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### 502.4 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Any individual may join USA Swimming as a member.
2. Athlete membership consists of ~~four~~ five categories:

A Annual (LSCs are required to offer this membership) B Flex (offered at option of LSC)

~~B~~ C Outreach (LSCs are required to offer this membership) ~~C~~ D Individual Seasonal (offered at option of LSC)

~~D~~ E Single Meet Open Water (offered at option of LSC)

1. Athlete members who register with an LSC and USA Swimming are eligible for sanctioned swimming competition. Flex members are eligible to compete in only two sanctioned competitions per registration year. Flex members may not compete at or above the LSC Championship level. An athlete member shall not be registered in more than one LSC simultaneously.
2. Flex members who transition to the Annual athlete membership category within the same calendar year, will be able to credit the Flex athlete membership cost to the Annual athlete membership cost.
3. 5 Non-athlete membership consists of three classes: individual, family and life.

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1. 6 Each class of membership (except life membership, seasonal membership and single-meet open water membership) is for a calendar year period. Individuals applying for calendar year membership on or after September 1 will receive membership valid through December 31 of the following year.
2. 7 An LSC shall not impose requirements for Individual Membership in addition to those set forth in Article 502. An LSC may require proof of birth date prior to competition in age classified events.

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### 502.7 FEES

1. The annual fee for each class of membership is composed of the following elements: A A national fee established by the Board of Directors and House of Delegates; and

B A local fee established by the LSC, ~~except in the case of Outreach Membership, where a local fee not to exceed $2~~  ~~may be established~~. The local fee for the Outreach Membership may not exceed $2 and the local fee for the Flex Membership may not exceed $10.

1. An LSC may charge a fee for transfers.

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### Page 123 – 502.6 Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

**502.4 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

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1. Non-athlete membership consists of three classes: individual, family and life. Individual Non-athlete members are designated as Coaches, Junior Coaches, Officials or Other.

### 502.6 PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. 1 A coach member of USA Swimming must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Junior Coach members must be age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17).
2. 2 All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks and athlete protection education as required by USA Swimming. The criminal background check requirement is waived for Junior Coach members.
3. 3 All clubs, including seasonal clubs, shall ensure that all athletes and coaches participating in practices and USA Swimming sanctioned competition are members of USA Swimming.
4. 4 All referees, starters, administrative officials, chief judges, and stroke and turn judges must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
5. 5 Anyone who coaches swimmers at a USA Swimming practice or competition, must be a coach member or Junior Coach member of USA Swimming and must have satisfactorily completed safety training, criminal background checks and other coaches’ education as required by USA Swimming. Junior Coach members are not required to complete a criminal background check but are subject to pre-employment screening.

.6 Junior Coach members must always be under the direct visual supervision of a registered coach member. [*re-number remaining*]

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es, fins, etc.

**ADOPTED/AMENDED RESOLUTION**

**TO ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR THE FLEX MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

**WHEREAS**, USA Swimming desires to continue to *Build the Base* by growing and expanding participation at all levels of the sport.

**WHEREAS**, many USA Swimming teams already offer a low commitment, pre- competitive swimming programs.

**WHEREAS**, USA Swimming desires to provide a membership option for participants in these pre-competitive programs.

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a Flex membership category would provide an effective bridge to annual membership.

**WHEREAS**, the USA Swimming Board of Directors supports the development of a Flex membership category and has proposed legislation to create that category.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the USA Swimming House of Delegates approve a national membership fee of $10 per year for the Flex membership category effective September 1, 2018.

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

**TO GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE 120-DAY RULE FOR ATHLETES DISPLACED BY HURRICANE HARVEY**

September 16, 2017

Due to the extraordinary and monumental devastation and destruction of Hurricane Harvey, USA Swimming recognizes that member athletes have been displaced from their homes and clubs;

Further, USA Swimming believes enabling displaced athletes to be included as part of a team is important in recovery;

Therefore, be it resolved that, pursuant to Articles 507.2.8 and 511.1.2 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming, USA Swimming establishes the following procedure to grant a temporary exception to the 120-day representation rule set forth in Article 203.3 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming:

* 1. By November 1 or within thirty (30) days of beginning workouts with a new club, an athlete must submit the following information to USA Swimming Member Services for verification: His/her name, date of birth, Hurricane Harvey FEMA number, club most recently represented and club which he/she wishes to represent.
  2. Member Services will notify the Rules & Regulations Committee Chair of the eligibility facts. The Chair, or his designee, shall make the final determination, which shall be binding without right of appeal.
  3. Each USA Swimming-approved transfer request under this resolution shall be exempt from Article 203.3 (the 120-day rule) and transfer effective immediately.
  4. Each athlete whose transfer is approved pursuant to this resolution may, at any time within one year of passage of this resolution, return immediately to representing his/her original club or, if the original club is disbanded, any other club in the original LSC.
  5. This resolution will take effect immediately upon approval by the USA Swimming House of Delegates and expire at the close of business of the House of Delegates meeting in 2018.

## September 16, 2017

Due to the extraordinary and monumental devastation and destruction of Hurricane Irma, USA Swimming recognizes that member athletes have been displaced from their homes and clubs;

Further, USA Swimming believes enabling displaced athletes to be included as part of a team is important in recovery;

Therefore, be it resolved that, pursuant to Articles 507.2.8 and 511.1.2 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming, USA Swimming establishes the following procedure to grant a temporary exception to the 120-day representation rule set forth in Article 203.3 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming:

1. By November 1 or within thirty (30) days of beginning workouts with a new club, an athlete must submit the following information to USA Swimming Member Services for verification: His/her name, date of birth, Hurricane Irma FEMA number, club most recently represented and club which he/she wishes to represent.
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