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Swim BC Masters Membership Update: 2026-2027 Season

Swim BC is proposing an update to its bylaws (for member approval at the 2026 AGM) that would remove the Class B (Special Interest Association) category. The goal is to strengthen club representation, clarify membership categories, and support effective risk management across the organization. If approved, registered Masters clubs would become **Class A members**, giving each club its own voice and vote at the AGM.

For the full membership categories please see section 3.02 in the Swim BC [Bylaws](#). (Please note: this link reflects the current bylaws, which still include the Class B category.)

What this means for Masters in 2026-2027

For swimmers and clubs, the overall experience with Swim BC remains very similar. New in 2026-27 will be:

- A **Recreational Masters** registration category for swimmers who want to train and be covered under a club insurance, without competing.
- A dedicated **Masters Committee** to help guide and support Masters priorities
- Your Swim BC registration will not affiliate you to MSABC

What Swim BC membership provides

Swim BC registration continues to support Masters swimming across BC by providing access to:

- Competition sanctioning and oversight - Swim BC sanctioning is recognized by Swimming Canada and World Aquatics
- Official times and records recognized Provincially, Nationally, and Internationally
- Comprehensive Member Insurance Coverage [FAQ](#)
- Safe Sport oversight
- Coaching Development - Access to NCCP certification and professional development opportunities
- Officials Development
- Recreational and competitive swimming



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2026–2027 Membership Options & Fees

Note: for 2026-27 there is a Swimming Canada fee increase, competitive rates will adjust by \$0.25 to account for the new \$15.75 SNC fee.

Category	Fee	Details
Masters Club Registration	\$200	Direct membership for the club.
Competitive Swimmer	\$77.25* (SNC-15.75\$, Swim BC-61.50\$)	Full access to sanctioned events, insurance, and REMS registration.
Dogwood (Unattached)	\$87.25* (SNC-15.75\$, Swim BC-71.50\$)	For independent competitive swimmers; Full access to sanctioned events, insurance, and REMS registration. No club insurance or coaching included.
Recreational Masters (NEW)	\$10 /session	For non-competitive swimmers, includes insurance and allows entire clubs to train under the same COI.

Recreational Session Dates:

Fall: Sept 1 – Dec 31 | **Winter:** Jan 1 – Mar 31 | **Spring:** Apr 1 – Jun 30 | **Summer:** Jul 1 – Aug 31.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

If our club is registered with MSABC, can we compete in Swim BC sanctioned meets?

To compete in Swim BC sanctioned meets, a club must register with Swim BC. This involves a **\$200 club fee** and a **\$77.25 fee per competitive swimmer**.

Is there an option for swimmers who only want to train but not compete?

Yes. Swimmers who only wish to train may register as **Recreational Masters** directly with Swim BC. This costs **\$10 per session** (up to four sessions per year) and allows them to train under the club's Swim BC insurance.

What is "Dogwood" registration?

Individual athletes can register as unattached Masters Swimmer through Dogwood. This registration is intended for competitive swimmers training independently. Dogwood members have access to sanctioned competitions and event insurance. However, Dogwood registration **does not** include club insurance or coaching.



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Can a club be registered with both Swim BC and MSABC?

Yes.

How does insurance work for pool bookings?

Only those registered with Swim BC are covered under the Swim BC Certificate of Insurance (COI). If a club uses the Swim BC COI to reserve pool time, **all participants in that session must be registered with Swim BC**. Those not registered would require a separate booking not involving the Swim BC COI.

Who will sanction local meets going forward?

Swim BC or MSABC, depending on the clubs membership. A meet can not be sanctioned by both organizations at parallel.

Which meets will Swim BC be sanctioning in 2026-27?

Swim BC does not set the meet calendar; it is driven by clubs that choose to host and submit sanctioning requests. Swim BC is currently contacting clubs to confirm their hosting plans for next season.

If you have questions, please contact Hughanna Gaw Manager, Member Services at hughanna.gaw@swimbc.ca