

120-day Rule Interpretation

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USA Swimming Rule 203.3: For a swimmer to represent a USA Swimming club in a competitive event, one hundred twenty (120) consecutive days must have elapsed without the swimmer having represented any other USA Swimming club in USA Swimming competition.

This means a swimmer cannot swim for a new club in MEETS for 120-days. That does NOT mean the swimmer can't swim in a meet for 120-days. They simply cannot be ATTACHED to that new club for those meets within that time frame. They must be entered as UN-XYZ and the swimmer cannot swim on relays.

How do you know if your swimmer should be UN-XYZ? It all starts when you submit registration information to the ISI office. If you are aware that your swimmer was with another club, you need to fill out on the application (or the change/transfer form) the LAST DATE of competition with the old club.

HOW TO ENTER MEETS WITH TM AND UN SWIMMERS

Club entry chairs need to make an unattached team in the main Team Manager database. Before you select events for unattached swimmer, be sure to toggle on the box near the top that says "For this Meet, Swim for Team" Then, click on UN for that athlete. Then, you can select the events that swimmer will be entered in. Reminder, when you go to the next swimmer, if they need to be attached to your team, you will have to go to that team box at the top to select your home team. It should remain defaulted to your home team after that.

If all else fails and you get to the meet and swimmer who should be UN is listed in programs/heat sheets as your home club and not as Unattached, simply make a trip over to the head table before the event begins and request that swimmer be denoted as UN in the meet manager db. It would probably be helpful to submit a written request in case computer chair is busy with other issues.

If you have any additional questions after reading this, please don't hesitate to contact us!!

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