Getting the Most out of Hytek Team Manager for BCSSA Registrars

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Introduction

Hytek Team Manager can be a great tool for managing club data. It's also used by regional registrars and the provincial office to track membership. Standardizing select features among all BCSSA users will streamline roster submissions between clubs and regional/provincial registrars, and allow easy identification of payment amounts for BCSSA fees. Standardizing has another benefit of "spreading the knowledge"; if everyone is doing things the same way there will always be help and answers available.

This proposal covers standardizing the following for all Clubs, Regional Registrars & Provincial Registrars:

- Creating a new database for each swim season. A season covers the period from May 1st to April 30th, and includes summer and winter maintenance
- Standardizing the use of the group filters Team, School Year, WM Group and WM Subgroup so that everyone used the same designations.

At the club level, there are configurations that can be beneficial. These are **club optional** but can help with keeping track of data within the club. Having people properly grouped allows for easy creation of contact lists, rosters & tax receipts.

- Use the "Group" filter to track 'level' or 'fee level' i.e. Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Guppies
- Use the "Subgroup" filter to track swimmers coach
- Use the custom fields to record fees paid for each session of the season summer, winter1, winter2 etc.

Part I – Setting up Hytek

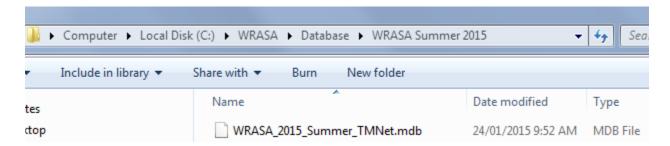
To create a new database for a new season:

Know where your database is. To Locate the database .MDB file, The file path is always right at the top of your Team Manager Window



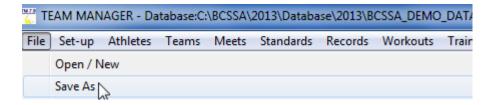
Create a new folder for your new database:

Use Windows explorer to create a folder system that will let you keep databases, reports, etc. separate from year to year. Don't use spaces in your database name. Suggest something like:



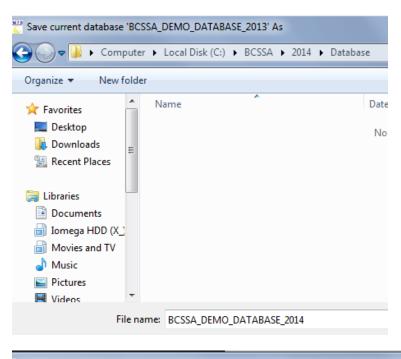
Make a Copy of your current database

" File > Save As" Command.

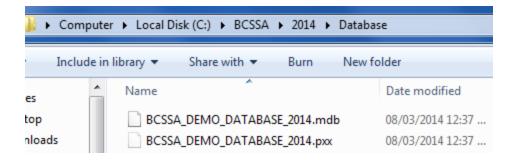


Save the copy

to your new file location and rename it to the new year

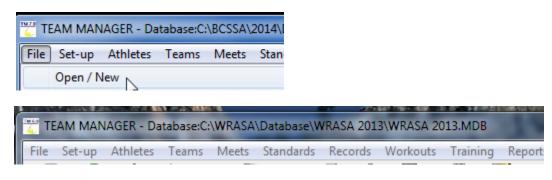


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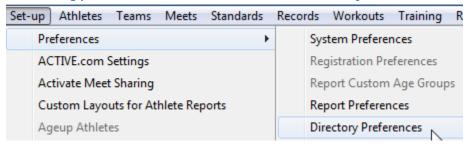


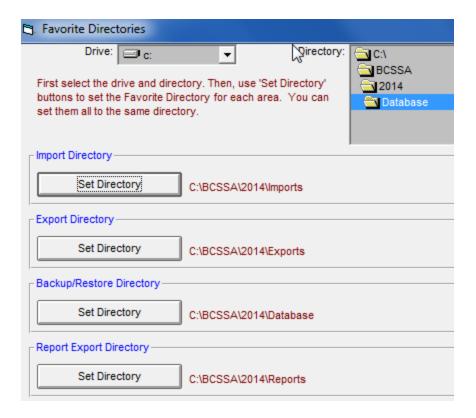
Note: if you forget to rename it during the save, no worries. Just shut down TM, find the file in the NEW location, right-click on it and rename there. Then start up TM and use the File> Open to open this copy of the database.

1. If not already open, open Team Manager and navigate to and open your new database:



Set the Back-Up/Restore and other directories for your new database



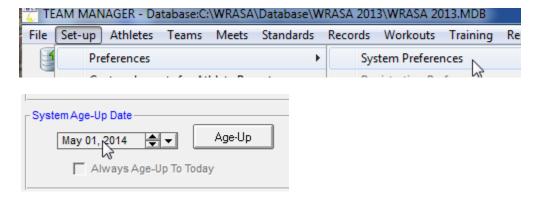


Tip: You may also want to set up the other directories on this screen.

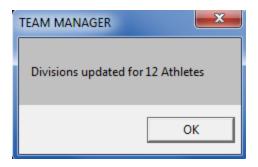
Set the Age-Up Date

Age up the athletes under "Setup > Preferences" System Preferences"

Besure to use the date in the "System Age-Up Date" Box. The meet age-up date will automatically be set when the system age-up date changes.



And hit the Age-Up button.



Setting Up BCSSA Standard Groups

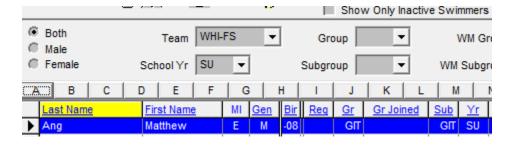
BCSSA is asking all clubs to identify

- <u>Summer Swimmers</u> using the "School Year" group "SU". ** updated June 20, 2015. Hytek has advised that "School Year" can only use 2 characters.
- All Winter Swimmers using the "WM Group" "WIN"
 - Summer swimmers also registering for a winter program with the WM Subgroup "RET"
- Swimmers joining a winter maintenance session, who did not swim summer will use the WM Subgroup "NEW"

Why do it this way?

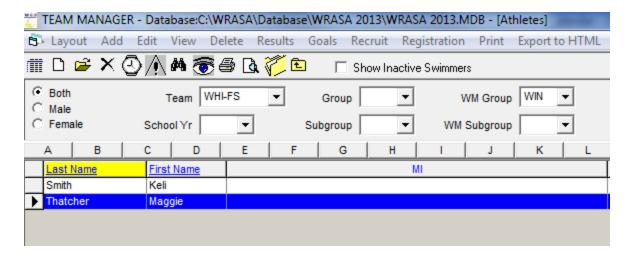
Because now we can easily organize and track swimmers by summer and winter sessions, and easily identify what BCSSA fees are owed by a swimmer.

To show all the Summer Swimmers in the athlete menu or in reports, use the School Yr "SU" filter.



This is all the summer swimmers BCSSA will be expecting a fee for.

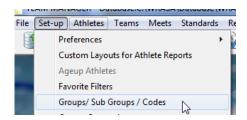
To show all the Winter Swimmers: Use the WM Group "WIN" filter



Within the winter maintenance group, show all the swimmers who joined for the winter: use the WM Subgroup "NEW" filter

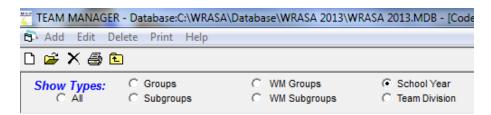
******* Tip ******

To remove all swimmers from a group, delete the group name, then recreate it. This is the quickest way to reset the groups so that swimmers can be re-assigned for the new season and ensure there are no 'leftovers' from the previous season

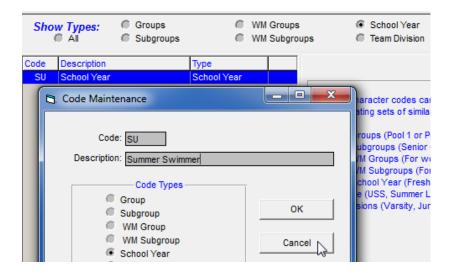


Building the Groups

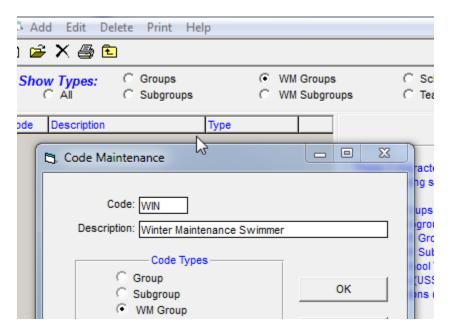
a. We'll use 'School Year' to identify swimmers for the summer season



b. If it's not already there, create (add) a school-year group called 'SU'. If it is there, delete it and recreate it. This will remove the group designation from all swimmers so that the field is blank for your new season.



c. Similarly, create a group (or delete and re-create) to identify Winter Maintenance Swimmers using the WM Groups



d. We'll use WM Subgroups to identify who is a WM swimmer who is brand new – and therefore needs to pay a BCSSA fee – and WM swimmers *returning* from the summer season – these swimmers don't have to pay the BCSSA fee again for this year.

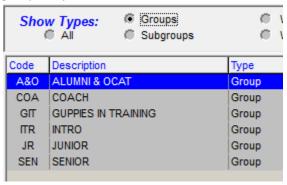


Groups and Subgroups

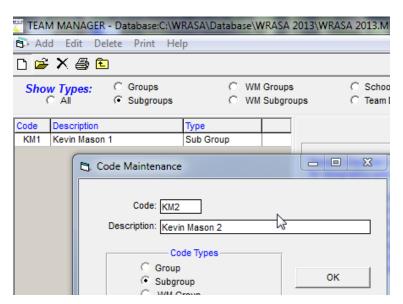
<u>Groups and Subgroups are then left for the club to use as they like</u>. This is a sample what we've used in our club. Remember that in addition to groups, you will also have BCSSA Categories as a way to group athletes. These are mandatory for use in clubs with multiple aquatic sports.

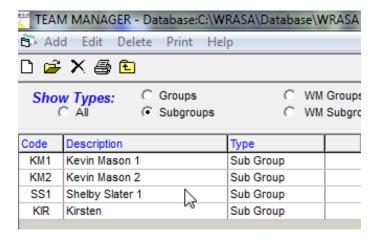


In our Club, 'Groups' are setup according to the clubs fee structure. You can set up as many groups as you have fee levels.



'Sub-Groups' are set up by coaching groups. (This can be done after registration and training groups are set. Great job for coaches to do themselves). Create a group for each training group, even if a coach has more than one group.





Athlete Custom Fields

Athlete Custom Fields are optional. Our club uses these fields to track fees paid by session, which can then be extracted to create tax receipts. We also track forms received, and sometimes t-shirt size.

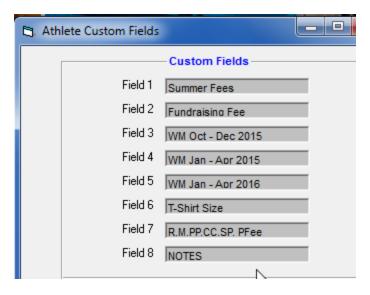
*** Note ***

Care Card Number is considered private information and should not be recorded.

Custom Fields are found in the Athlete Menu, under the 'Custom' tab.



Go into the custom field setup and, Removing Care Card Number if it's there; rename or label a field for each fee a swimmer pays. Additionally, you may want a field to keep track of registration forms received.



Note: data is **not** removed from swimmers when a field is re-named. This will be done in a later step.

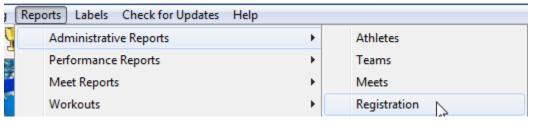
Print Registration Forms

2. At this point, we're ready to reset all athlete data.

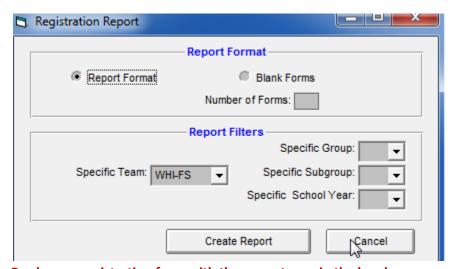
But before you do, you may like to be able to print registration forms for each athlete that was active the previous season. The majority of BCSSA swimmers will return for the upcoming season, so now is the time to run the report and save it. It can be printed anytime needed.

Once the Athlete data is reset, you won't be able to get this report easily. So do this first:

a. To get the registration report for all active athletes, go to:



b.



c. Produces a registration form with the correct year in the header



Why do this? Our experience has shown that it is far easier and saves tons of time to have people look over a pre-filled in form and highlight the changes, than it is to have everyone fill out a new blank form each year. Handwritten forms are notoriously difficult to read, especially for email addresses ③.

Save the report, and you'll have it for when you need the printed forms at registration time.

Reset All the Athlete Data

<u>Regional and Provincial Registrars</u> – can purge all athletes, since they will be getting import files from each club.

<u>Club Registrars</u> – don't want to purge athletes because all the name, address, contact info would have to be keyed in each year. Instead, go through each athlete and 'reset' everything. Depending on the size of your club, this can take a bit of time.

Resetting athlete data is important for a few reasons

- We don't want any group info to carry over from year to year. All athletes start a new year not belonging to any group
- Similarly, we don't want any custom information carrying over from year to year with the exception of fees that may be needed for tax receipts
- Each season starts with all athletes inactive. Only when fees are collected and registration forms signed, are they switched to an active status.

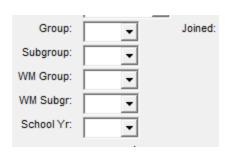
To reset athlete data, go to each active swimmer on the athlete menu



Make them inactive – (they get turned to active when fees are paid)



• Set all groups/subgroups/WM Groups/WM Subgroups/School YR to <blank>. See the tip in step 8 for a shortcut.



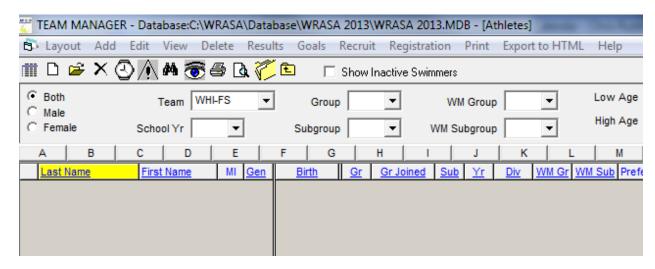
Tip: to remove a filter from all swimmers at once, delete the group. This doesn't delete the swimmer, just takes away their group (or subgroup) designation. This is very useful in 'resetting' all swimmers which is covered later on. Add Edit Delete 🕾 📵 Groups WM Groups Show Types: WM Subgrou Delete Current Code Subgroups Description Type Alumni and O-cat Group COA Coach Group Remove Code

• Remove all custom info except 2015 Winter Maintenance fees for Jan – Oct if that was one of you fields. You will need this information for 2015 tax receipts.

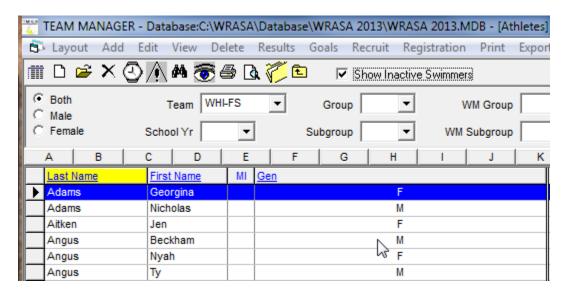




When complete your Athlete Menu should show no-one



Until you select the "Show Inactive Swimmers" checkbox which shows all the athletes in your database:



That's it!! You're ready to register swimmers for the new season!

Part II - Registering Swimmers

For Summer Registration:

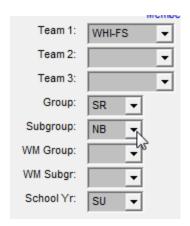
- 1. Collect your forms and payments. No Changes here unless you're using Online Registration which is another topic altogether. BCSSA requires a registration form for each swimmer. Your club may have other forms required.
- 2. To enter a swimmer into Hytek
 - a. Turn on the "Show Inactive Swimmers" checkbox on the Athlete Menu



- b. If the swimmer has been with your club before, he should be in your database. Just find him/her. If the swimmer is new, Key in all the information from the registration form.
 - i. Activate them by un-checking the 'inactive' box
 - ii. **Assign the BCSSA Categories**. Choose the appropriate categories for all sports the athlete will be competing in. It is good practice to assign everyone an 'O' (for O-Cat) or 'S' (for 'Summer') in the Swimming Category, even if they are not planning at the registration time to swim.



i. Assign the group filters denoting a summer swimmer

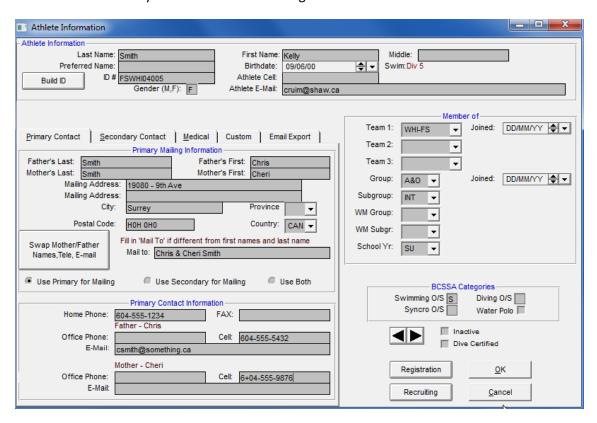


In this case the swimmer paid for 'Senior' fees, is in the "National Blue" Training Schedule group, and is a Summer Swimmer.

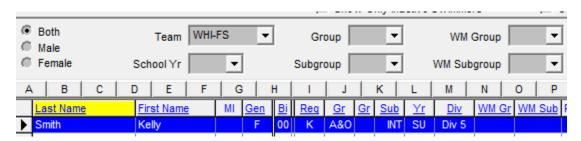
ii. **Record** the Custom information – Fees and forms collected



iii. Verify and update all the contact information for the swimmer. Our club uses the 'Athlete E-mail' field as the only email field when creating email lists.



iv. Click OK and you're done with this swimmer. Just to check, uncheck the 'Show Inactive Swimmers" button and you should now see your swimmer you just entered:

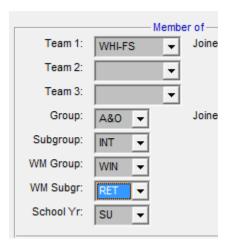


3. For Swimmers new to your club, the steps are basically the same, but you will have to Add a swimmer and enter all the data, rather than just 're-activating' an existing swimmer and updating their info.

For Winter Registration:

The process is much the same.

- 1. If the swimmer has been with the club in the summer, he/she will already be active.
 - a. You just need to assign to the winter groups

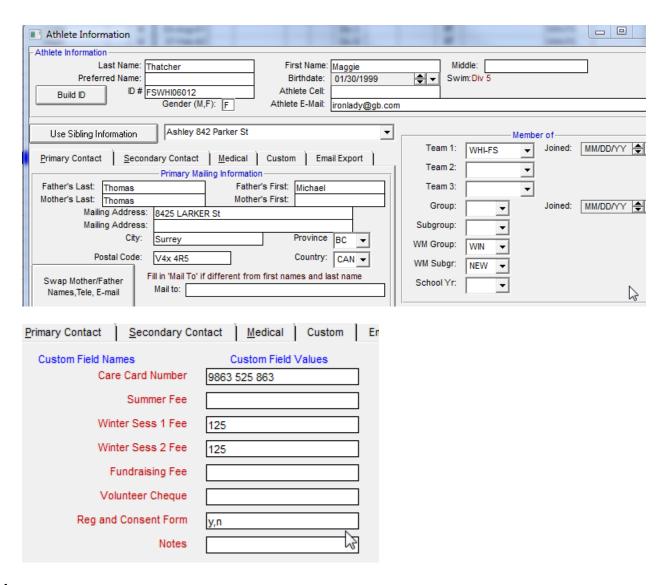


b. And record the fees paid for the winter session on the custom fields



- c. If you get a swimmer in Winter Maintenance who did not swim in the summer, first check the inactive swimmers to see if they are already in your database. If they are,
 - i. activate them,
 - ii. record their winter maintenance groups,
 - iii. record their winter maintenance fees paid.

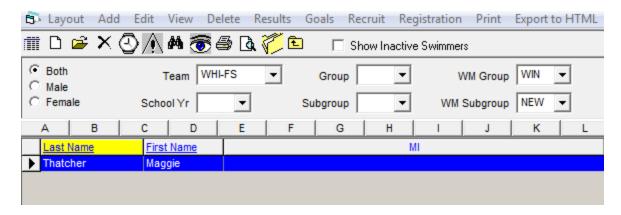
Record them as a 'NEW' Winter Maintenance swimmer since they will be required to pay the winter BCSSA fee.



d. If you have a swimmer brand new to the club for winter maintenance, you will need to enter all the data. The grouping assignment would be "NEW" the same as the step above.

Reporting

By using the School Yr, WM Group, WM Subgroup, and BCSSA Categories you have many options for extracting data. For example, these are the people BCSSA will be expecting a WM registration fee for.



When creating an athlete roster, this would show you all the water polo players:



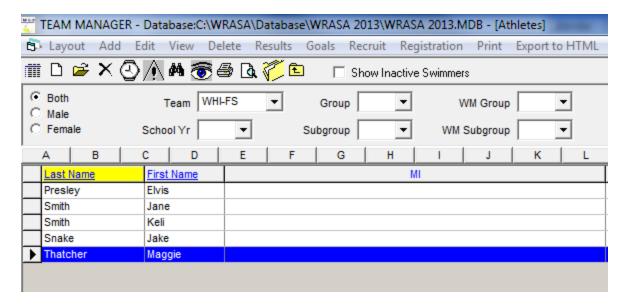
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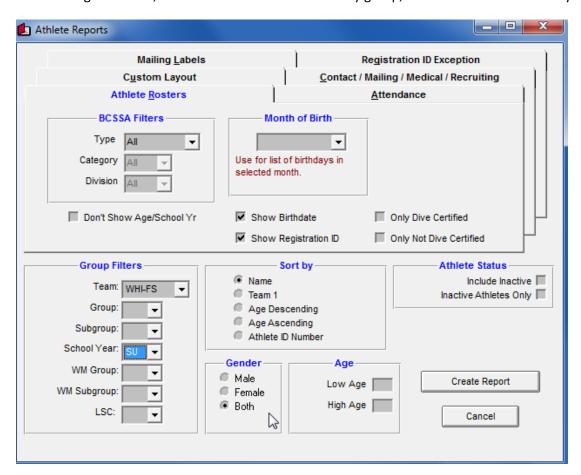
Athlete Roster Water Polo Only

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Ash Ketchum	M	02/02/1997	ZZBC-13002	SR1/P3	вс	DIV 7	-	-	Cat 4	
Bartholomew Simpson	M	08/08/2000	BCSSA13004	INT/P3	вс	DIv 5	-	-	Cat 3	
SpongeBob Squarepants	M	03/03/2003	BCSSA13008	/P1	BC	-	-	-	Cat 1	
Sylvester Thecat	M	05/05/1999	BCSSA13003	/P5	BC	-	-	-	Cat 3	

Another example: Show all the swimmers for the entire season starting May 1; just eave all filters blank

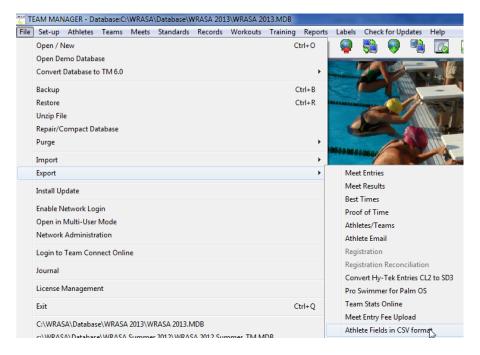


These filters can be used when creating reports, or exporting data. The Groups and Subgroups are also very useful when creating email lists, or seasonal results for coaches by group, since it can now be done by coach.



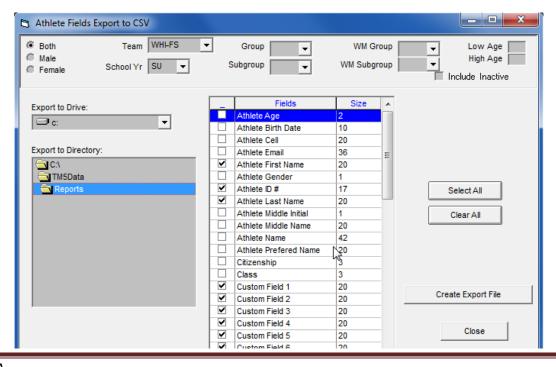
Generating Data in Excel

For those comfortable with excel, exporting data to a .CSV file (which can be opened with excel) can also be very useful. "File > Export > Athlete Fields in CSV Format"

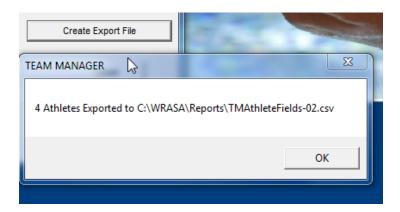


This is probably the best way to get all the custom field information info you entered. (there is a report for custom data, but it doesn't seem to show all the fields. Keep trying though, maybe it will be fixed in an update from Team Manager)

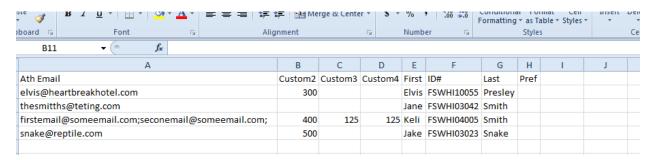
When exporting, choose the fields you want to see, and the location for the file



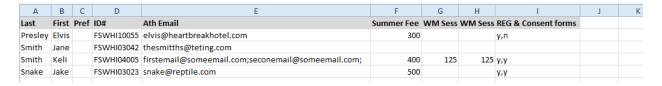
Create it



And you can then open the file in Excel



Teaching Excel and how this can then be used to create tax receipts with a 'Mail Merge' is beyond the scope of this document, but it's not too hard to do with a little research and practice. With just a little manipulation the Spreadsheet can be re-organized be a little more readable.



Conclusion

Keeping track of swimmers and fees is the main job of registrars. Using these standards, the same rules will apply whether you are at the club, regional, or provincial level. Want to see how many summer swimmers we had this year? Easy to do. How many Winter Maintenance? Easy. How many swimmers that only joined for Winter Maintenance? Easily extracted. Want to know who paid for what? Or who is missing forms? If you've set up and entered the custom data when you registered the swimmers this is pretty easy to answer as well.

Hytek can be a great tool. Spending time at the setup, will save a lot of time later on.

Appendix 1 - Club Registrars Timeline

Important Dates for Club Registrars

✓ May 1

Start of Season. All registered swimmers and coaches should be in Team Manager for the new year. Only swimmers and coaches designated as 'active' should be swimming or on deck. 'Active' generally means at least a portion of summer fees have been paid.

√ Three days before the Second Thursday in June

- > Submit Initial Roster to Regional Registrar. Club registrars submit <u>unofficial</u> rosters to regional registrars. Regional Registrar will check the right files are received and ensure swimmers are in the proper BCSSA group (i.e. School Yr. = SU). To be submitted:
 - Export of entire club roster that regional registrar can import to Team Manager (.zip)
 - PDF of club roster that can be read

✓ **Three days before the second Thursday in July ** - Very important deadline

- Submit Official Club Rosters to Regional Registrar. Athletes must be included on this roster to be eligible for Regionals and Provincials. Regional Registrars will again check that swimmers are in the proper groups and categories. To be submitted:
 - Export of entire club roster that regional registrar can import to Team Manager (.zip)
 - Printed Rosters, signed by head coaches, for each aquatic discipline.
 Coaches must ensure no athletes are missed.
 - BCSSA/Regional fee for all athletes & coaches on the roster.

√ Three days before the second Thursday in September

- > Submit Final Summer Roster. If you had swimmers join the club after the official roster was sent in for the July deadline, submit another roster. To be submitted
 - Export of entire club roster that regional registrar can import to Team Manager (.zip)

✓ Start of Winter Maintenance

Register swimmers into proper groups for winter maintenance. Designate the WM Group & WM Sub-group for all winter Maintenance swimmers. Dates vary by club.

✓ Second Monday in April

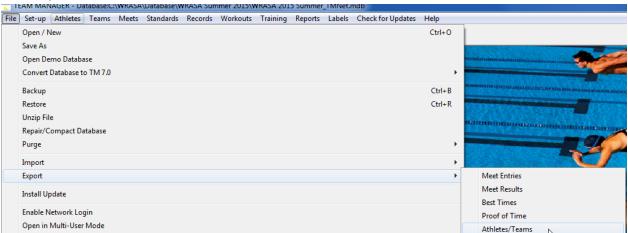
- > Submit Roster for Entire Season to Regional Registrar. Regional Registrars will check that swimmers are correctly designated for summer/winter groups. To be submitted
 - Export of entire club roster that regional registrar can import to Team Manager (.zip)
 - PDF of NEW Winter Swimmers only (WM Subgroup = NEW)
 - BCSSA fee for the NEW Winter Maintenance Swimmers. (i.e. swimmers who did not swim the summer session and therefore owe BCSSA insurance fees for winter)

Appendix 2 - Exporting Rosters

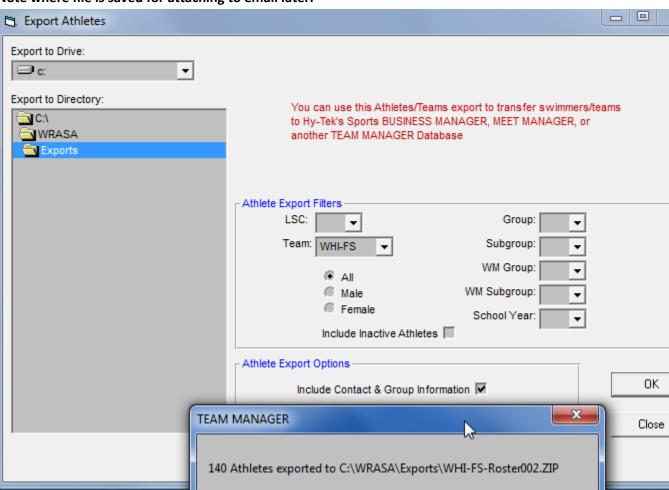
When submitting a roster to the Regional Registrar, generally 2 files are needed: the exported roster in .zip format and a roster report in .pdf format.

To Generate the Export File:

File > Export> Athletes/Teams

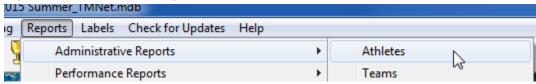


Be sure to check on the 'Include Contact & Group Information'. All Group fields can be left blank. Note where file is saved for attaching to email later.

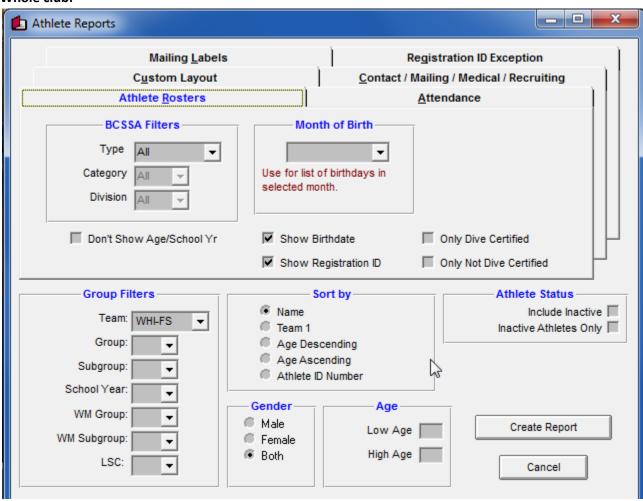


To Generate the Roster Report in PDF Format:

Reports > Administrative Reports > Athletes

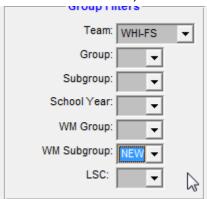


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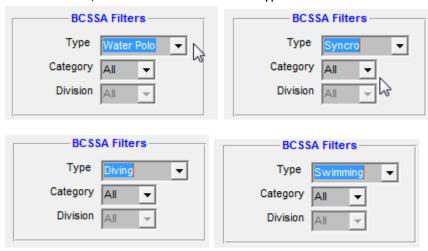
Winter Maintenance New Only:

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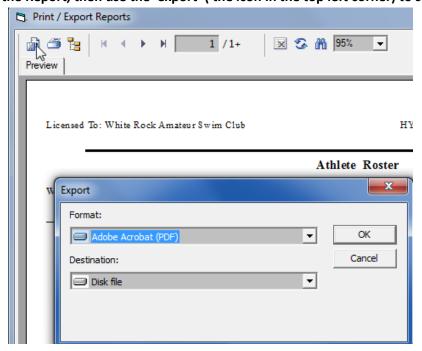


Swimming, Water Polo, Synchro or Diving only:

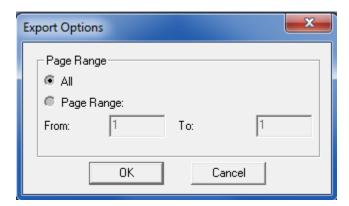
Same as above, but choose a BCSSA Filter Type



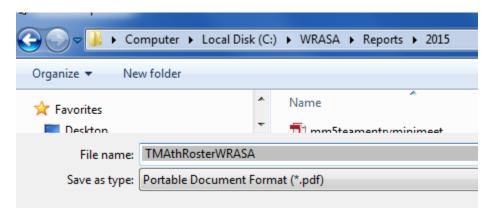
Create the Report, then use the 'export' (the icon in the top left corner) to save it in PDF format



Choose all Pages:



Choose a file location. Tip – include your Team Name in the file name.



Report can now be printed for coaches to review & sign and then attached to email for submission to Regional Registrar. Club should keep original signed rosters and bring to Regionals.

The Regional Registrar will have the email copy to back up any discrepancies at Regionals and bring the clubs' originals to Provincials as back up.