

MEMBERSHIP AND FEE SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

Amendments to this fee schedule are the responsibility of the Membership Committee. This is a portion of Appendix C that relates to membership categories and fees. Appendix C can be found in the members only area of our website. Appendix C also includes sanction fees and entry fee information.

The Membership Committee can modify this Appendix by recommending changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

A membership is required at the highest level of participation. Refer to Appendix W for required coaching certification levels.

Information underlined reflects changes voted and approved by the BOD in September 2014.

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEE BY CATEGORY

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NATIONAL FEE	LSSC FEE ^o	SEND TO USA SYNCHRO
Competitive Athlete:			
Regular/Masters/Collegiate (see 1, 2 & 3)	\$95.00	+LSSC fee	\$95.00
Introductory Athlete:			
Recreational/Seasonal & Collegiate (see 4 & 5)	\$45.00	+LSSC fee	\$45.00
30-Day Trial Athlete (see 6)	\$15.00		\$15.00
Individual:			
A. Professional (see 7)	\$100.00	+LSSC fee	\$100.00
B. Friends of Synchro (see 8)	\$35.00	+LSSC fee	\$35.00
C. Introductory Official (see 9)	\$40.00	+LSSC fee	\$40.00
<u>D. Life</u> (see 10)	\$2,000.00	+LSSC fee	\$2,000.00
<u>E. President's Club</u> (see 11)	\$1,000.00/yr for 10 years		\$1,000.00/yr
F. Olympian (see 13)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Club (see 12)	\$50.00	+LSSC fee	\$50.00

^oLSSC fees are set by the LSSC and sent directly to the Association Administrative Chair.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY INFORMATION

- (1) **Competitive Regular:** Athletes who compete in a year-round program, including National Championships, as defined in the USSS Rules. A championship is defined as a National Competition and any meet that qualifies for another competition whether through a placement or score.
- (2) **Competitive Masters:** Athletes who compete only in Masters competitions as defined in the USSS Rules. Masters athletes must be 20 years of age or older.
- (3) **Competitive Collegiate:** Athletes who compete only in Collegiate competitions, including Collegiate Championships, as defined in the USSS Rules. Should the Collegiate athlete compete outside of the Collegiate program, this membership also serves as a Competitive Regular Athlete Membership.
- (4) **Introductory Recreational/Seasonal Athlete:** Athletes who participate in recreational programs or short-term programs of 15 weeks or less and who do not compete in Association Championships. Should the Introductory Athlete compete in an Association Championship, then an additional fee shall be assessed to upgrade the membership to a Competitive Regular Athlete Membership.

- (5) **Introductory Collegiate Athlete:** Athletes who compete only in non-Championship Collegiate competitions as defined in the USSS Rules. Should the Introductory Collegiate Athlete compete at any Collegiate Championship, then an additional fee shall be assessed to upgrade the membership to a Competitive Regular Athlete Membership.
- (6) **30-Day Trial Athlete:** Athletes who participate only in club activities for a maximum period of 30 days. The 30-Day Trial Athlete membership can be renewed as many times as desired. Should the 30-Day Trial Athlete upgrade the membership to an Introductory Recreational/Seasonal Athlete or Competitive Regular Athlete Membership, then an additional fee shall be assessed for the upgrade. The upgrade will also receive a maximum of one \$15 credit to be applied from the first 30-Day Trial Athlete membership fee.
- (7) **Professional:** Coaches, Instructors, Administrators, Judges Level 3 and above, Club Representatives, Zone Officers, LSSC Officers and members of the Board of Governors. The membership fee is doubled if paid at the USAS Convention. Professional Membership includes a complimentary Athlete Membership.
- (8) **Friends of Synchro:** Individuals who wish to support synchronized swimming and its programs.
- (9) **Introductory Official:** Level 1 & 2 Association/Age Group Regional Judge.
- (10) **Life:** Individuals who contribute \$2,000 to USA Synchro. The fee may be paid over multiple years. Contact USA Synchro for payment options. Life Membership shall include a complimentary registration in one other category of membership.
- (11) **President's Club:** President's Club membership is intended for those who desire to make a significant financial contribution to USA Synchro, particularly to further the development of programs and projects that might not otherwise be funded. One-half of the annual dues are set aside for use on special projects at the President's discretion. President's Club dues are tax-deductible to the extent that goods are not received in return, and USA Synchro sends a statement to each member annually stating the amount that is deductible. PC members receive unique benefits. For more information, contact the President or Executive Director. Minimum commitment is 5 years, and 10-year members receive PC benefits for life. Life Members (see 10 above) who desire to convert to President's Club membership receive credit for their Life Member dues against the tenth year of PC dues.
- (12) **Club:** Must register at least two athletes.
- (13) **Olympian:** Athletes that have competed in the Olympic games and represented the United States in the sport of Synchronized Swimming. The term of this membership begins at the USAS convention following the Olympic Games in which the athlete competed. Olympic athletes who represented the United States in the sport of synchronized swimming from 1984 2012 will receive this membership upon adoption. This is a renewable annual membership for the life of the Olympian.