

2009 USAS Convention in Atlanta

Registration Workshops

Many USA Swimming members who are subject to the background screening requirement will need to renew their background screen during the 2009 swim year. Screening expiration dates are noted on all Coach cards in the same area as the safety certification expiration dates.

Important: USA strongly encourages all members to update their screening at least by the first week of the month in which their screen expires. The process will typically take only 3-4 business days, but several factors can cause the process to take longer. Coaches are encouraged to allow plenty of time for their screen renewal to be approved before their current screen expires.

In order to facilitate the renewal process, go to the renewal link on the USA Swimming Background Screens page www.usaswimming.org/bgscreen. This link takes members to a series of screens designed for the renewal process.

Anticipating that most members will not remember their username and password from two years ago, this series of screens will help them access and update their TC logiQ account.

Clubs should purchase the new 2nd year coach DVD as a resource for their coaches needing the test. The Safety Training for Swim Coaches book (\$24.95) and supplement (free) should also be part of a club's library.

Clubs should also have a member who is a current WSI or LGI on staff; they are qualified to teach Coaches Safety Training.

Clubs are reminded to distribute athlete cards to their athletes. There was a lot of discussion about moving to a plastic bag tag replacing the athlete card in the future; the expense of manufacturing and mailing these to the athletes directly from USA Swimming would have to be underwritten by a sponsor, but seems likely in the not too far future.

USA Privacy Policy

Clark Hammond (Southern Zone webmaster) spoke about our privacy policy.

The following information, and only the following information, shall be acceptable for publication in any form, including but not limited to the world wide web, regarding any USA Swimming member without express written authorization from the athlete, if of majority age; the athlete's parent/guardian, if a minor; or the non-athlete member:

Name

Age in years

Club affiliation

Time and place, and

Any awards or honors.

Clubs are reminded to not publish athlete ids in meet results and have an annual consent form to publish athlete pictures.

Insurance/Safety

LSC's should have a rule requiring that coaches display their card. Coach recon remains a club responsibility; if your coach isn't legal, your club loses its insurance coverage.

Clarification on meet coverage:

Observed meets: no USA coverage

Approved meets: insurance coverage if hosted by USA club, non USA members should sign waiver; if hosted by non USA club, the other entity's coverage is in place.

File reports of occurrence for everything!! Every meet host and every club/pool should have forms on deck. Completed forms should be sent to safety chair, USA, and Risk Management. (A club is being sued for not filing form by a parent who assumed their costs would be covered).

General, Travel and Volunteer liability waiver forms are available on line.

Wisconsin Swimming needs to look at and clarify a policy about athletes attending meets without their club/coach. They need to swim as Unattached so that the club is not responsible for them.

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