



**SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL LOCAL MASTERS SWIM COMMITTEE (SI LMSC)
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From the SI LMSC Board of Directors c/o SI LMSC, 5666 La Jolla Blvd #244, La Jolla, CA 92037

2011 USMS MEMBERSHIP: If you have decided to renew for 2011, please do so either via the online registration system or by filling out and mailing a paper form. Clubs to which members wish to affiliate must be 2011 USMS members.

Individual Online Membership (Registration) or Renewal Process

An email has been sent to each of you with a link to your personal online registration form. If you use the online method, please enter or change your data carefully. At the end of the process, you will receive a receipt and be able to print a copy of your 2011 membership card.

Your personalized link expires in 30 days. For your security, please do not forward this email to anyone. You can also access your registration form at: <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/USMS.cfm?L=44> .

Individual Membership Application via Paper Form

Membership forms were mailed to everyone who did not have an email address, who requested to be excluded from emails, and who requested a paper form. Renew your USMS membership by mailing a signed application form with the fee to the **SI LMSC** address SI LMSC, 5666 La Jolla Blvd #244, La Jolla, CA 92037. The form can be found on the SI LMSC web site under Membership/ Registration and at the web address "http://www.simastersswim.org/SI-USMS-RegMember-Form.pdf". If you need a paper form mailed to you, please email SiSecretary (at) usms (dot) org and request to be mailed a paper form or mail a request for a 2011 paper membership form to SI LMSC, 5666 La Jolla Blvd #244, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Print Your Membership Card whenever needed as proof of membership for workouts, events, or meets.

To print your USMS card, go to <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/USMS.cfm?L=44>.

Below the on-line Member Registration box, is the question "[Are you already registered for this year and need your current USMS Registration Number for entering a meet?](#)" Click on this link to go to the "Display Current USMS Registration Number" page where you have 2 options:

1. To [display your USMS registration number](#) only, fill out the form below and your registration number will be presented to you on the next page.
2. If you want [a printable copy of your USMS membership card](#), you will need to fill out the [Registration Card form](#) [Click on the "[Registration Card form](#)" link and follow the instructions to print your card.]

Update your membership listing - change postal and email addresses, telephone #s, and preferences

Update your membership information and preferences online (i.e. opt out of Swimmer magazine or sponsor mailings, or exclude all emails, etc.) by going to <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/USMS.cfm?L=44> or mail an update to: SI LMSC, 5666 La Jolla Blvd, #244, La Jolla, CA 92037. If you do not want to receive registration renewal reminders or anything else, please update your membership information and mark exclude all emails or do not list an email address (or mark the existing one as "Bad").

Representation and Club Affiliation

SI LMSC stands for San Diego – Imperial Local Masters Swimming Committee and is the local governing body for masters swimming in the San Diego and Imperial Counties geographical area. If you want to register for a club within SI LMSC, you must use the SI LMSC membership registration form or the SI LMSC online membership link. If you are trying to register with a club from another LMSC, you WILL NOT find it listed on SI LMSC club menu. Only clubs currently registered within our San Diego-Imperial LMSC appear. If you cannot find your club listed, then it is possible that you may be registering in the wrong LMSC. Please email me BEFORE COMPLETING your online registration. It is also possible that your "club," group, or workout location is not a USMS-registered club. In that case, you can either register as Unattached (UNAT) or with a club which is listed in the pull down menu.

See next page for further information on changing club affiliation.

Changing Club Representation or Affiliation (Club Transfer)

The rules for changing club affiliation (representation) can be confusing. When registering with USMS through the SI LMSC, a swimmer must declare affiliation either with a club that is a current member of SI LMSC and USMS or as "unattached" (no club). If a club is not a member of USMS, then the club name will not appear on the online registration form. Not all workout groups are member clubs. Swimmers registering by paper form who list a club which is not a member will be registered as "Unattached."

There are four rules regarding changing representation or club affiliation.

- 1) **CHANGING AFFILIATION from UNATTACHED to a club at the ANNUAL re-registration time** requires **NO** waiting period and no fee. If the change is done at the ANNUAL re-registration time, then you only need to re-register for the new year and list the club with which you want to be affiliated on the membership/registration form. If the new club is in a different LMSC (i.e. not within the San Diego-Imperial LMSC), then you must use the membership form from that LMSC.
- 2) **CHANGING AFFILIATION from UNATTACHED to a club after you have registered for the year** requires **NO** waiting period but requires paperwork and a transfer fee which must be mailed. If the change is done other than at the annual re-registration time, then you must submit a change of affiliation/ transfer form and pay the transfer fee. For example, if you registered as UNAT when you renewed and decide to switch to a club later in the year, you would need to submit a transfer form and pay the transfer processing fee.
- 3) **CHANGING AFFILIATION from one club to another club at the ANNUAL re-registration time** requires **NO** waiting period and no transfer form or fee. The annual re-registration time begins on November 1 and goes until you actually re-register for the following year.
- 4) **CHANGING AFFILIATION from one club to another club other than at the annual re-registration time requires a 60 day "waiting" period and a transfer form and fee which must be mailed.** For this type of affiliation change, the following options are available:
 - a) A swimmer can **NOT compete** in sanctioned events **for 60 days** and submit a transfer/change of affiliation form (with fee) after the 60 day waiting period to change from one club to another; or
 - b) A swimmer can **change to UNATTACHED** by submitting a transfer form (with fee) and would be able to **swim "unattached"** in sanctioned events **during the 60 day waiting period**. Sixty days after having last represented a former club in a sanctioned event, a swimmer can officially change affiliation to the new club by submitting another "change-of-affiliation/transfer" form and fee.

Actually, there is one additional rule, if you make a mistake on your club affiliation when registering on-line, immediately contact either SIChair(at)USMS(dot)org or SISecretary(at)USMS(dot)org and state that you made a mistake. Give your name, the name of the club to which you actually intended to affiliate, and an email address.

USMS Unique Permanent Identification Numbers (the last 5 alpha-numeric characters of your USMS #

Unique USMS IDs are issued to all USMS members and remain the same each year. Your membership number contains a variable section containing your LMSC code (44 for San Diego-Imperial), the year, and a variable character plus your permanent ID. If you register in another LMSC or re-register after a gap between registration years or cannot recall your ID, then please indicate that you were a USMS member so that a valid member number can be issued with your correct ID. Some of the membership numbers might be difficult to read. The letters "O/o" and "Q/q" are NEVER used, however the number ZERO (0) IS USED. If it looks like a zero, then it probably is a zero. Unfortunately, the letter "D" sometimes looks like a zero. The letters "I/i" and "L/l" are NEVER used; but the number ONE (1) IS USED. It may be difficult to distinguish between the letter "B" and the number eight (8), the letter "Z" and the number two "2," and the letter "S" and the number five "5."

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Swimwear rules for competition (pool and open water)

For **pool competitions**, swimwear must comply with FINA standards. In swimming competitions, competitor may wear only **one suit** in one or two pieces (swim bikinis are OK; jog bras, athletic supporters, or a second suit under a suit are NOT OK). All suits must be made from a textile material (no neoprene, etc.). For women, the suit shall not cover the neck or extend past the shoulders or below the knees. For men, the suit shall not extend above the navel or below the knees. Only FINA-compliant suits may be worn. **Suits may NOT have fasteners (no clasps, clips, hooks, snaps, zippers, buttons, etc.)**. Waist tie strings are OK.

For **open water events** effective 01/01/11, acceptable swimwear is listed is defined in two categories. For category one, suits must conform to the USMS pool competition standards. Category two permits wearing wetsuits and pre-FINA 2010 approved tech suits including long leg and long sleeves.