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Dear Masters Club and Masters member:

Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta value the contribution of masters swimming to swimming in Canada. We have long played a governance role in the sport of swimming and are proud to have a sport system that supports swimming both for competition and for fitness, including grassroots/development athletes, performance development athletes, performance athletes, and fit for life (masters) athletes.

Although the governance of swimming has always been with Swimming Canada and to designated provincial sections, several years ago a special interest group – Masters Swimming Canada (MSC) – was formed. Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta have worked closely with MSC to establish an effective working relationship, however, consistent challenges have persisted, despite efforts from everyone to make the relationship fully functional.

Effective September 1, 2019, Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta will no longer facilitate registration directly with Masters Swimming Canada. Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta will continue to register all masters members and affiliated clubs through Swim Alberta. This change will have little impact and members will still receive the full benefits of membership they have received in the past from Swim Alberta and Swimming Canada, including access to sanctioned competitions, insurance; and coach, official and club development. Those members who would like to continue to participate in the MSC programs can still register directly with MSC.

To support these changes, Swimming Canada will establish a dedicated position to support masters swimming and programming by September 1, 2019.

Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta are committed to continuing to serve our masters membership. Any questions on these changes can be directed to: Cheryl Humphrey or Val Carr at Swim Alberta ([chumphrey@swimalberta.ca](mailto:chumphrey@swimalberta.ca) or [val@swimalberta.ca](mailto:val@swimalberta.ca)); or to Swimming Canada at [questions@swimming.ca](mailto:questions@swimming.ca).

Please feel free to circulate this letter and the attached FAQ to your membership.

Sincerely,

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CEO  
Swimming Canada

Cheryl Humphrey  
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Swim Alberta



### Frequently asked Questions:

#### *How will this impact my registration fees?*

In addition to any club related fees, your fees will be made up of both a Swimming Canada fee and a Provincial Section Fee (plus taxes):

Provincial section fee: Masters-with a club: \$27.00; Masters–unattached: \$44.00; Masters–Open: \$101.  
Swimming Canada fee: \$10.00 (NB Masters-Open: \$95.00)

#### *What effect will this have on my entry into competitions?*

If you affiliated directly with your provincial section in the past, all the competitions within your province were sanctioned by Swimming Canada and Swim Alberta. This will not change and your access to these competitions as a registered member will continue, as well as your results and records.

#### *What will happen to my provincial and national records?*

Your provincial section maintained the official list of provincial records and will continue to do so. All national records obtained through a Swimming Canada sanctioned competition will be honoured and maintained by Swimming Canada. Swimming Canada and the provincial sections are looking to develop and maintain records on the national rankings system currently used for year round age group/senior swimming. This will be done in a way to separate masters records from age group/senior records.

#### *I really like to participate in the Million Metre Challenge and other programs offered by MSC, can I still?*

You can still participate in the Million Metre Challenge and other programs offered by MSC by simply registering directly with Masters Swimming Canada. Swim Alberta can assist you in how you can register and where the links are if you are having difficulty.

#### *How will this affect coaching?*

Coach certification and registration was a service provided through your provincial section in partnership with Swimming Canada. This will continue to operate as it always has.

#### *How will this affect the insurance program we had for our club and membership?*

Insurance was provided through either Swimming Canada or your provincial section. This will continue to operate as it always has.