

BC Summer Swimming Association ID Number Information

The BCSSA ID number will be easy for you to remember: your date of birth [MMDDYY], the first three letters of your legal first name, the first letter of your middle name, and the first four letters of your last name. If your first or last names don't have enough letters [or you don't have a middle name or middle initial], an * [asterisk] will be used to fill in the blanks. Here are some examples:

Legal Name	Date of Birth	USA Swimming ID Number	Comments
Rose August Buchman	born 05/16/78	051678ROSABUCH	Preferred name of "Sissy" not used in ID
Thomas O'Neal	born 09/12/65	091265THO*ONEA	No apostrophe in BCSSA ID
Ty H Ng	born 04/05/80	040580TY*HNG**	Short names are padded with *
Mary Catherine Martin	born 06/19/86	061986MAR*MART	Legal first name is "Mary Catherine", no middle name
George Jackson Fry, Junior	born 07/08/96	070896GEOJFRY*	Generational suffix Jr, Sr, III etc. not in BCSSA ID

Once assigned, your BCSSA Swimming ID number should never change. What is crucial is that, once assigned, your ID is unique across the entire BCSSA Swimming membership. No matter where an athlete goes, the ID number will always identify who they are.

It is crucial that everyone realize the importance of providing complete and accurate information on the registration form for your BCSSA Swimming ID number. It is also very important that you remember your new ID number and always include it on forms when asked to do so.

Privacy Issues

The BCSSA Swimming ID is considered private information along with the individual's birthdate. Please refer to the BCSSA Swimming Privacy Policy for clarification. The ID's are for the conduct of official swimming business only.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q:** What happens if there is a duplicate number?
A: When a duplicate occurs, which should be rarely, the BCSSA Swimming computer will know and Swim Manager staff will change the number of the second individual. If this happens to you, the club registrar will inform you of the change.
- Q:** Why is this formula being used?
A: Swim Manager considered assigning a random number; similar to what has been done with previous BCSSA ID's. The feedback received was overwhelming that the number needed to be something kids and parents could remember easily. Those individuals who were speaking from a meet management perspective thought that including the birth date was critical. Social Security Numbers were ruled out due to privacy act requirements.
- Q:** How will BCSSA & the athletes benefit?
A: It is critical to the growth of our sport and athletes that BCSSA monitor the progress of every member. This is in an effort to improve athlete retention, follow athlete development, and monitor each athlete's progress as they move through different divisions and events.
- Q:** How will clubs and coaches benefit?
A: The new ID system will mesh with the Active software, making it easier for coaches and clubs to track athletes across sports, clubs, competitions and season.
- Q:** How will athletes benefit?
A: BCSSA athletes will experience improved programs and a higher level of coaching. BCSSA will be able to identify trends in how an athlete develops. This information can be educational and motivational to our members. For instance, it might be reassuring for a 9-year-old boy to see that he is actually in the norm even though he is far from achieving a national Top 16 reportable time. Once we have the data, it might really help this young athlete to

see that even some Olympians were in his same situation at his age. We will be able to provide our coaches with information that will help with the development of their swimmers. Clubs and Regional Boards will be able to maintain their own statistics to show trends and changes.

6. **Q:** Won't this mean more work for clubs?

A: No, Active will do all changes to our current data base. All new members will be required to input their personal information which Active will then apply the new BCSSA ID to that individual

7. **Q:** What do I need to do?

A: There is no need to change anything that you had done last year, Active will make all necessary changes for us.

8. **Q:** Athlete A joins one year, does not re-register the next year, then joins again the following year.

A: As each BCSSA number is unique, the ID number will remain the same even if the athlete does not participate in sequential years. Registrar's should be alerted to the renewal of a BCSSA ID.

9. **Q:** What criteria do we use to determine if Athlete A is truly the same athlete?

A: BCSSA will use the city field on the form. If the city is the same, the Registrar will assume this is the same athlete and link them with Athlete A.

Changing a BCSSA ID Number

BCSSA wants to make it difficult to change an ID number once it has been issued. This will ensure that there are no inadvertent duplicate or erroneously generated unique ID numbers which could possibly corrupt the BCSSA master database.

Regional Registrars are not able to change an ID number after the registration has been sent to the BCSSA office. All changes to ID's will be made by the BCSSA office and Swim Manager employees.

Valid reasons for a change would include:

1. Name change due to adoption or marriage
2. To correct misinformation on the registration form
3. Middle name or middle initial has been added

If you need to change an ID number, contact the BCSSA Office at office@bcsummerswimming.com and inform them of the circumstance surrounding the need for the change. Once the change has been made in Swim Manager, you will be issued a new ID Number and notified of the change.