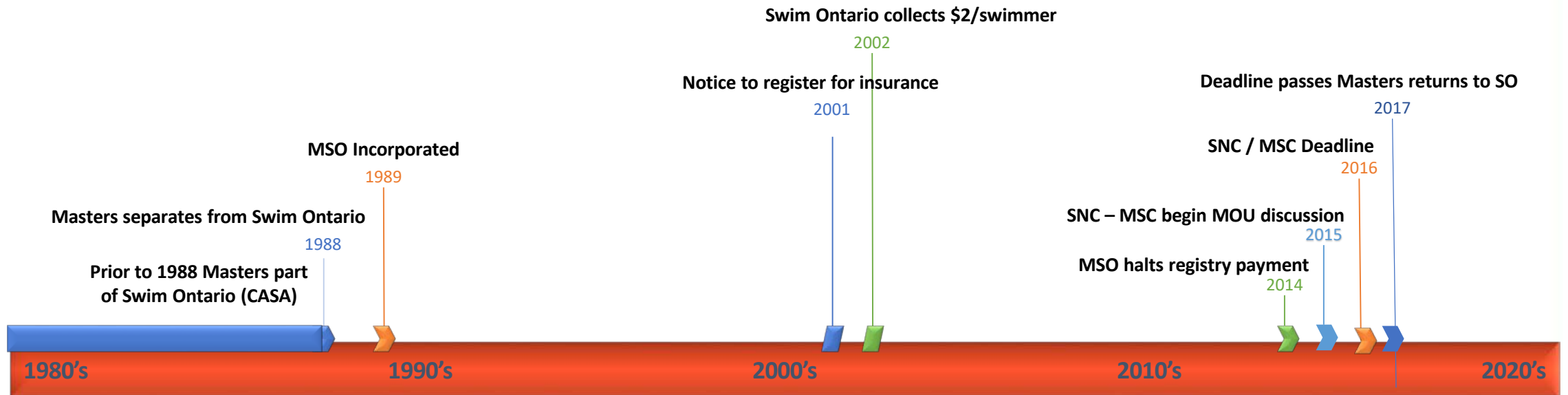


Masters Committee

2017 Conference



Timeline of Events



Current Sanctioning Chain

International



The Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA)

Canada



Diving
Water Polo
Synchronized Swimming
Competitive Swimming

National Sporting
Organization



Memorandum of Understanding



Provincial Sporting
Organization

Board of Directors

(7 Directors)

Finance Committee

Policy and Procedure Committee

Nominations Committee



Staff

Operational Committees

including

- coaches

- officials

- regions

- awards

- (new) masters

Masters Committee

Committees of Swim Ontario Impacted

- Policy Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Masters Committee
- New Club Committee
- Officials Committee
- Coaching Committee

Created an ad hoc committee of Board members and staff to review the impacts associated with the integration of the Masters category & clubs within Swim Ontario.

Agreement that for speed of delivery major concerns were policy/procedures and finance. Both committees of the Board until it transitions to operations and staff.



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- B. Seawright
- R. Ades
- B. Sheridan
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Senior Staff + Swimming Canada staff available on call



Primary Issues

Overarching Concern

Integration into age-group policies and procedures

- “Masters” is a registration category
- What is a club?
- Unattached
- Fees
- Sanctioning process
- Communication
- New club or existing club
- Application thresholds
- Coaches
- Incorporation
- Volunteer vs staff
- Competitive vs non-competitive



Priorities

Order undertake

- Define club
- Define athlete
- Cost of services
- Fees to clubs, members

Compare to current ..

- Bylaws
- Policy
- Procedure
- Insurance



Issues

Communication

- No Masters club address visibility

Reliance on MSC mailing list
SO website



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Unattached

- No such status in swimming.
Compare to other provinces

Age Group

- Swim Ontario is coach focused and supports coaching as value added and a reason for joining a competitive program
- Swim Ontario supports the club structure and non-club registry is a concern

Masters

- Older swimmers. More flexibility and change in understanding of training environment

Result

Challenging registration arguments going forward



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Compare to other provinces

Fees

- MSO fees low – respect price increase
versus age group fees

Swim Ontario Fees

Competitive Swimmers - \$60

Development Swimmers - \$30

Master Swimmers - \$30



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Clubs

- Current threshold vs
Masters

- AG – Certified Level 2 Coach vs
Masters – Level 1 Coach
- AG – Incorporation required before
joining vs Masters required within
1 year
- AG – 10 competitive swimmers vs
Masters 5 swimmers
- AG commit to Officials
Development Plan – not required
from Masters



Insurance

- Swim Ontario insurance covers all sanctioned events.
 - A pool permit that is only for Swim Ontario swimmers
 - A properly registered coach
- Swim Ontario insurance will/may/might be compromised
 - Non-Swim Ontario swimmers in the pool
 - No coach or supervision on deck

Insurance companies are in the business of making money.



FAQ's

Question

- ***Is incorporation necessary to join Swim Ontario?***

Answer

- All Swim Ontario affiliated clubs are incorporated (Organizations/Clubs that are the property of Government of Canada (Armed Forces) are exempt).
- Changing this requirement will require broader approval and is under consideration.
- Masters clubs wishing to join Swim Ontario have until **Dec. 1, 2018** to complete incorporation (proof of application Dec. 1, 2017).
- This applies to “Not for profit” and “For Profit” (either sole proprietor or organization) clubs.



FAQ's

Question

- ***I only have a handful of swimmers that want to compete. Do I need to register all of my swimmers?***

Answer

- If the club wishes to join Swim Ontario, all swimmers (those that compete and those that do not) need to be registered with Swim Ontario/MSC/SNC.
- Swim Ontario programs (as mentioned) are delivered to a club level.
- The registration fee per swimmer is \$58.90.
- This is an annual fee that covers registration with SO/MSC/SNC from September 1 to August 31.



FAQ's

Question

- ***What are the implications of not joining SO as a Masters club?***

Answer

- Swim Ontario is the sole sanctioning authority for Masters competitions in Ontario.
- As a consequence, only swimmers registered with an affiliated FINA/SNC/MSO/SO club can compete in sanctioned competitions in Ontario as well as the rest of Canada and beyond (FINA sanctioned competitions, i.e. World Masters Championships).
- Records, qualifying times, etc. will only be recognized at sanctioned competitions.



FAQ's

Question

- Should my club join MSO or SO?
Which represents better value?

Opinion

- MSO value proposition is cost effective, includes insurance and allows an option for (albeit non-sanctioned) competition.
- Swim Ontario focus is on competitive swimming. Social, friendship is important but comes from a shared competitive belief.
- Swim Ontario offers insurance, coach programming, officials and a registration system that is nationally integrated and aligned seamlessly with records.



FAQ's

Question

- **What are the costs of either choice?**

Answer

- MSO swimmer fee is \$10.00/swimmer
- Swim Ontario cost is \$58.90/swimmer



FAQ's

Question

- **Are there other consequences to keep in mind?**

Opinion

- Meets, hosting and volume of swimmers competing
- Swim Ontario adjustment to the Masters model – shift in pricing, procedures and more will impact member clubs



FAQ's

Question

- **Are there other options?**

Opinion

- Competing internationally may be an issue. USMS is not supposed to allow non-FINA, non-USA registrants in their meet – but who knows?
- Local competitions
- Swim Camps or development coaches to work on technical elements to give competitive-minded athletes a 'fix'



Thank you

