



**MIDWESTERN
SWIMMING**

To: All MWS Non-Athlete Members

From: Scot Sorensen, Membership/Registration Coordinator

Date: April 29, 2014

Re: 2015 NATH Membership Cards

Proof of non-athlete membership (NATH) can be done in a variety of ways. These methods include:

- An actual valid membership card in hand that has previously always been sent from the Midwestern Swimming Membership/Registration Coordinator
- Through the Deck Pass application on your mobile device
- Through a copy of your club's NATH membership report obtained through your club's portal account, which is automatically time-stamped for authenticity
- Printing a membership card directly from a PC-based Deck Pass account

Importantly, *all of the data within these four methods is real-time with SWIMS*. In other words, if a membership is valid within SWIMS, it will be valid with any of these avenues, having the same expiration dates for safety requirements and membership.

There is an increasing necessity to print numerous cards over the course of a registration year for individual coaches because of expiring safety requirements. Now that a color membership card is available for printing within a NATH's PC-based Deck Pass account, there is:

- No further need to purchase NATH membership cards from National Headquarters
- No further need to mail individual coach and other NATH membership cards, thus eliminating the expense of envelopes and stamps
- Consistency with the current management of official's membership cards, since their membership data is included on their certification card, which is also self-produced through their private USA Swimming account

The Board of Directors of Midwestern Swimming has approved a policy in which, **MIDWESTERN SWIMMING WILL NO LONGER PRINT AND ISSUE NATH MEMBERSHIP CARDS BEGINNING WITH THE 2015 REGISTRATION YEAR**. This policy change message is being sent to all current NATH members (officials, coaches, other) and will also be posted in various sites within the MWS website. NATH members will be reminded electronically to print their own card at the time of their 2015 NATH membership registration.

Club registrars have been encouraged to continue monitoring the membership status of their coaching staff and assist in reminding them that it will be the coach's responsibility to print their 2015 individual membership card should he/she wish to have one in their possession. All safety requirement expiration dates are available on the portal reports.

On the next page are the instructions for printing your individual membership card.

STEPS NECESSARY TO PRINT YOUR OWN MEMBERSHIP CARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Login to your personal USA Swimming account at:
<https://www.usaswimming.org//secure/Logon.aspx?TabId=0&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en&returnUrl=%2fDesktopDefault.aspx%3fTabId%3d1804%26Alias%3dRainbow%26Lang%3den>
2. Under “*Member Resources*”, click on “*Deck Pass*”.
3. Click on “*Membership Card*”, at which time you will view all pertinent information regarding your membership status.
4. Click “*Print Official Card*”.
5. A color printer is not necessary, but may be used if you wish. A grey card will be produced in a B&W printer.
6. This card may then be laminated, if desired.

DECK PASS FAQ:

Please visit the following link if you have questions regarding Deck Pass:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=2200&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en>