To: Minnesota Swimming Club Presidents, Registrars

Re: 2022 Athlete Outreach Memberships Fee Waiver Application
(Economically Disadvantaged Youth Reduced Membership Fee)
See Fee Waiver form/Guidelines/Instructions!!

In order to provide competitive swimming opportunities to the under-represented and/or economically disadvantaged youth, the Athlete Outreach membership is provided to eligible athletes at no cost by Minnesota Swimming and at a reduced $5 rate by USA Swimming (total $5 fee).
[Note that on-deck outreach memberships are $25 ($5 plus the $20 on-deck fee). The on-deck membership must, also, be accompanied by the qualifying fee waiver application below.]

This Outreach Membership requires qualifying documentation from the family and the club as noted on the fee waiver Application below. The reduced rate membership, along with required additional financial assistance from the club, will help aid the athlete financially to continue to participate in their swimming program.

In order to protect the integrity of the USA Swimming Outreach Membership program, the burden of "proof" rests with the applicant/family who must complete and sign the **Fee Waiver Application**, providing to their club, the eligibility proof as listed below. The club portion of the Fee Waiver Application must be completed by the club and signed by a club official (president or designee, such as the registrar), verifying the information and eligibility requirements.

The Fee Waiver Application must then be sent to Minnesota Swimming, along with either the registration eFile or the Outreach Membership application (if club does not use Hy-Tek/Active or Team Unify), and a transmittal of funds form.

Send the following to Minnesota Swimming: [May send all electronically if using ACH]

- ☐ Completed and signed Outreach Fee Waiver Application for each athlete
- ☐ Documentation verifying qualification for the Outreach membership
- ☐ Registration eFiles from club **or**
  "Athlete Outreach Membership Application" (only if no Hy-Tek/Active/TU)
- ☐ Transmittal of Funds form (TOF)
- ☐ $5 reduced membership fee (or ACH club account approval per the TOF)

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the Minnesota Swimming office if you have any questions.

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2022 Outreach Athlete Membership Fee Waiver/Application:

Economically Disadvantaged Youth Reduced Membership Fee

Athlete Applicant's Name: _____ | _____ | ____Phone # _____ - _____ - _____
Last First MI (Area Code)

Address: _____|_____|_____|_____
Address/Street City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Club Name: _____ Club Code: _____

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Signature of Parent or Guardian **(Required)** Date

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[**Required**] Attach a photocopy of one of the following as proof of Current Year eligibility. [**Check One Box Below**]

☐ **Proof of Free or Reduced Lunch** (photocopy of approved application from school for the above-named athlete)

☐ **Federal Food Stamps** (photocopy of letter or approved application)
[MN SNAP Food Stamp Program – Copy of current EBT card or approved application]

☐ **Medicaid** (photocopy of card or approved application for above-named athlete)

☐ **Federal Poverty Guidelines** (Photocopy of Redacted tax returns from Tax Year 2019 – must include Name(s), Dependents, Signature & Annual Gross Income)

☐ **Proof of Income**: Attach a photocopy of your most recent (2020) Federal Tax Return, proving that your income is below levels in the following table (Source: Federal Free Reduced School Lunch Income Eligibility Guidelines 7/1/2021-6/30/2022)

Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines (Reduced Lunch)

Household Size	(Gross Annual Income)
2	$32,228
3	$40,627
4	$49,026
5	$57,425
6	$65,824
7	$74,223
8	$81,622
Over 8, add for each	$ 8,399

☐ [**Required-Check Box**] Our club is, also, providing financial assistance to this athlete in the form of reduced or free club dues, fees, etc. as described below:

Explain how your club is providing assistance in addition to the USA Swimming reduced fee membership:

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Above Information Verified by: _____ | _____
Club Signature (Required) [Registrar/Treasurer/President] **Printed Name**

- Email this Application, Eligibility Proof, Registration files, Transmittal of Funds Form (TOF) for $5 fee to: tmeece@mnswim.org
- If you do not use Electronic Registration, mail the Outreach Membership Application Form + $5.00 to Minnesota Swimming, PO Box 1456, Minnetonka, MN 55345-9909
- Note: If you club uses ACH or e-Pay, you may email or fax all documents. Must include TOF form.

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Date Application Received: _____ Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date Club Notified if not approved: _____ Reason: _____