### Club Leadership/Registrar Lake Erie Swimming September 30, 2012

#### What is Lake Swimming, Inc. (LESI) ?

- One of 59 Local Swimming Committees (LSCs) that form USA Swimming
- Individual Members
  - 4,158 athlete members
    - Year round 3,685
    - Outreach 52
    - Seasonal 421
  - 283 non-athlete members
  - 40 club members
- House of Delegates (90 members plus 15 at large-members); meets in Oct and May
- Board of Directors (20 members) meets monthly
- 34 committees

### What does LE do?

#### • Mission:

Lake Erie Swimming provides an inclusive environment committed to competitive and personal excellence through education and innovative programming.

#### Vision

Inspiring the pursuit of excellence in swimming and in life

Club Stats Athlete Stats LE Registration History

### **General Issues**

- Insurance
- Club Portal
- Foreign Athletes
- Y / USA Swimming Membership
- Transferring and 120 Day Rule
- Finances
- Elaine Miller Fund
- Safe Sport

### Why do clubs join?

- So that athletes can enter USA Swimming sanctioned competitions
- To take advantage of USA Swimming programs & services
- For <u>insurance</u> purposes

### **Types of Insurance Coverage**

# Liability Insurance Excess Accident Medical

Coverage

### What Liability Insurance Covers

Provides coverage for claims alleging bodily injury, property damage and personal injury occuring during an insured activity.

Insured activities include USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets, covered competitions, practices, try-outs, and approved social and fundraising activities.

## Liability Insurance – Who is Covered?

- USA Swimming, Inc.
- Local Swimming Committees (LSC)
- Member Clubs
- Any member of USA Swimming
- Any volunteer acting on behalf of and with the approval of USA Swimming

### What Liability Insurance doesn't

#### cover

- Diving from other than regulation starting platforms or poolside
- Automobile liability
- Workers' Compensation
- Directors & Officers (D&O) liability (wrongful acts/decisions not resulting in bodily injury or property damage)
- Crime (dishonesty)
- Employment/Employer related activities

### **Excess Accident Medical Coverage**

This program is excess to a member's primary insurance. If the member has primary insurance, the Swimming policy pays 100% of what the member's policy won't pay. If the member does not have personal primary insurance, then the Swimming policy kicks in with a \$100 deductible. There is a \$25,000 maximum per occurrence for medical or dental.

Note: Member pays up front cost, fills out paperwork and gets reimbursed.

### **Optional Insurance for Clubs**

- Workers' Compensation
- Hired, Non-owned Auto
- Directors and Officers Liability
- Employment Practices Liability
- Property Insurance (for owned, not leased, property)

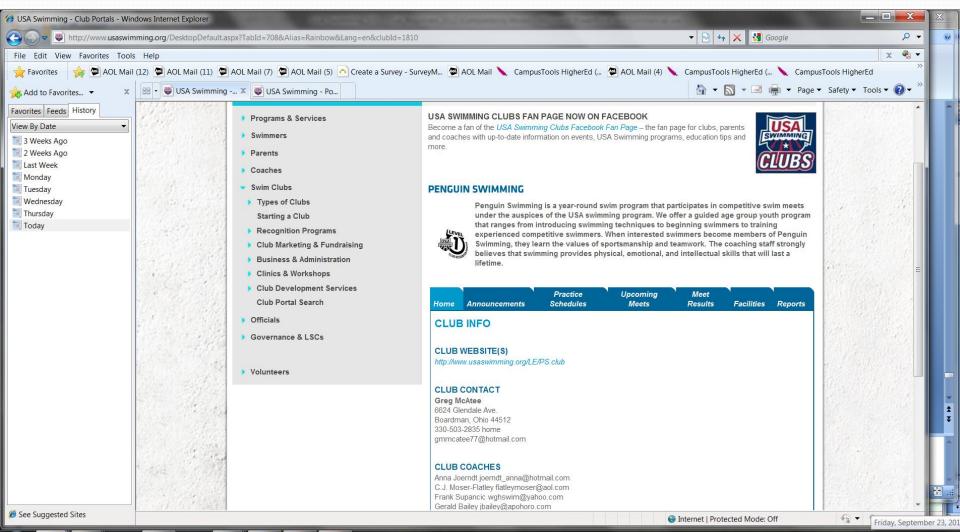
For additional information or questions about the USA Swimming insurance program, contact Carol Burch at 719.866.4578 or <u>cburch@usaswimming.org</u>

For insurance certificates or to file a Report of Occurrence Form, contact Mary Illich at 719.866.4578 or <u>millich@usaswimming.org</u>

### **Club Portal**

- What is the Club Portal? Club has access through USA Swimming website to a specific club area to disseminate public information and privately to run real time reports from SWIMS (USA centralized database)
- Where to get admin password: <a href="mailto:pamswim@aol.com">pamswim@aol.com</a>
- Where to get instructions: LE website under FORMS
- Why use the Club Portal?

### **Club Portal Area**



### **Foreign Athletes**

- Foreign Federation Member Joining USA Swimming
- USA Swimming Athlete Joining a Foreign Federation
- Foreign Travel by USA Swimming Members
- Inviting Foreign Athletes/Teams
- Foreign Athletes Who Train with USA Swimming Clubs
- United States Citizens Residing Outside of the United States
- USA Swimming has an "open border" policy with Puerto Rico, Canada, Bermuda and the US Virgin Islands. Travel documents are not necessary for their athletes or clubs traveling to the U.S. and are not necessary for USA Swimming athletes traveling to these countries.

#### Check with your LSC Registrar when foreign athlete questions arise

#### YMCA\_USA Swimming Memberships

- Clubs have dual Y / USA Swimming programs (example CFYN)
- Clubs are only Y or only USA Swimming
- Can a swimmer compete in both Y meets and USA Swimming meets? Must hold Y and USA registration AND
  - CFYN they represent CFYN for both competitions
  - Y rules will not allow swimmer to represent 2 different clubs during the Y season so swimmer who belongs to a Y and also to a USA club (example – Copley Y and FAST) must swim UN (unattached) USA during the Y short course season
  - Check with Y program for individual rules regarding how many Y meets and which Y meets qualify a Y swimmer for zone and national Y meets - LE resource person: Dale Craddock (<u>dcraddock@ameritech.net</u>)

### **Transfer Procedure**

- A paper or electronic document that specifies when the swimmer last competed for their old club.
- While swimmer is in unattached status (during the 120 days), they:
  - CAN Practice with their new club
  - CAN go to meets with their new club
  - CANNOT swim relays for their new club
  - CANNOT have points count for their new club
- Who can send transfers?
  - Club can collect transfers from parents and send/email them to the LSC registrar
  - Parents can send/email transfer form

LE has NO fee for a transfer

### 120 Day Rule

- When a swimmer changes clubs (either inside or outside the LSC) 120 days must elapse from when the swimmer last *competed* for his/her old club and when he/she competes affiliated with their new club.
  - Example. If a swimmer competed July 4, 2009 for Club A and then changes to Club B, the swimmer cannot compete affiliated with Club B until November 2, 2009

Notes:

- 120 Day Rule does not apply to college swimmers they attached immediately to their USA club once their college season is over
- USA Swimming sends email to head coach regarding affiliation dates when a transfer takes place

### Finances

- Meet Entries and Registrations
  - Send electronic files and follow up with check through regular mail
  - Meet entry and registration is not processed until check is received
- No registrations will be processed for new year until club balance is zero or a credit
- Best Practices
  - When club emails electronic file, they copy club Treasurer to send check
  - Other

### **Elaine Miller Fund**

#### • What is it?

9.1 The purpose of the Elaine Miller Fund is to provide funds to those LESI swimmers who otherwise would be unable to continue in competitive swimming or to attend special swimming events.

#### • How does it work?

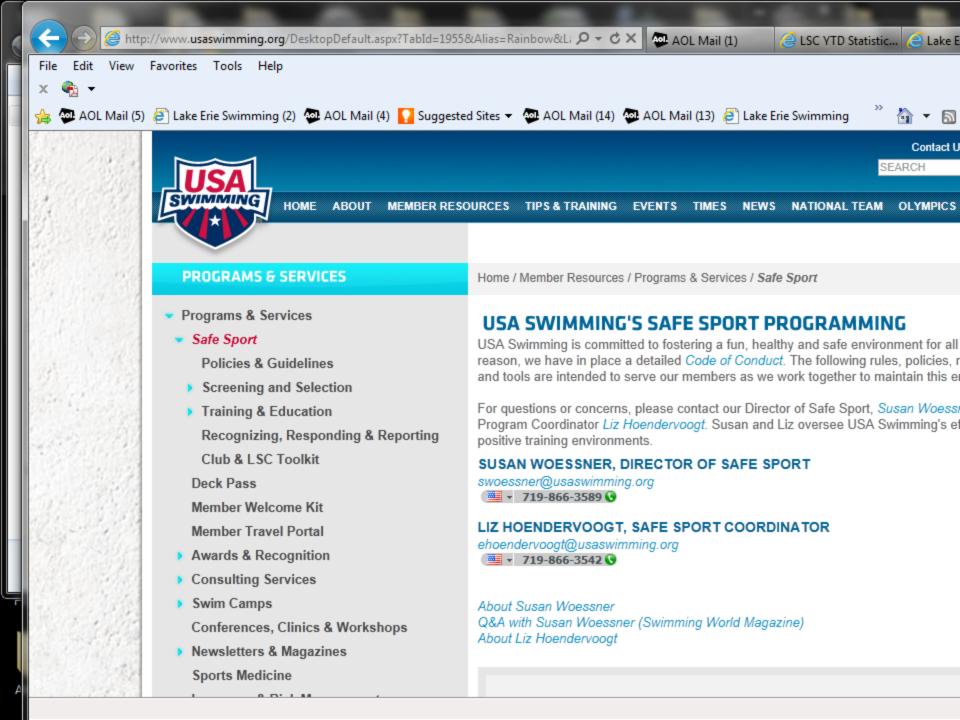
- Application form is located on LE website under FORMS
- Application form is filled out by swimmer or swimmer's club and must be signed by club and parent/guardian and sent to me
- A swimmer may receive aid more than once in a single year, but amount cannot exceed \$500/year
- Applications are reviewed quarterly by the Elaine Miller Committee and awards are based on the judgment of the committee and availability of funds.
- To ensure a need is present the club needs to show financial contribution and LESI will contribute up to the amount of the club contribution.
- Awards can be used for club dues, meet entry fees, expenses associated with special swimming events, etc.

#### USA Swimming Safe Sport Program (formerly Athlete Protection program)

- **Purpose**: to provide a safe environment for all members
- Screening and Selection
  - Background checks required for all non-athlete members
  - Clubs must complete three required pre-employment screens on any new employee (reference checks, education verification, and motor vehicle reports)
  - Free athlete protection training required for all non-athlete members
  - Free athlete protection video for all parents

#### Recognizing, Reporting & Responding

- Reports of suspected abuse can be made by phone, by email, by letter, by fax or by USA Swimming's new online reporting form
- Persons who report can choose to identify themselves or they can remain anonymous
- <u>http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1955&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en</u> (Members Resources – Safe Sport)
- Grassroots Engagement & Feedback
  - LE has a Safe Sport Committee to disseminate educational information and awareness of abuse.
  - Local level contacts
    - Pam Cook <u>pamswim@aol.com</u>
    - Tina McCauley Chair of LE Safe Sport committee mccauley t@Shaker-Heights.k12.oh.us



### **Times Issues**

- Times Exception Reports
- What times go into SWIMS
- What meets do not require USA times
- Lead off splits individual and relay events
- Relays in SWIMS

### **Times Exception Reports**

- Meets that have qualifying times that are indicated as "faster than" have times checked after the meet
- If a swimmer does not make the qualifying time and does not have the qualifying time in SWIMS, a fine of \$10/swim is assessed
- Club personnel receive a Times Exception Report and have 2 weeks to provide proof of time. (Report typically goes to Club Registrar, Head Coach or person identified by club)
- If proof of time is not provided, the club pays the fine or can have it deducted from the club registration account.

### What Times Go Into SWIMS?

- SWIMS USA Swimming centralized database
- Any individual time that is swum at a USA sanctioned meet (not a DQ)
- Any individual time that is swum by a USA Swimmer at an approved or observed meet (providing LSC uploads it)
  - Approved meet a meet that includes USA swimmers and non-USA swimmers and is conducted under USA rules (i.e. Y meets, Parkview Sizzler)
  - Observed meet a high school meet that includes USA swimmers and non USA swimmers and has USA officials observing the meet

#### What Meets Do Not Require Times in SWIMS?

- In LE, Gold and Silver championships during Short Course
  - Why? It was felt because HS competition occurs during winter, older swimmers do not have opportunities to achieve USA times
- USA Central Sectionals
  - Why? Emphasis is on club participation
- For the above meets, proof of times can include observed, approved and other meets (see meet information for specifics and contact meet host if in doubt)

#### Lead-Off Splits

 No lead off splits from either individual or relay events are automatically entered into SWIMS

### • If a lead off split is desired, the following procedure must be observed prior to the swim:

Any initial distance splits, either individual or the lead off leg of any relay, for the time to go into SWIMS the swimmer(s) or the swimmer(s) coach must notify either the meet referee or the admin. referee before the event and provide the necessary watches. If the swimmer makes the time or if they want the time to go into SWIMS, then the proper paperwork must be completed after the swim and all watches must be shown to the admin. referee. Please see LESI Handbook 6.3.3 and USA Swimming rulebook 102.24.1A(1)(d) and 102.27.4 for more detailed information.

#### Times

- LE will not be uploading any non-championship relays automatically (effective 2012-2013 Short Course)
- If a non-championship relay needs to be uploaded to SWIMS, contact Pam Cook (Example: record)
- Who to contact regarding Times:
  - Sanctioned and Approved meets Pam Cook (<u>pamswim@aol.com</u>)
  - Observed HS meets Chuck Kunsman (<u>chuck163@yahoo.com</u>)

### **Registration – Athlete Membership**

- Membership Types and Requirements
  - Athlete
    - Year round expires (12/31) \$54
    - Seasonal 150 days from when registered \$31.50
    - Outreach \$5
      - Requires documentation of free or reduced lunch program or primary family breadwinner out of work for more than 6 months

### Non-Athlete Membership

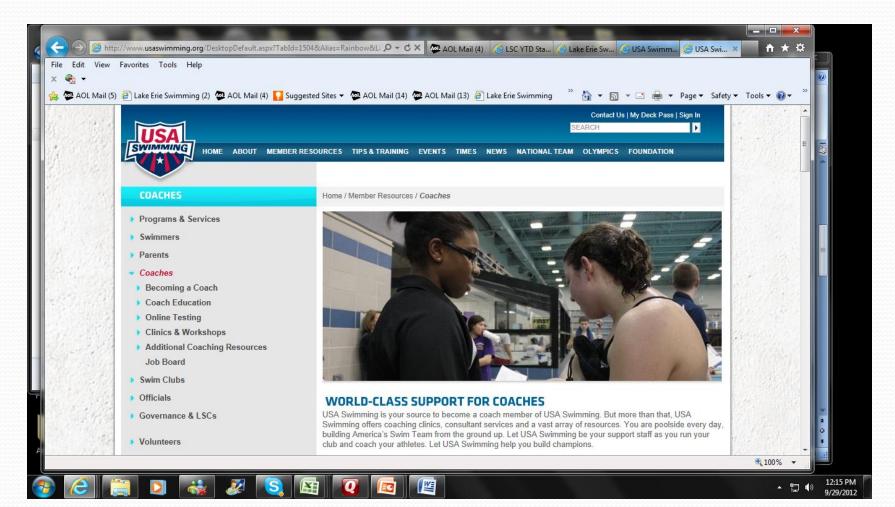
Who: Official, Coach, Other(Parent) - cost \$57

**Requirements**:

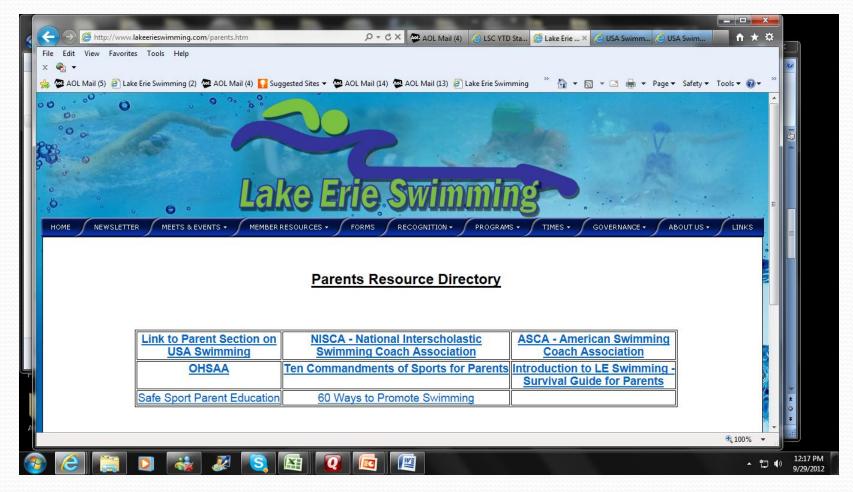
- All types must have:
  - Background Check (good for 2 years)
    - Level 1- Other (Cost \$19)
    - Level 2- Officials, Coaches (Cost \$39 for new registration)
    - For those renewing background checks, cost is \$19 if using the RENEWAL button at USA Swimming (effective 10/3/12)
  - Athlete Protection Training (all) (Cost: \$0)
- Coaches Approved certifications are located on the USA Swimming website <u>http://www.usaswimming.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?TabId=1504&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en</u>
  - Current CPR
  - Current First Aid
  - Current Safety Training for Swim Coaches (2 parts pool part (LG) and test part
    - Taking complete STFSC course
    - Having LifeGuarding cert for the pool part and taking STFSC online for test part
  - New or Coaches Renewing for 2nd year of USA coaching
    - For Coaches Renewing for 2nd year of USA coaching Foundations of Coaching (9/30-12/31/12)
    - New Coaches Only Foundations of Coaching Two Parts (effective 1/1/13)

#### Where to go for tests/information?

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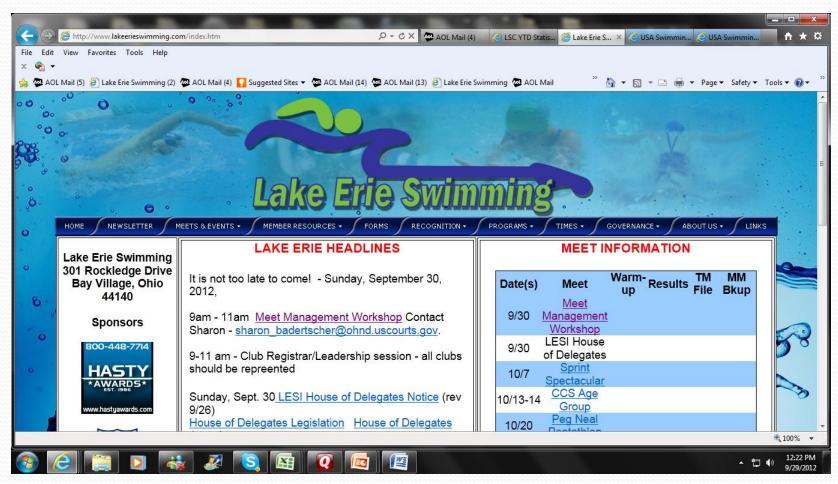


### **LE Parent Information**

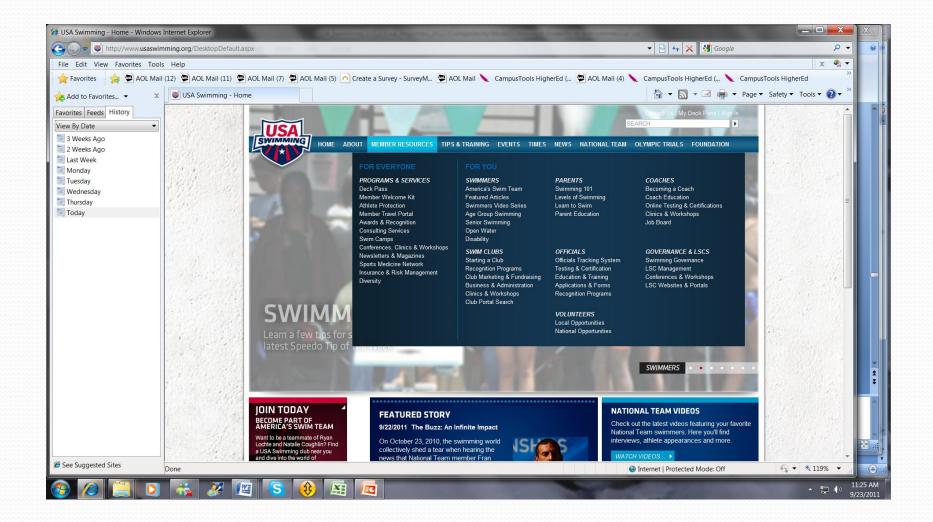


#### LE Resources

#### www.lakeerieswimming.com



### Where to get information on the USA Swimming website: Members and Resources





#### **Comments or questions?**