

Hi TYDE Competitive Swimmers & Parents!

You're receiving this email to complete the 2023 USA Swimming Online Membership Registration (OMR). All TYDE Competitive-level swimmers are required to be members of USA Swimming.

Please use the link at the end of this email to complete the online member registration as soon as possible. But be sure to first read the information and steps below.

This is a new process this year. In prior years, a swimmer's USA Swimming membership registration and renewal was included as part of the TYDE team registration process. Registration fees for TYDE competitive-level members were reduced for this year in anticipation of each family bearing the responsibility for registering their swimmers with USA Swimming.

Once you have created your parent/family/individual account, you should be able to add, complete, and pay for your swimmer(s) registration(s). If you have more than one competitive-level swimmer, there is an option to add swimmers during the online process before completing registration payment.

Thank you for being a member of the TYDE Team and for taking the time to complete this new registration step.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- All current and new members **MUST** create a new USA Swimming account. If you have more than one swimmer, you should be able to add them to your parent/family account. You only need to pay for registrations for your swimmer(s) and if you are a coach, staff member, or meet official. Otherwise, parents do not need to purchase a USA Swimming membership.
- Old USA Swimming account logins are inactive and will not work.
- Do **NOT** register a swimmer as a Junior Coach. TYDE Swimmers should be registered as either Premium or Flex members.
  - TYDE Competitive level members are encouraged to participate in all available meets. Flex membership is for those members who will be participating in no more than two USAS-sanctioned meets. Most TYDE-hosted meets are Closed Y meet and do not count toward that limit.
  - Premium level membership is for those members who participate in more than two USAS meets. Some of the meets during the school year and almost all of the Long Course meets are USAS (not Closed Y).
  - You will want to refer to the meet calendar to see the type of meet.

#### **Need help? Refer to the following resources:**

[If you are a parent about to register your child, please create your account first - ARTICLE](#)

[How to create an Account as a Parent - VIDEO](#)

[How to create an Account for Existing Members - VIDEO](#)

[How do I set up my new SWIMS account if I already have a membership? - ARTICLE](#)

[How do I create an account in SWIMS as a new member? - ARTICLE](#)

[How do I create a new account for a family member? - ARTICLE](#)

Or contact [support@usaswimming.org](mailto:support@usaswimming.org)

Additional information on creating new USA Swimming accounts can be found on the [SWIMS FAQ](#) page.

### **EXTRA TIPS:**

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- Premium level membership is for those members who participate in more than two USAS meets. Some of the meets during the school year and almost all of the Long Course meets are USAS (not Closed Y).
- If getting error message about UserName already in use, be sure to check that all password parameters are checked off.
- For renewing memberships:
  - 1. Stay logged in to your USAS Account and then go back to the email and click the red Register for USA Swimming Now button at the bottom of the page.
  - 2. On the welcome screen where it says continue to register a new person or re register an existing person with USA Swimming and you see the team name, click continue.
  - 3. On the next screen, select membership is for someone other than the logged in user and then there will be an option that asks has the person ever had a USA Swimming membership and you would click yes if they were registered last year
  - 4. Then select renew member and an existing member search window will pop up
  - 5. There you will fill in legal first name, legal last name and birthdate month/day/year and select to search for a member.
  - 6. Review the search results and click the name of the swimmer you want to register and complete the registration information on subsequent pages.

### **ATTENTION MEMBERS AGE 17 & OVER:**

- Since 2019, USA Swimming adult athlete members have been required to complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) as a requirement of membership.

In 2019, USA Swimming built an administrative grace period to give athletes 30 days after their 18th birthday to complete the requirement. **Effective September 1, 2022, there is no longer a 30-day administrative grace period.**

- **Any 17-year-old athlete who has not completed the APT requirement by their 18th birthday will not be a USA Swimming member in good standing unless or until the APT requirement is completed.**
- Athletes will continue to receive a notification reminder 60 days prior to, 30 days prior to and on their 18th birthday.
- All USA Swimming members aged 18 years old and older are required to complete APT annually. This is the individual's responsibility and includes both athlete and non-athlete members.