

2025-2026 Spokane Waves Fees Document

Funding for the Spokane Waves is derived from registration fees, training fees (dues), donations, sponsorships, Swim-a-thon and other fundraisers, and net income from meets hosted by SWAT. These fees are primarily used to pay coaches' salaries and travel fees, pool rent, and equipment expenses.

SWAT registration for the 2025-2026 season will open **Monday, July 14, 2025**. Registration includes annual team administration fees which will be **\$150 per family and a \$20 fee per swimmer** for the team shirt, and will cover September 2025 - August 2026. Monthly dues for August will be paid in the registration window in July, so won't be billed August 1. Any outstanding meet fees or outstanding balances will be autobilled on August 1 or during the registration process.

SWAT training dues are a yearly fee divided into 12 equal monthly payments for convenience. Year-round participation by all swimmers is encouraged. All swimmers are required to pay the monthly training fee.

Due to the size of our team, it is difficult to keep track of swimmers who take a leave of absence for any period of time. In addition, it is difficult to prepare an annual budget which takes into consideration the income lost by swimmers who decide to take a leave of absence of any length. The Spokane Waves Aquatic Team requires a **12-month commitment** starting in September each year.

2025-2026 Monthly Training Fees

- Ripples \$95
- Wave riders \$100
- Bronze \$110
- Silver \$120
- Gold \$160
- Platinum \$175
- Senior \$190
- National \$205

Early Withdrawal Termination Fees

Should a swimmer decide to leave the team at any point in the season, they will be required to provide a written notice by email (no texting) to their primary coach (Jenn Hochwalt, Shane Morgan, or Hans Johnsen), SWAT Registrar/Team Admin (admin@spokanewaves.org), and Team Treasurer (Treasurer@spokanewaves.org) **30 days in advance of departing the team**. In such cases, the swimmer will be required to pay the **current month dues**, the **annual fundraising minimum** payment, as well as an **early termination fee of \$250** in effect from the date the swimmer ceases training with the team. Should the swimmer decide to rejoin the team, the swimmer shall be subject to the additional charge of the registration fee, along with monthly dues as described above.

Withdrawal Before 30 Days

Should a new or returning swimmer decide within **30 days of the date of registration** that continuing with the team is not a good fit, the swimmer will be billed for the first month, and then **one more month in effect from the date the swimmer ceases training with the team**. They are required to provide written notice by email to their primary coach (Jenn Hochwalt, Shane Morgan, or Hans Johnsen), SWAT Registrar/Team Admin (admin@spokanewaves.org), and Team Treasurer (treasurer@spokanewaves.org) **before the 30 days from the initial registration**.

Injury Leave of Absence

Should a swimmer be required to take a leave of absence from training due to an injury, the swimmer must provide documentation to their primary Coach from a licensed medical provider detailing the nature of the injury, as well as the anticipated length of time that the swimmer will be out of the water. Once such documentation is provided, subsequent monthly dues will be reduced until such time as the swimmer is medically cleared to resume training. In order to maintain a place on the team, the swimmer will be required to pay **50% of the monthly training fees at the current training group rate, until the swimmer is medically cleared to resume training.**

How to Make Payments

Our Spokane Waves website supported by Team Unify/Sports Engine payments is a safe and secure place to register your athlete(s) and make monthly payments. All payments must be made through Sports Engine billing with credit card or automatic withdrawal from a selected bank account. No Exceptions. (CC processing fees are \$0.30 plus 2.95% per transaction and ACH fees are \$1.25 per transaction with Sports Engine).

Payments on accounts are due by the 1st of each month. Accounts that are not paid in full by the 15th are considered past due and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. Swimmers will not be allowed to practice or participate in competitions if their account is more than 2 months in arrears. Please contact the SWAT Board (swatboard@spokanewaves.org) and Team Admin (admin@spokanewaves.org) to work out a payment agreement if you are falling behind and to prevent accruing multiple late fees. Notification for current invoices will be e-mailed from the website; please log on and check your invoice/account after you receive the email notification. (Families are responsible for monitoring their own accounts. If a credit card is declined it is the individual account holder's responsibility to bring the account current). SWAT Team Admin is not authorized to submit any on-demand payments on the account holder's behalf, so account holders will need to follow up with an on-demand payment if monthly auto billing fails in order to avoid late fees.

When a swimmer moves up a training group, the remaining monthly installments will be at the new group's rate, (except for cases where swimmers are time-shared between groups before advancing).

Discounts and Special Programs

Multiple Swimmer Discount

Families with multiple swimmers are eligible for a monthly dues discount of 5% off monthly total family dues for registering a 3rd swimmer, 10% off the monthly family dues for a 4th swimmer, and a 5th swimmer would be free.

High School

SWAT swimmers who also compete for a high school swim team only (Women: September-November; Men: December-February) will be **billed with 25% discounted** from regular monthly dues during the 3-month HS season, and then return to the regular group rate after the HS season.

Cheney Trimester program

SWAT offers a Trimester (4 month each) training program for those swimmers who wish to participate seasonally. The Trimester program membership requires registration for USA Swimming's \$30 Flex membership for swimmers 12 & under and registration for \$91 annual Premiere membership with USA swimming for 13 & older swimmers. (Trimester members with flex memberships are allowed only one swim non-championship meet per quarter, or will need to pay the difference to upgrade to a full annual USA Swimming athlete registration). Please note, for your

initial sign up there is also a **\$150 administrative fee and a \$20 dollar fee for a SWAT t-shirt and SWAT latex cap.** Costs are as follows:

- o **Trimester program B: \$120/mo (\$150 swim-a-thon req 2nd trimester)**
- o **Trimester program A: \$170/mo (\$250 swim-a-thon req 2nd trimester)**
- o Swimmers participating in two or more trimesters will owe the annual Swim-A-Thon commitment. Swimmers participating in two trimesters will be required to have the USA Swimming Year Round (Premium Athlete) Membership allowing for regular competition.

Collegiate swimmers returning to train with SWAT during school breaks will pay Senior Group monthly dues but will be exempt from the team admin fee as long as they are registered in good standing with USA swimming and provide documentation of current Adult Athlete Protection Training.

USA Swimming Registration Fee

USA Swimming (USA-S) and Inland Empire Swimming (IES) are our governing bodies. Each swimmer **MUST** be registered with USA-S in order to swim with the Spokane Waves Aquatic Team.

The USA Swimming fee is subject to change by a small amount each year, depending on the determination of the LSC and USA Swimming, and USA Swimming rate has not yet been announced for the upcoming season. (Prior year USA Swimming/LSC registration amounts are listed in the Registration fees schedule below and SWAT will email an update of fees to be invoiced based on USA Swimming/LSC updated fees prior to billing bulk registration for returning swimmers).

Swimmers who paid an annual Premium USA-S registration last season are covered through December of the following year. Fees must be paid by November 1, and swimmers will be covered until December the following year.

New Swimmers will receive a notification link via email from SWAT to complete USA Swimming registration. You can then please log onto the link, establish your PING identity code and register into the new USA Swimming system.

SWAT will reimburse the Non-Athlete registration fees and background checks for Coaches, Officials, Board Members, and Chaperones if the receipt is emailed to admin@spokanewaves.org as the team used to cover the costs and the new system requires everyone to pay individually.

SWAT will bulk renew existing athlete memberships in the month of October, and the registration fee determined by USA Swimming and Inland Empire Swimming LSC will be billed on the October 1 auto billing cycle.

New swimmers (ages 12 and under only) who join the team after June 1 will be required to pay the Flex USA swimming registration fee at \$30 for the Long Course Season and then would renew as a full Premium Athlete registration \$91 in October of the subsequent season (fees subject to change at the discretion of USA Swimming). Flex membership only allows participation in 2 non-championship meets in the season, so a swimmer in this situation would have to upgrade to and pay the difference for the Full Premium Athlete registration if they chose to compete in Championship level meets or more than 2 meets in the Long Course season.

Club transfers and membership upgrades will also be accomplished by parents through the USA Swimming online registration system.

Free or Reduced School Lunch Discount

If your swimmer qualifies for **free or reduced school lunch through the school district**, he or she is eligible for **reduced USA-S registration fees (\$7)** and training fees. Contact Team Admin (admin@spokanewaves.org) for **OUTREACH information/application**, and SWAT Scholarship consideration. All such applicants must supply a **letter of qualification showing reduced/free lunch eligibility**. Even if you qualified for Outreach/SWAT Scholarships last year, you **must re-apply** for the 2025-2026 season. SWAT Scholarships will be awarded on a case-by-case basis, based on need. SWAT scholarships consist of a **20% reduction in monthly dues** for the qualified athletes.

Pre-team Program Registration

For the Pre-team program, SWAT has obtained separate Learn to Swim insurance independent of USA Swimming at a reduced rate as part of the one-time/annual Preteam administrative fee posted on the registration page by the Lessons/Pre-team Director. Should a Pre-team participant decide to transition onto the team, they will be required to register their Athlete with USA Swimming, as explained above, prior to beginning practice with the team in order to be covered by the Club liability insurance.

Meet Entry Fees

If your swimmer is interested in competing at a meet, the swimmer and coach will discuss the meet and entries, and then he or she can be entered. Since the coaching staff works with the swimmers on a day-to-day basis, the staff has the best understanding of what each swimmer is capable of doing. Therefore, the swimmer's coach will assist in completing all entries for meets. Another source for meet information and results for all Inland Empire meets is the MEETS page of the Inland Empire website (www.ieswim.org).

Meet fees will vary based on meet location and surcharges charged by the team, and **will be indicated in the Meet Information document** (also known as the sanction) released by the host team, and posted on the Team Events page. In general, there is always an **IES surcharge fee, a facility fee, and a heat sheet fee**. There is also a fee for each individual event entered.

Relay fees will be listed but swimmers relay fees are covered by SWAT. However, if your swimmer is on a relay but is **unexcused/misses the relay and forces the relay team to scratch, you will be charged for the cost of the relay fee (typically around \$16, depending on the meet)**.

Home swim meets will also assess a **concessions/hospitality fee of \$15 per swimmer (not to exceed \$30 per family)** to each SWAT swimmer participating in the meet.

Each Away meet will also include a **Coach meet sessions offset fee of \$25/swimmer (not to exceed \$50 per family)** for each SWAT swimmer participating in the meet.

All meet entry fees will be billed immediately after the deadline and will post on your normal monthly invoice. **Please be aware that meet entry fees are non-refundable past the entry deadline as at that point SWAT is obligated to make payment to the host team. Entry fees will be invoiced to your account even if your swimmer is subsequently unable to attend the meet, including illnesses.**

Fundraising Requirements

All swimmers on an active roster for the year will be expected to meet the minimum fundraising requirements of the team, based on their swimming group. Any fundraising amount not met will be billed directly to the swimmer's account in the monthly billing cycle following the close of the Swim-a-thon. Should a swimmer choose to leave the team, the minimum fundraising requirement will be required regardless of the time of year the swimmer departs.

In order to keep fees as low as possible, fundraising is required by each family. Fundraising may be done in one of two ways: Swim-a-thon and sponsorships

- The Swim-a-thon is SWAT's annual and only team sponsored fund-raiser of the year. During Swim-a-thon, swimmers collect pledges, either for laps they swim or flat amounts. This event encourages the swimmers to raise funds from friends, families, neighbors and relatives, or families may choose to donate money themselves. Businesses that a family frequents may also be willing to sponsor a swimmer for Swim-a-thon.
- Families may also choose to solicit sponsorships for SWAT from community businesses throughout the year. Only sponsorships received during the Swim-a-thon fundraising period will count toward Swim-a-thon totals and prizes, but all sponsorships received from September 1 - May 7 will count toward the minimum yearly family fundraising minimum.

SWAT is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit organization; all donations are tax deductible. The team keeps 95% of all donations and sponsorships received during the Swim-a-thon, and 5% is sent to the USA-Swimming Foundation to support national swim programs. Swim-a-thon is a very fun event with participation prizes and surprises and cool activities for top fund-raisers. Many corporations have matching programs for non-profit donations, so swimmers are encouraged to ask if donors can submit their pledges for corporate match.

For the annual Swim-a-thon, each swimmer on the active roster for the 2025-2026 season on the day the Swim-a-thon fundraising period launches is required to meet an established minimum fund-raising amount, based on training group. For families with multiple swimmers, the minimum required cap is \$400 per family. If you choose not to participate in the Swim-a-thon, or do not meet the required fundraising minimum through sponsorship solicitation you will be invoiced the amount listed below, based on training group, in the month following the Swim-a-thon close-out. The date for Swim-a-thon will usually be in the spring and more information will be posted on the website and announced via email in the months before the event.

Swimmers that swim at the reduced HS rate for the HS swim season, return to their practice group rate after the HS season and are expected to raise the normal training group rate as listed below.

Swim-a-thon training group fundraising minimums:

- Ripples, Wave Riders Bronze, and Trimester Program B groups \$150
- Silver, Gold, and Trimester Program A groups \$250
- Platinum, Senior, National groups \$350
- Multiple Swimmers family minimum cap \$400

Registration Fees Payment Schedule

Payments due during the registration window

SWAT registration administration Fee and team shirt	\$150 per family and \$20 per swimmer
One Monthly dues payment	Based on swimmer(s) group

Payments due in October (or the month you are requested to register with USA Swimming)

USA Swimming Registration Fee	\$91 per swimmer (could increase slightly)
Monthly dues payment	Based on swimmer(s) group

As we typically open the priority registration window in mid-July, families will be billed one month dues during the registration process, therefore SWAT does not bill monthly dues for August for returning swimmers. Any outstanding invoice items such as meet entry fees, team travel fees, etc. will still autobill in the August cycle.

Please be aware that any overdue account balances will be collected in addition to registration fees in order to successfully complete the SWAT registration for the 2025-2026 season.

If an athlete will **not** be registering for the 2025-2026 season, their last billing will include August monthly dues and any outstanding invoice items. Please contact admin@spokanewaves.org to ensure proper final invoicing and closeout of your account and cessation of auto billing.

Signatures

During the registration process, you provide electronic acknowledgement of your understanding of the policy.