

GULF SWIMMING
REGISTRATION OF NON-ATHLETES
2007-2008

Any person may become a non-athlete member of USA Swimming.

The following positions are required to hold USA Swimming individual memberships:

1. Coaches;
2. Officials - referees, starters, stroke and turn judges (including all trainees);
3. Meet Directors;
4. Meet Safety Marshals;
5. Team Representatives to the House of Delegates; and
6. All members of the Boards of Directors of all clubs of Gulf Swimming

All members of the Boards of Directors, Members and/or Managers of LLC's, General Partners and owners of more than a 10% interest of club members of Gulf Swimming shall be members of USA Swimming (see page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**).

USA Swimming initiated the Coaches Safety Curriculum in September 1987 for the 1988 membership year. USA Swimming coach members are required to show current proof of training in First Aid, CPR, and Safety Training for Swim Coaches and successful completion of the USA Swimming Background Screening. When persons apply for coach membership, they must meet the full Coaches Safety Curriculum requirement and the Background Screening to be registered. They will not be allowed an interim coaching period (i.e., no grace period). Persons without a coach membership will not be allowed to participate in any coaching capacity at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition. This restriction includes, but is not limited to, being barred from the deck area. If an offending person refuses to comply with these provisions upon initial warning, all athletes on that person's club shall be designated as "unattached" for the entire competition, unless the club has some other USA Swimming coach member present.

Continuous failure of a coach to satisfy the Coaches Safety Curriculum requirement will be grounds for termination of membership and loss of insurance coverage. Clubs that continue to conduct a program with coaches who have failed to satisfy the Coaches Safety Curriculum requirement risk termination of membership and loss of insurance coverage.

All course certificates provided as proof for the Coaches Safety Curriculum must be valid on the date of application for membership. Coaches should submit copies of the First Aid, CPR, and Safety Training for Swim Coaches course completion cards (front and back) as adequate proof of training. If the Membership Coordinator doubts certificate authenticity, he has the right to request access to the original card or to check with the issuing authority. The LSC Safety Coordinator and/or the Membership Coordinator are not expected to follow up on certificate expiration. It is the coach's responsibility to renew all certificates in a timely manner.

All coaches must fulfill the requirements of the Coaches Safety Curriculum and be registered as non-athlete members of USA Swimming. In order to register as a USA Swimming club, all clubs must have a properly registered coach.

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1. Required Positions – Each Gulf Swimming member team shall pay the registration fees for all required team positions.
2. Affiliated Officials – Each Gulf Swimming member team shall pay the USA Swimming registration fee for all Officials affiliated with the team. For all Officials registered as part of the team and listed on the team registration form, Gulf Swimming will waive the LSC registration fee. (Affiliated Officials are Officials that have swimmers attached to that team.)
3. Unaffiliated Certified Officials and Gulf Swimming Board of Directors - Gulf Swimming shall pay the registration renewals for all unaffiliated certified Officials that actively support Gulf Swimming. Gulf Swimming shall also pay the renewal registrations of all unaffiliated non-athlete, non-coach members of the Gulf Swimming Board of Directors and Coordinators.
4. Registration Requirements
 - A. Non-Meet Host Teams - Each Gulf Swimming member team shall be required to have at least one active certified official or active trainee affiliated with the team. The name of the Official and/or trainee shall be listed on the team registration form. If the name is not listed on the registration form, the team shall be fined \$100.00. This fine must be paid by the registration deadline.
 - B. Meet Host Teams – Each Gulf Swimming member team shall be required to have at least four active certified officials or active trainees affiliated with the team at the time that they bid on scheduled meets. If the required number of officials is not listed on the bid form, the team shall be fined \$100.00 for each official/trainee not listed. Such fines must be paid by the bid deadline.
5. Meet Requirements - Each Gulf Swimming member team that hosts a sanctioned meet, shall be required to have at least four officials/trainees working on deck for each session of the meet. If the required number of officials/trainees is not present, the host team shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 for each official/trainee not present.
6. Exceptions - College teams are exempted from the registration requirements.
7. Enforcement - The above rules shall be enforced by the Administrative Vice-Chair, the Technical Planning Committee Chair, the Non-Athlete Registration Coordinator, and the Officials Committee Chair. The active status of certified officials and trainee officials shall be determined by the Officials Committee Chair.

