

To: All Maryland LSC Members of USA Swimming
Fr: Raymond Brown
Chair, MD Swimming
Re: Rule Changes and New Legislation

The following excerpt is from Dan McAllen who chairs the Rules and Regulations Committee of USA Swimming.

The final form of the legislation passed by the House of Delegates at the 2010 USA Swimming Convention during its meeting on September 18, 2010 has been posted to the website for your review [USASwimming.org]. The enactment of legislation in support of athlete protection was a major focus of the Rules & Regulations session.

Your attention is directed to some of the more significant rules changes adopted by the House of Delegates.

1. All non-athlete members of USA Swimming must have satisfactorily completed criminal background checks and athlete protection education as required by USA Swimming.
2. Clubs are required to comply with USA Swimming pre-employment screening procedures for all new employees who are required to be members under 502.3 or 502.4.3
3. The creation of a new Article 305 [Athlete Protection Policies](#) which are mandatory components of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.
4. The creation of a new Article 306 [Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements](#) requiring members to report incidents of sexual misconduct by a member to USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Officer.
5. A coach member of USA Swimming must be at least 18 years old

Again, your attention is directed and invited to the USA Swimming website to read the entirety of the rules changes made by the House of Delegates.

Maryland Swimming is currently looking into the implementation process of these changes and will provide more details when we have them.

Thank you.