

IASI Outreach Registration

What is Outreach? Outreach Athlete membership is available to eligible athletes in accordance with USA Swimming guidelines. The purpose is to make year-round membership available to athletes who might otherwise not be able to afford the standard athlete membership fee.

The registration fee for eligible USA Swimming/Iowa Swimming Outreach athletes is \$5.00. Outreach athletes are also eligible for a reduced Splash Fee of \$5 per meet, and are exempt from additional per-event entry fees.

In short - \$5 annual registration, \$5 per meet

Who is eligible? Any athlete who is participating on at least one program on the USA Swimming Outreach Membership Criteria List is eligible. Special Requests for Outreach eligibility will also be considered. Examples of Special Request Outreach eligibility include: health emergency (athlete or parent has become seriously injured or ill), loss or reduction of employment, fire, athlete has been placed into foster care. If a club has a family that is facing a sudden crisis such as these, the Head Coach or Club Registrar should contact the IASI Registration chair to determine eligibility documentation for Outreach membership.

So... where do I find the USA Swimming Outreach Membership Criteria List?

The current list is posted on the IASI website. Click on Iowa Swimming Resources, then look for the current year USA Swimming Registration page. Scroll down to the Athlete Registration section. Proof of eligibility needs to be resubmitted each year with registration renewal for the athlete to continue in the Outreach program. The burden of proof rests with the applicant.

Confidentiality - the Outreach registration and proof of eligibility are confidential – only the IASI Registrar, Club Registrar and Treasurer, and Head Coach have knowledge of an athlete's Outreach membership. Outreach membership is NOT indicated in meet programs, results, or anywhere else. Meet fees for outreach members are totaled anonymously, and meet hosts, officials, meet directors do not have knowledge of which athletes are Outreach members.

Steps to Outreach Registration

1. Family - complete Athlete Registration Form or online club registration, submit one proof of eligibility document and payment (\$5) to the club..
2. Club Registrar - send the Outreach registration to IASI in an electronic registration batch. Just as a batch can include both year-round and seasonal types, it can also include Outreach. You should be able to select Outreach where you select Premium, Seasonal, Flex, etc. Email the proof of eligibility doc when submitting the batch.
3. IASI Registrar – will process the registration and confirm the total due within one business day – just like any other registration!

What if the athlete is already registered for the year? I have an athlete that did not previously qualify for Outreach, but now they do. Is it too late to switch to Outreach? It is definitely not too late. Contact jen@iaswim.org for assistance.

What about club dues? Does Outreach membership mean that an athlete does not have to pay any club dues? Our club might not be able to do that... Club dues are 100% up to the club. Some clubs offer reduced club fees or full or partial scholarships to Outreach members. Some do not. Contact your club to find out what, if any, additional assistance is available.

How are Outreach Meet Fees handled? Meet hosts, Meet Entry Chairs, Meet Directors, anyone entering Outreach athletes in a meet – Outreach meet entry fees should be calculated (along with all other Athlete meet entry fees) on the Meet Financial Summary Form. Email the host club the entries report and the Meet Financial Summary Form, detailing the number of entering Outreach Athletes and the number of Individual entries. No athlete names are to be indicated (confidentiality). Host club *may* request confirmation of the number of Outreach athletes entered prior to the meet by contacting the LSC Registration & Membership office.