



June 6, 2019

*Swim Ontario is excited to be supporting a full continuum of swimming*

Hello Swim Ontario Master Swimmers and member Clubs,

Swim Ontario is excited to support a full continuum of swimming from *beginner to swimmer for life*. At the Masters level, we promote fun, fitness, friendship, well-being and competition for adults through swimming. Swim Ontario prides itself on delivering effective performing programs with thorough and accountable measures, while maintaining an inclusive, safe and respectful environment. We are committed to promoting, encouraging, supporting and growing Masters swimming in all forms throughout the province, and in partnership with Swimming Canada on a national and international level.

A week has passed with the notification from Swimming Canada that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Masters Swimming Canada (MSC) would cease effective August 31, 2019. Swim Ontario wishes to officially thank the dedication and commitment of the Masters Swimming Canada board and staff over the past 40 years. This organization has served the swimming community well and has exemplified the values of our great sport. We look forward to building on their accomplishments to promote fun, fitness friendship, healthy living and competition. Swim Ontario, now under the leadership of Swim Canada, will continue to facilitate registration and collection of fees from its Masters' clubs and members however without the designated MSC fee. The short-term impact will see a decrease in fees as set out below.

### 2019-2020 Masters Fees

Type	Category	SC fee	SO fee	HST	Total
Masters	Non Competitive	\$10.00	\$3.50	\$0.46	\$13.96
Masters	Competitive	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$3.90	\$43.90
Masters	Independent	\$10.00	\$44.25	\$5.75	\$60.00

Members will continue to receive the benefits of being registered with Swimming Canada and Swim Ontario, including access to sanctioned competitions, insurance, coach, officials and club development.

### Club Membership Application/Fees:

Understanding the time and process required to be compliant and aligned with all Swim Ontario registration policies Swim Ontario will:

- Continue to waive the new club application fee for the 2019-2020 season
- Consider new Masters club registrations outside the application deadline
- Re-register current Swim Ontario Masters clubs through the re-affiliation fee guidelines

**Clubs and Registrars will be receiving the 2019-2020 Swim Ontario Registration and Information package in the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Masters Development Fund:

Swim Ontario has a Masters Development fund that is available through application to the SO Masters Committee by SO registered Masters' clubs. This fund is to assist the development of the SO Masters provincial programming in the following areas:

- Competition event hosting grant (\$1,000)
- Coach certification fee assistance (\$300)
- Clinics, Events unique for Masters Swimming (\$500)

Swim Ontario also offers a hosting grant to the host club as part of the Provincial Championship agreement. Swim Ontario is pleased to announce to the SO Masters clubs and swimmers, the **Masters Recognition program** through one of its partner sponsors ARENA Team Aquatic Supplies. This program will be applied to the upcoming SO Masters Swim Series to be launched October 2019.

## Swim Ontario Masters Swim Series

Swim Ontario is excited to introduce the Swim Ontario Masters Arena/TAS Swim Series. A highlight of the competition schedule will be a **masters pentathlon competition** in December 2019 hosted at **TPASC**, regarded as one of the fastest pools in North America.

## Swim Ontario Masters Competition Schedule of sanctioned events: (Tentative-yet to be confirmed)

October/November	##Semi Serious Meet	EOMAC
November	##competition and host required	
December	SO Masters Pentathlon	@TPASC
January	##Downtown Swim Club	
February/March	##competition host required	
April	2020 SO Masters Provincial Championships	

##- these will be the targeted competitions as **Arena/TAS Series** - a performance recognition program to be communicated for the start of the new swim season.

## Other Initiatives:

The **2019 Swim Ontario Conference** in September will offer coach development and networking opportunities. Saturday September 14 is a full day focus for Safe Sport and the launch of a club tool kit with the necessary tools and advice to help develop better club and member development. Information and Registration can be found [HERE](#).

Swim Ontario is also working to launch a **new website** by December to better serve its members, including the masters swimming community.

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## We can do better...together

Swim Ontario believes the value of and the need for an aligned national strategy for Masters swimming ensuring a safe and inclusive sport specific environment that is congruent, aligned and compliant with the international governing body is essential. We also believe master swimmers in Ontario would be best served by a single governing body that facilitates swimmer registration, meet sanctioning, insurance, ranking and record-keeping, implementation of safe sport measures, coaching certification, member-communications and delivery of programs and special initiatives for the Masters swimming community.

Your voice can be heard by and through the **Swim Ontario Masters Committee**.

### 2018-2019 Committee:

Bud Seawright - Chair  
Katie Osborne  
Jack So  
Cindy Bertelink  
Andy Ritchie  
Dan Thompson  
Lindsay Taylor - Staff  
Dean Boles – Staff

If you are interested in serving on the committee you can contact the committee at [masters@swimontario.com](mailto:masters@swimontario.com).

Yours in Swimming,

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