

## SECTION IV

### MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION

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1. Athletes are registered once the Chair (or authorized deputy) receives and accepts the official application form and fee (checks should be payable to Pacific Swimming).
2. Non-athletes are members once the Chair (or authorized deputy) receives and accepts the official application form, fee (checks should be payable to Pacific Swimming) and the additional requirements for the appropriate membership type.
3. High school and college athletes, for registration purposes **only**, are automatically considered unattached during their competition seasons and do not need to change their registration status with the Pacific Swimming Registration Chair. However, athletes planning to change their club affiliation during this period and use the high school season as part of their 120-day unattached period should complete a Transfer/Change Form and send it to the Pacific Swimming Registration Chair.
4. No information regarding any Group or Individual USA Swimming members may be provided for commercial purposes.
5. Club name and club code changes shall be approved by the Membership Chair, and the Board of Directors or the General Chair.
6. The Transfer/Change Form can also be used to change an address, telephone number, etc.
7. Pacific Swimming shall present the Outstanding Service Award (Volunteer of the Year) recipient(s) a Lifetime Membership in USA Swimming.
8. Upon the completion of two consecutive 2-year terms in office, Pacific Swimming shall present the retiring General Chair a Life Membership in USA Swimming.
9. Pacific Swimming shall participate in the USA Swimming Outreach Program and offer registration at the USA Swimming registration fee of \$5.00 with no additional fees to Pacific Swimming.
  - a. The criteria for eligibility shall be that the athlete's family meets the eligibility requirements of one of the following:
    - (1) Free School Lunch Program
    - (2) Food Stamps
    - (3) State of California Benefits Identification Card
    - (4) Family income at or below the state poverty level
  - b. Copies of the eligibility documents shall be submitted to the Membership Chair for qualification verification.
10. Pacific Swimming shall pay the registration expenses (registration and background check fees) for Pacific Swimming Staff and all members of the Board of Directors.