



2023-24 Membership Cost Structure

To maintain transparency, flexibility, and control of our budget, this Cost Structure lays out all financial responsibilities of Channel Cat members. Standing Rule 14¹ contains the rules regarding financial obligations.

Fees

Annual

Fee	Billed In...	Amount	Comment
Trial period fee (1 month)	Month of tryout	\$50	One-time fee, non-refundable
USA Swimming Registration	October	\$89	Required by USA Swimming
Channel Cat Administration	October	\$55	1 swimmer
		\$75	2 or more swimmers
Summer Pool Use	May	\$100	1 swimmer
		\$140	2 or more swimmers
Dues Offset²	June	\$200	This is a per swimmer charge Can be reduced via fundraisers

Dues

Training Dues

Practice Group	Annual Total	11 Monthly Payments	11 Monthly Payments w/Dues Offset	Paid in-full	Summer Only
Blue	\$1,089	\$99	\$117.18	\$980	\$300
Bronze	\$1,210	\$110	\$128.18	\$1,089	\$350
Silver	\$1,518	\$138	\$156.18	\$1,366	\$400
Gold	\$1,518	\$138	\$156.18	\$1,366	\$400

Other Charges

IES Swim Meets³

Charge	Cost
Per Event	\$5
IES Surcharge	Regular \$15(SC)/\$20(LC)
	Champs \$25
TCCC Surcharge	\$10

Swim Caps

Type	Cost
Latex	\$5
Silicone	\$15

Hospitality

Type	Cost
Annual Hospitality Fee	\$50
Billed in December	

Penalties & Discounts

Penalties

Type	Cost
Discontinued Membership	\$200
Monthly late charge	\$25
Volunteer Hour Shortage	\$30/hour ⁴
No-Shows for Volunteer work	\$100/day

Multi-Swimmer Training Discounts

Swimmers	Monthly
2	\$10
3	\$15
>= 4	\$20

¹ See Standing Rules.

² See "Dues Offset Explained" for how this works.

³ Meet fees outside IES may vary

⁴ Assessed for every hour short of the minimum volunteer hour requirement



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Tryout Fee. This occurs in September, December, and sometimes April

USA Swimming Registration Fee. Channel Cats are part of USA Swimming, who requires all its members to register.

Channel Cat Administration Fee. This helps cover the operational costs of running the club.

Summer Pool Use Fee. This is paid to the City of Pasco for use of their 50 Meter outdoor pool.

Dues Offset. There is a \$200 per swimmer charge that would normally be dues, but through various fundraisers, this amount can be reduced, eliminated or even reversed. See Standing Rule 14E for details.

Dues

Training Dues. Channel Cats offers **Year-round** and **summer-only** options, with rates varying based on the swimmer's group. Coaches assign groups and when a swimmer moves up, new fees will apply. The Summer-only option has built-in pool fees.

Monthly Health Club Dues. The Channel Cats use the Pacific Clinic (PC) and the Columbia Basin Racquet Club (CBRC). All Channel Cat swimmers must be a member of the health club in which they swim.

Other Charges

Swim Meets. Each Inland Empire meet has a surcharge whether TCCC sends a coach or not. If TCCC sends a coach, there is an additional TCCC surcharge. In addition, each event has its associated fee. These charges are billed the month following a given meet.

Swim Caps. There are two kinds of caps, each with a cost associated with the quality of the cap. Coaches distribute caps to swimmers as needed and charges are reflected on the following month's bill.

Hospitality. When the Channel Cats host a swim meet, the hospitality budget is partially funded by contributions from the members. Contributions vary depending on the meet and are outlined in the Cost Structure document.

Penalties

Discontinued Membership. By joining TCCC, a swimmer commits to participating from Sep. 1 through Aug 31. This penalty is assessed when that obligation is not met. First year swimmers are not subject to this penalty.

Monthly Late Charge. This penalty is assessed whenever a bill is not paid by the 20th of the billing month.

Volunteer Hour Shortage. All TCCC members, including first year swimmers, are obligated to volunteer 34 hours of service to the team. Any shortage of hours is charged at the rate shown above.

*Any hours worked at a travel meet (any meets not hosted by TCCC) will earn time at ½ credit. (i.e. a 2 hour timing slot at a travel meet will earn you 1 hour towards your TCCC required hours).

No-Show for Volunteering. If you have signed up for a volunteer position, and you do not show up, you will be charged a \$100/day no-show fee

Discounts

Multiple Swimmer Discount. For members who have multiple swimmers, discounts are available for the year-round option only. The multiple swimmer discount is applied first, and then the paid in-full discount.

Paid-up-front. In the training dues, note that if you choose year-round and paid in full, a 10% discount is applied.