

Masters Swimming Canada Swimmer Affiliation Policy

Provincial Masters Organization (PMO) refers to a regular member of Masters Swimming Canada (MSC) defined in the MSC Bylaws as: “[An] organization, association or corporation which [is] recognized by [MSC] as the sole governing body for the sport of masters swimming in a particular Province or Territory.” In some cases the PMO for a province is also an SNC Provincial Swimming Organization.

Regular Masters Swimming Club refers to a regular member of MSC defined in the MSC Bylaws as: “An organized masters swimming club with at least two (2) registered masters swimmers.” Masters Swimming Clubs must be registered with MSC and with their PMO.

Registered Masters Swimmer (swimmer) is a person registered with Masters Swimming Canada and their PMO. Registration affiliates a swimmer with a single Masters Swimming Club.

Provincial Club for Individual Swimmers is a club registered by the PMO under which swimmers who are not registered with any other club are registered. If there are two or more swimmers registered with the Provincial Club for Individual Swimmers then that club qualifies as a Regular Member of MSC and is considered a Regular Masters Swimming Club.

1. Every swimmer who wishes to participate in a Masters Swimming programme must be registered with MSC and their PMO.
2. Each PMO shall register a Provincial Club for Individual Swimmers under which swimmers that are not affiliated with any other club are registered. The name of this club shall not contain the word “unattached” or any similar word. Swimmers registered with these clubs are not excluded from swimming official relays.
3. A swimmer may be a member of more than one club at a time but may only register with MSC once and must specify a single club affiliation. A swimmer may only be registered in one province at a time.
4. A swimmer may only swim for a Masters Swimming Club at a competition if the swimmer is registered with MSC as affiliated with that club.
5. Relay swims involving swimmers who are not all registered as affiliated with the same club shall be considered exhibition relays and are not eligible for relay records.
6. A swimmer may change their registered club affiliation. If a swimmer is affiliated with a club and changes their affiliation to another club, they cannot reaffiliate with the first club within the same membership season. MSC may grant an exception to this clause if it considers the circumstances to be exceptional.

