

Minnesota Swimming, Inc.  
Registration/Membership Chair Report to the House of Delegates  
April 26, 2008

In addition to this report, I have provided the Mid-Year Membership Statistics (as of March 31, 2008). Further you will find the 2009 Membership and Club fees for your reference (beginning Sept 1, 2008).

Athlete membership for MSI is maintaining, but the largest jump in athletes is generally following the Olympic Year. This has been fairly consistent in each 4-year quadrennium. At the USA Swimming level, year round athletes have increased 4-10% in post Olympic years. I have the USA Swimming 2007 Statistics Booklet available to view, if anyone is interested.

Hy-Tek has provided a very useful eLearning tool available for Team Manager which should be very helpful for Club Registrars. You can access this eLesson on the Hy-Tek web site at [www.hy-tek.com](http://www.hy-tek.com). Click on eLesson Training Videos on the left menu bar and choose the 2008 USA-S Registration eLesson.

There has been a lot of confusion and concern over the change in the Safety Training for Swim Coaches requirement for coaches. Minnesota Swimming is no longer an "Authorized Provider" of the American Red Cross and will no longer be offering the STSC course as in the past. USA Swimming & the American Red Cross have made significant changes in this course and how a coach is able to take it. The new requirements are mandatory as of September 1, 2008 for all coaches who renew their STSC certification on or after that date. There may be some water skills classes available in the future.

Currently, the STSC *written* exam is available on line on the USA-S website. You can find it at [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org). Click on the "Coaches" tab at the top of the page. Click on "Education/Safety Requirements" on the left side of the next screen. You will find the test and additional information about how to complete the Safety Training for Swim Coaches requirement on this page. Coaches can self-study and then go on the website to take the 25 question written test. The STSC Training Test Materials are based on 2 sources: The *Swimming and Water Safety Manual* available for purchase from your local ARC chapter or their publisher, StayWell. Also, *The Safety Training for Swim Coaches Supplement* to the *Swimming and Water Safety Manual* (a free electronic document on the USA-S Website). Note that coaches have only 30 days to complete the in-water session.

Once you successfully complete the on-line exam, you will receive an email confirmation from USA Swimming. You need to keep/print this email. THEN you must go a Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguarding Instructor, or STSC Instructor to take the water skills portion of the course. They will issue a course record for STSC and Red Cross cards will be issued.

Or if you hold an approved Lifeguarding card, you can send ME a copy of the e-mail and a copy of the Lifeguarding card. This will qualify for the STSC requirement. The expiration date will be the EARLIEST expiration date on either the email or the Lifeguard certification (3 yrs from date).

Coaches with current certifications are grandfathered and will not have to meet these new requirements until their current Safety Training Certification expires. There is a lot to comprehend and this whole process has evolved considerably in the last year. Please call the office with any questions!

Respectfully Submitted,

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