

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify rules relating to member registration with Synchronized Swimming Australia Incorporated (SSAI). The purpose of registration is to maintain a national record of all Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Clubs and other members.

Application of this Policy

This Policy applies to SSAI, State Associations and affiliated members. All individuals registered with a Club or State Association are required to be a member of SSAI. All other individuals participating in the sport of artistic swimming are encouraged to become members in order to ensure they are covered by SSAI insurance, programmes and policies.

Membership Registration Information

1. SSAI's membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Members will re-apply annually.
2. SSAI membership fees and categories will be determined annually by the SSAI Board.
3. SSAI will advise members of fees in advance of each financial year.
4. Registrants acting in more than one role are required to pay only one registration fee. The required registration fee will be the higher fee (e.g. a Coach who is also a Competitor will pay a Competitor fee).
5. In the event of changing to a new membership category during the course of the financial year, the member is to pay the difference between the fee paid and the higher fee. If the new category has a lower membership fee, a refund will not be paid.
6. All Recreational and Try Artistic Swimming members must be registered.
7. No Competitor, Recreational or Try Artistic Swimming member is to swim until they have been registered.
8. No Competitor or Recreational member is to swim until their registration fees have been paid.
9. Registration for renewing registrants must be received by 1 July each year, however registrations for new registrants will be accepted by SSAI throughout the membership year. 2018/19 is an exception due to the introduction of the new system. Renewing members are requested to renew prior to 15 July.
10. Members are responsible for ensuring that Registrant information is accurate, complete and up-to-date throughout the membership year.
11. Refunds are not provided.
12. SSAI fees cover a person not a position. If a position is filled by two people throughout the year, the SSAI fee may need to be paid twice.
13. All Volunteers must be registered.
14. A unique registration reference will be applied to each member and will remain with them. Each registration number will only ever be used once so if a member leaves SSAI completely, that registration number will NOT be recycled for use.