Club when the Club fails to discount the registration fee for an 8 and Under swimmer. NOTE: The athlete's age as of the first day of the Meet determines his/her age for competition.
- C. Seasonal Athlete Registration: Period of membership is April 1st through August 26th. A Seasonal Athlete may compete in the LSC championships conducted during that period, but may not compete in Meets at or above the USA Swimming Zone level.
- D. Surcharge for Submittal of Non-Electronic Application: If a member submits a paper application, this fee applies and is included in the check payable to Wisconsin Swimming.
- E. Deck Registration: Athlete registration application and fee submitted at a Meet to the Meet Host. A Meet Host must accept deck registration(s) unless the sanctioned Meet Information specifies otherwise. Fee includes a five dollars (\$5.00) surcharge for submittal of a non-electronic registration application. The Meet Host retains fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as a handling fee.
- 10.4.4. In the event of duplicate registrations, there shall be NO REFUNDS except as authorized by the LSC Registration Coordinator.

10.5. Transfers and Fees

- 10.5.1 A swimmer transferring representation from one club to another club or to unattached status must do so according to Article 303 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. A swimmer must apply for transfer by writing to the LSC Registration Coordinator stating the swimmer's name, address, birth date, name of club from which transferring, date of last competition with that club, and name of new club (if any) to which the swimmer intends to attach after the completion of the one hundred twenty (120) day unattached period. For convenience, a transfer form is available for the Club Registration Officer or LSC Registration Coordinator.
- 10.5.2 The dates of the period for swimming unattached (WI-UN) will be determined by the LSC Registration Coordinator. A new USA Swimming membership card will be issued and it will contain the date when the swimmer may represent the new club (Joe Doe Unattached until mo/day/yr). The LSC Registration Coordinator sends a letter with the attachment date and competition rules to the Club Registration Officer.
- 10.5.3 If a club secures a court judgment against a swimmer, the swimmer shall be ineligible to participate in any swimming events.
- 10.5.4 A swimmer may remain unattached (WI-UN) for an unlimited time.
- 10.5.5 The LSC Registration Coordinator must be notified when a WI-UN swimmer wishes to change status and which club the swimmer will represent. The LSC Registration Coordinator should be notified of a swimmer's status changes for registration to remain current.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Transfer request received after September 1st (the beginning membership day for the following membership year and cut-off date for printing of the club's next year's computerized membership list) shall include membership applications and the appropriate fees. The transferred swimmer is the swimmer most often omitted in the re-registration procedure.

10.6 Compliance

- 10.6.1 Compliance with the registration requirements must be completed prior to competition in a sanctioned event. The LSC Registration Coordinator may deem any athlete not in compliance as "Deficiently Registered."
- 10.6.2 Each group member is required to assure that any and all swimmers entered in a sanctioned event are registered properly in accordance with 10.1 and shall take whatever action is necessary to ensure compliance with that paragraph.

Reason for Change:

January 27, 2004 10.4 USA Swimming fee increases

April 26, 2005 10.4.3, 10.5.2, Scope: correct type-o's and clarity

10.4.2 Changes for 2006; delete deck registration fee.

10.6 Delete unneeded rule for club disbanding and renumber following