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IMPORTANT 2012 USA-S/FL NON-ATHLETE REGISTRATION NOTICE!!!!

A new membership requirement will be mandatory for all non-athletes effective with the 2012 membership year, which begins 9/1/11. The new requirement is the online Athlete Protection Training (APT) test. Unfortunately, the APT will not be available until 9/15/11, so there is a two-week period when 2012 non-athlete members will be unable to meet the membership requirements. When we enter a 2012 new member or renew an existing member, the SWIMS record will be flagged if the person has not passed the APT and a 2012 card will not be generated. Below is the procedure Florida Swimming will following during this lag time:

NEW NON-ATHLETE MEMBERS

If you are a brand new non-athlete member who joins during this two week period, we will provide you with a USA-S/FL letter that will be valid through 10/15/11, giving one month to pass the APT. We will be unable to print a 2012 membership card during this time.

NON-ATHLETE MEMBER RENEWALS

We will not renew a USA-S/FL non-athlete until the end of September. Your current non-athlete membership cards are valid through 12/31/11 (unless a coach certification expires). So there should be no urgency to print a 2012, if you have a current 2011 card. No 2012 card will be generated until you pass the APT test.

APT TEST

The course will be available online and accessed through the USA Swimming website, www.usaswimming.org. It will take about one hour to complete the online training course. There is no fee and it is good for 2 years. Members must take the training and they must pass the final exam. If they log out before passing the exam, it will not count and you will have to take it again.

Below is the new APT program that have been initiated into the 2011 USA-Swimming rules under Non-Athlete Requirements for membership:

New Non-Athlete Membership Requirements

1. Background Checks - For Your Review

☐ **305.4** Employees and volunteers of USA Swimming, LSCs and member clubs who interact directly and frequently with athletes as a regular part of their duties and individuals with any ownership interest in a member club must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming and satisfactorily complete criminal background checks as required by USA Swimming. This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, marshals, computer operators, etc. who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet.

☐ **502.6.1** All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks and athlete protection education as required by USA Swimming.

If you have questions, please contact the Florida Swimming office.