

**URGENT! New USA Swimming Rules Pertaining to Non-Athlete Registration for 2011**

**Effective Immediately**

**Every Non-Athlete member of USA/MD Swimming must have passed the USA Swimming background check by January 1, 2011 or their membership will be revoked on that date.**

**This includes, but is not limited to: all Maryland Swimming Board Members, all Officials, all Sports Medicine or Massage Therapists and all Club Registrars.**

**All club chaperones must be registered with USA Swimming and must take the background check!**

**All clubs must do the USA Swimming recommended pre-employment background screening before hiring anyone whose position requires them to be registered with USA Swimming.**

**All coaches will have additional background check and education requirements beginning next year. Effective dates and additional information will follow.**