

# GRAC – Frequently Asked Questions



## **WHAT ARE THE FEES?**

### **Monthly Club Fees:**

\$60, each swimmer

The first month will be charged on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, and then on the 1st of each month thereafter.

### **USA Swimming Fees:**

Flex - \$30, (12yrs and under, 2 meets only)

Individual Season Athlete - \$50 (13 and over, 150 days)

Premium Athlete - \$84, year-round

Outreach - \$5 (If you face financial difficulties, you could be eligible for a discounted membership and reduced meet fees. Reach out to the club Secretary, Kristi Klinkhammer for details.)

**Meet Fees:** varies per meet; typical range is \$25-\$40

*Sept. 6th-21<sup>st</sup> is a trial period for new swimmers to decide if they want to continue with the club. Beginning on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, all new swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming and pay the fee in order to swim. If you do not wish to continue past the trial period, please notify the club Treasurer, Olivia Pelham, by the 22<sup>nd</sup> so that you are not charged club fees for the month of Sept.*

## **WHAT ARE THE PRACTICE TIMES?**

Generally, practices will be held Monday - Thursday for the Fall Season, unless there is a scheduled high school meet (\*see dates below). The first week of practices will start at 6:00pm. After the first week, times might be staggered based on number of swimmers and age. It is up to you to decide how many practices your swimmer attends; swimmers can attend as often or as little as they want. Fees are not prorated, but you can suspend payment if you are unable to participate for a month or longer. Requests to suspend monthly fees must be made in writing to the treasurer.

*\*There is NO practice on the following dates: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>; Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>*

## **HOW DO I SIGN-UP?**

You will need to set up two online accounts, one for the club in Sports Engine/TeamUnify, and the other for USA Swimming. Sports Engine/TeamUnify (the club account) is where you will pay swimming fees, sign up for meets, view the team calendar etc.; it is unique to our local club. USA Swimming is the regulatory body that governs club swimming and insures the club and its swimmers. All GRAC swimmers must register with USA Swimming and pay the fee. Follow the steps below to get started.

- Go to [www.teamgrac.com](http://www.teamgrac.com).
- Click on the REGISTRATION button at the top left side and follow the instructions under “Fall Registration 2023.” If you are new to the club, the parent or guardian will need to create a Sports Engine/Team Unify account.
- After registering your swimmer with the club, you will receive an email from a board member. It will have a link and instructions for creating a USA Swimming account. **DO NOT create an account unless your swimmer is continuing beyond the trial period.**

### **HOW DO I PAY CLUB FEES?**

We require all families to enroll in Autopay.

- Login to your Sports Engine/TeamUnify account.
- On the left tool bar, click on “My Account”
- Click on “Set Up Autopay” – proceed to add a credit card or bank account. GRAC will invoice you monthly.

### **WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?**

**Required:** competitive-style suit, goggles (no snorkel masks), towel

**Recommended for all swimmers:** swim cap, kickboard, fins, mesh swim bag

**Recommended for Silver and Gold groups:** all items listed above and a pull buoy

**Recommended for Gold group:** all items listed above and paddles

*GRAC has a small number of used mesh bags that contain kickboards and pull buoys for swimmers that may not be able to purchase recommended equipment. Please ask a coach or board member if your swimmer needs one.*

Check out our team store at: <https://www.swimoutlet.com/collections/teamgrac>.

### **HOW DOES GRAC COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS?**

GRAC uses email and Facebook for sending out important notifications. Please check these modes of communication often, as there might be times when practices or events are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. If you would like to speak with a board member/coach directly, feel free to reach out using the contact information below.

**CLUB EMAIL:** [greatriverAC@gmail.com](mailto:greatriverAC@gmail.com)

#### **Board Members:**

President, Dana Albaghdadi - [vitulo44@yahoo.com](mailto:vitulo44@yahoo.com)

Vice President, Liz Srp - [lizsrp@gmail.com](mailto:lizsrp@gmail.com)

Secretary, Kristi Klinkhammer - [kmklinkhammer@gmail.com](mailto:kmklinkhammer@gmail.com) (\*contact for Outreach Memberships)

Treasurer, Olivia Pelham - [oliviapelham@gmail.com](mailto:oliviapelham@gmail.com)

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