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## MSABC 2021 Fall Registration Update

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### President's Message

The new swim season is starting and we are allowed back in the pool at last. I hope everyone is excited as I am to get back to training. The summer in the Okanagan has been brutal with wildfires and heavy smoke but a lot of folks persevered and trained in the open water. I hope your summer has been enjoyable.

There have been some changes in registration requirements for the new season which is the main reason for this update. Please read it carefully. I look forward to seeing a lot of you at meets this year.

*John Holmwood*  
*President, MSABC*

## 2021/2022 Registration

2021/2022 Registration is upon us and the new updated **Masters**

with Swim BC and is a valuable resource for Club Registrars. Additional guides are available for [Coach Registration](#) and [Swimmer Registration](#).

Please note that Swim BC accepts three types of Masters organizations/categories this year. Groups and swimmers will need to register under one of these categories:

- **CLUBS** are defined by Swim BC as currently registered Not-for-Profit Societies in good standing. Clubs will register in the same way they have done for the last couple of years.
- **ASSOCIATIONS** These are organizations that operate as Clubs, or that were registered societies in the past but now are not. Swim BC will accept them this year ONLY as they should be working to become registered Societies next year and beyond.
- **INDIVIDUALS** These are individual swimmers and groups of swimmers that do not qualify as Clubs or Associations. Swim BC registers these swimmers individually as members of Dogwood Masters Swim Club. However, the swimmer can specify which Club or Association they want to represent at swim meets.

Clubs and Associations will be able to register their organization with Swim BC using the [online registration form](#) in the [Masters Registration Guide](#) after September 2nd. Individual swimmers, will need to contact [Sam Thoms](#) with Swim BC to be registered under the Dogwood Club and to define which Club/Association to represent at swim meets.

If your organization needs guidance and help on how to become a registered society, please contact [MSABC President John Holmwood](#).

All swim meets will use the RTR system for registration this year, it will mean that **all swimmers who want to swim in a meet MUST be registered.**

## Insurance Certificates


When the masters season starts up in the fall and pool rental agreements are finalized, many pools and recreational facilities will ask for an Insurance Certificate from the MSABC affiliated Masters club.

Please note that clubs who have requested **Certificates of Insurance (COI)** in the past are now covered under a blanket COI that includes all clubs and pools/recreational centres and municipalities. That means, there is **NO need make the specific application.** Clubs' host pool or


included. If a club wants to use a new pool that is not already on the list, it can be added by contacting Swim BC.

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