



Policies and Procedures

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1. MEMBERSHIP – Membership is required for all athletes, clubs, affiliated groups, coaches, officials, and specified administrators.
 - a. Membership is optional for parents of swimmers.
 - b. Athletes, officials, and other members must register as a member of a USA Swimming Club or as “Unattached-New Jersey.”
 - c. The registration becomes effective the date the registration document is completed and paid for via the USA Swimming online registration process.
2. MEMBERSHIP DURATION – All memberships must be applied for annually, except for life membership.
 - a. Memberships are no longer in good standing when the required trainings or certifications for a given type of registration has expired (coach, junior coach or official).
3. NJSI offers two individual membership types:
 - a. ANNUAL – Annual memberships cover the calendar year except when they are applied for on or after September 1st in which case they are effective through December 31st of the following year.
 - b. FLEX – Flex memberships are offered for athletes 12-under. There is a two (2) sanctioned meet limit for FLEX athletes. These meets must be below the LSC Championship, Zone, Sectional, and National levels.
4. MEMBERSHIP FEES – Membership fees are comprised of a national fee established by USA Swimming and a fee established by NJSI.
 - a. All fees must be paid directly to USA swimming during the registration process.
 - b. OUTREACH – USA Swimming and NJS offers a reduced registration fee for low-income families.
 - i. The purpose of this program is to provide competitive swimming opportunities to the underrepresented and low-income youth in the United States. The Outreach Program reduces the annual membership fee an athlete pays to USA Swimming to \$5.00. Athletes can also apply for funding for the NJS LC Age Group Zone Team and other such NJS activities. (Each athlete must be registered as outreach to receive any type of outreach funding).
 - ii. QUALIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS – Submit documentation to their club registrar who should maintain records and provide the appropriate registration link (alternatively, unattached athletes with no club affiliation can submit proof to NJS directly through the website’s athlete registration page). To qualify a swimmer’s family must provide documentation of their participation in one or more of the programs below:
 1. State Health Care
 2. Federal Food Stamp Program
 3. Federal Housing Documentation
 4. Women, Infant and Children Federal Nutrition Program (WIC Program)

5. Medicaid Medical Card
6. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
7. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
8. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
9. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
10. Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

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