

Niagara Seasonal Athlete Registration

302.2 MEMBERSHIP – Athlete membership will consist of either an annual membership, an outreach membership, a seasonal membership, or a single-meet open water membership.

- .3 Individual seasonal membership – At the option of the LSC, membership may be offered for one or two periods of not more than 150 days per period within a registration year. Seasonal membership may also be offered for an unspecified but continuous period of not more than 150 days commencing on the date of registration. Seasonal membership is not valid for competition at or above the Zone Championship level.

There is only a 'Season 1' 150-day period beginning April 4 and ending August 31, 2018.

502.5 Fees

- .1 The annual fee for each class of membership is composed of the following elements
- A A national fee established by the Board of Directors and House of Delegates, and
 - B A local fee established by the LSC, except in the case of Outreach Membership, where a local fee not to exceed \$2 may be established.

Niagara's seasonal athlete membership fee will be \$46.00 for 2018.

During the designated membership period, seasonal athletes may swim open competition at all USA Swimming sanctioned and approved meets for which they qualify, **below** Zone, Sectional and National levels. Regional competition is considered "at the Zone level." Athletes competing at regional competitions must be registered as year-round athletes.

Seasonal athletes, who wish to continue swimming with USA Swimming after their membership expires, must renew their registration and pay either for another seasonal period or the full year-round registration fee. Seasonal swimmers who participate solely in **closed** competition (as determined by the LSC) during the seasonal membership period may immediately join a year-round club as a year-round athlete with no 120 day waiting period. Seasonal athlete membership **cannot** be transferred from one LSC to another.

USA Swimming's seasonal membership program offers a competitive swimming program to those athletes who swim for only a portion of the year. Under the seasonal membership program, athletes can join USA Swimming at a reduced membership fee and participate in USA Swimming sanctioned and approved meets. Benefits of seasonal athlete membership in USA Swimming include liability and secondary accident medical insurance – only for the designated period of not more than 150 days (see Insurance Section for further explanation).

Questions and Answers – Seasonal Membership

Listed below are answers to frequently asked questions about seasonal membership.

Q What are the benefits of seasonal membership?

A Athletes who join as seasonal athletes join USA Swimming for a reduced membership fee for a reduced period of time but not to exceed 150 days. Seasonal athletes, under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach member, are covered by USA Swimming liability and secondary accident medical coverage while they are participating in USA Swimming practice, sanctioned or approved activities.

Q May a year-round club have seasonal athlete members?

A Yes, the club may have both year-round as well as seasonal athlete members.

Q Must the LSC offer a seasonal club membership if the LSC offers a seasonal membership program?

A No, the decision to offer a seasonal club membership as well as a seasonal athlete membership program is an option of the LSC.