

Instructions for USA Swimming Registration

The CFYN Tigersharks are also a USA Swimming team. Participation in USA Swimming enables you to compete in additional invitational meets where you can choose your events. Many times, USA Swimming meets include a larger variety of events than typical YMCA invitationals. For example, USA Swimming meets typically have not only 50 yard events for 10 and unders and 11/12 year olds, but will also have 100 and 200 yard events. In addition, many of the USA Swimming meets are held at some of the fastest pools (Cleveland State, Akron U., SPIRE Institute) in the area. Many swimmers think that USA Swimming is only for experienced, older, elite swimmers. However, USA Swimming has competitions for all ages and skill levels. For instance, the youngest Tigershark to compete in USA Swimming meets was only 6 years old. Participation in USA Swimming is voluntary. If you are interested in signing up for USA Swimming or would like more information, please make sure to stop by the USA Swimming table at the Tigershark Registration.

To register for USA Swimming, please bring the following to the Tigershark Registration:

- Completed registration form.** Please make sure to choose a designation in the "Race/ethnicity" item on the form. This information is important to USA Swimming in pursuing grants and for Tigersharks in completing our Level 1 team certification;
- A Copy of Swimmer's Birth Certificate** (if you previously submitted a copy of your birth certificate to Tigersharks, you don't have to bring another one);
- A Separate Check Made Out to CFYN for USA Swimming Fees.** The USA Swimming membership fee is \$54.00 per swimmer. In addition, there is a 10.00 per family fee that goes to the Tigersharks to help defray the additional cost associated with administering this program. For example, a family with two USA Swimmers would need an additional check made out to CFYN for \$118.00 (2 X \$54.00 + \$10.00).

If you were a seasonal USA Swimming athlete with the Tigershark summer long course team, your USA registration will expire in October. To continue to compete in USA meets without interruption, you will need to upgrade your registration to an annual membership during the Tigershark registration. Your new annual membership will be good through December 31, 2013.

For all USA Swimmers who already have annual memberships, we recommend that you still renew your membership during Tigershark registration. Your membership will expire on December 31, 2012. By renewing now, you don't have to remember to renew in December and you will be ready to compete in meets in January.

For high school pre-season and post-season swimmers, by renewing now, you will be ready to swim in early season meets (prior to the start of high school season) and will also be ready to swim in the USA Swimming Championship meets held in early March after the State meet.