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2023-2024 Membership Agreement

This agreement must be signed by a parent and board member prior to the athlete attending his or her first practice for the 2023-24 swim year. Please initial next to each line

1. Season Fees (Select the Seasons below your swimmer will participate in):

Please see Attachment A Team Structure which outlines our Seasons and Tune Up options to assist you in making the best decision for your swimmer.

- Short Course Season:** I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level. If my swimmer decides to leave the team before the end of the Short Course Season, I understand I will still be required to pay the remaining Short Course Season training fees. I also understand my account will be charged the remaining portion of the \$250 fundraising fee.

_____ **FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT:** I acknowledge that the Short Course Season has a minimum \$250 fundraising requirement, which must be met by April 1, 2024. If the fundraising requirement is not met by this date, my account will be billed for whatever portion of this fee has not been met. *Please note the Pre-Comp group is not required to pay any fundraising fees.*

_____ I understand I will have the option to pay monthly for training fees over 7 months, with the first monthly fee being billed when registering and the remaining 6 months will be billed on the first of each month from October to March or I may pay in full when registering. .

- Spring Tune Up:** I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level If my swimmer decides to leave the team before the Tune Up has concluded, I will still be responsible for paying the total fees of the Tune Up.

_____ I understand I will have the option to pay monthly for training fees over 2 months, with the first monthly fee being billed when registering and the final month will be billed on May 1st or I may pay in full when registering.

- Long Course Season:** I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level. If my swimmer decides to leave the team before the Long Course Season has concluded, I will still be responsible for paying the total fees of the Season.

_____ I understand I will have the option to pay for training fees over 3 months, with the first monthly fee being billed when registering and the remaining 2 months will be billed on June 1st and July 1st or I may pay in full when registering.

- Full Year (3 Season Commitment) Registration:** I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level. If my swimmer decides to leave the team before the end of the full year, I understand I will still be required to pay the remaining full year training fees. I also understand my account will be charged the remaining portion of the \$250 fundraising fee.

_____ **FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT:** I acknowledge that as a full year swimmer, there is a minimum \$250 fundraising requirement, which must be met by April 1, 2024. If the fundraising requirement is not met by this date, my account will be billed for whatever portion of this fee has not been met. *Please note the Pre-Comp group is not required to pay any fundraising fees.*

_____ I understand I will have the option to pay monthly for training fees over 11 months, with the first monthly fee being billed when registering and the remaining 10 months will be billed on the first of each month from October to July or I may pay in full when registering and receive a 10% discount.

2. **Swim Meets**

_____ I acknowledge that Velocity is a competitive swim team and will make every effort to sign my swimmer up for swim meets.

_____ If I sign my swimmer up for a swim meet, I am responsible for the meet fees incurred for the meet, even if my swimmer is not able to attend the meet. This will include coach-assigned relay entries. If my swimmer is a no show for a relay, my swimmer shall be billed for the full cost of the relay.

_____ I acknowledge that all swim meets have different levels of fees. It is my responsibility to read the meet invite to be aware of additional fees.

3. **Velocity Participation Points Requirements**

_____ I acknowledge that Velocity Membership comes with Participation Point Requirements. Failure to meet my volunteer participation point requirements will incur a \$25 per point charge for every unearned point.

_____ I have reviewed and understand the Velocity Participation Points requirements as outlined in Attachment B to this agreement.

4. **Team Gear**

_____ I acknowledge that my swimmer is required to wear a Velocity team cap when participating in any swim meet. I understand that my swimmer will be provided with 2 swim caps when registering for short course season and long course season.

_____ I acknowledge that Velocity is an Arena sponsored swim team and will make every effort to outfit my swimmer in an Arena brand suit when they are competing in a meet.

_____ I am aware that all swim groups have certain equipment requirements and I will make sure my swimmer has the equipment they need to have a successful practice.

5. **Team Account/Billing/Email:**

_____ I acknowledge that team communication is done through email and that it is my responsibility to check my email often for important team information

_____ I acknowledge that there is a \$0.30 per transaction fee plus 2.95% of the total transaction amount for each credit card or ACH transaction paid through the team website.

_____ I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to pay my team bill on time and that invoices must be paid in full by the 15th of the month, or a \$25 late fee will be charged to my account.

_____ I acknowledge that if my account is more than 30 days past due, my swimmer is not eligible to participate in swim meets until my account is paid in full. If my account is more than 60 days past due, my swimmer is not eligible to practice with the team until my account is paid in full.

6: **Team Handbook and Policies:**

_____ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the team handbook that was presented to me during the registration process. The team handbook can also be found on the team website: www.velocity-swimming.com.

_____ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Velocity Safe Sport MAAPP that is attached to the Team Handbook.

_____ All swimmers, parents, and visitors must comply with individual pool policies and procedures. As guests of these pool facilities, lack of compliance by swimmers and/or their parents may result in disciplinary actions

_____ All swimmers and families must abide by the Velocity Code of Conduct at all times when representing Velocity Swimming. The code of conduct can be found on the team website and is also signed during the registration process.

I have read, understood, and acknowledged the information in this Membership Agreement, the attachments A, B, C, and D, E, the Velocity Handbook and Policies, and the Velocity MAAPP.

Parent Signature

Date

Swimmer(s) Name(s)

(Velocity Board Member Use ONLY)

I have conducted the required parent meeting. The swimmer(s) named above is(are) eligible to get in the water.

Board Member's Signature

Date

Attachment A: Team Structure

Introduction

Velocity is a year-round competitive swim team for swimmers of varying ability levels. As a competitive program, swimmers from our team compete against swimmers from other teams in competitions called meets. Because our swimmers are competitive swimmers, one of the ways we measure our swimmers' progress is by their performance at meets. It is also one of the ways we measure our team's progress. Hence, we want all of our swimmers to compete in meets, particularly in the meets we host and all championship meets for which they qualify.

Seasons

Competitive swimming has two distinct seasons: Short Course and Long Course. Velocity also offers a third "season" called Spring Tune Up.

Short Course Season

The short course season runs from September through March. During the short course season, swimmers typically train and compete in a 25 yard pool. At the end of the short course season, Inland Empire Swimming (IES) offers two championship meets: the IES Short Course Junior Championships for novice swimmers and the IES Short Course Championships for swimmers of all ages who meet the requisite qualifying times. For the majority of our swimmers, and our team as a whole, these two meets will be the primary focus of the short course season.

Please Note: Swimming in regular season meets is **highly encouraged** for your swimmer as these meets will give your swimmer the best opportunity to meet the qualifying times for the season's "terminal meet".

Spring Tune Up

Spring Tune Up takes place between the end of the short course season and the start of the long course season. It is designed for swimmers who want to tune up their strokes prior to starting the long course season or prior to starting practice with their summer league club team. It is a clinic style program that will focus on teaching proper body position, stroke mechanics and stroke technique and will include work on turns. It will also include some swimming conditioning.

Long Course Season

The long course season is a much shorter season and runs from Mid-May through July. During the long course season, swimmers typically train and compete in a 50 meter pool. At the end of the long course season, Inland Empire Swimming (IES) offers one championship meet: the IES Long Course Championships for swimmers of all ages who meet the requisite qualifying times. For the majority of our swimmers, and our team as a whole, this meet will be the primary focus of the long course season.

Please Note: Swimming in regular season meets is **highly encouraged** for your swimmer as these meets will give your swimmer the best opportunity to meet the qualifying times for the season's "terminal meet".

Participation in Short Course, Long Course and Spring Tune Up

Swimmers have the flexibility to participate in either the Short Course Season, Long Course Season or Spring Tune Up. They can elect to participate in one, two or all three of the options.

Short, Long Course, and Spring Tune-Up Practice Groups

Our practice groups mimic the age groups that are used in competitions. Please see the Velocity Team Handbook for a more detailed description of the practice groups and their qualifications.

- 10 & Under*: for swimmers 10 years of age and younger
- 11-12: for swimmers 11 to 12 years of age
- 13-14: for swimmers 13 to 14 years of age (not in high school)
- 15 & Over: for swimmers 15 years of age and older (includes swimmers age 14 who are in high school)

For the Short Course Season, a swimmer's age on March 1st will determine which practice group to enroll in. For example, a swimmer who turns 13 on or before March 1st would enroll in the 13-14 practice group.

For the Spring Tune Up, a swimmer's age on April 1st will determine which practice group to enroll in. For example, a swimmer who turns 9 on or before April 1st would enroll in the 9-12 practice group.

For the Long Course Season, a swimmer's age on June 1st will determine which practice group to enroll in. For example, a swimmer who turns 15 on or before June 1st would enroll in the 15 & over practice group.

We also offer a Pre-Team* group for swimmers 5 to 10 years of age not yet ready to commit to full competition but who want to be introduced to the competitive strokes and have a team-like experience.

****Our 10 and Under and Pre-Team groups require tryouts. Swimmers will be placed in the appropriate practice group by our coaches after tryouts. Parents will not get to choose the practice group for their swimmer.***

Special Practice Groups

Our new head coach, may wish to add a special practice group(s) to offer extra training of some type or special training groups to prepare for high level meets.

If a special practice group of this type is created, swimmers will be invited to join by the head coach. If a swimmer chooses to participate, there may be an extra fee for this special practice group. That fee and the dates and times of practice will be communicated by the head coach when the swimmer is invited to participate.

College Swimmers (Velocity alumni)

Swimmers that have gone off to college are encouraged and welcomed back to the team when they are home for a school break or a weekend.

In order to “drop-in” and practice with the team, a college swimmer **MUST** be registered with USA Swimming. We ask that the college swimmer show proof of USA Swimming registration to the coach.

College swimmers must email our head coach prior to “dropping in” to confirm there is space to accommodate the college swimmer at practice.

College swimmers qualify for this special training group if they do not plan to compete. If they plan to compete in a meet while home, they will need to register for the appropriate season.

College swimmers should remember they are mentors to all other swimmers. They should show respect for the coaches and participate in the practice sets created by the coaches. College swimmers may be asked to provide leadership during practice such as technique demonstrations for all levels of swimming.

Please note that college swimmers are here at the discretion of the coaches and if the coaches determine the college swimmer is not promoting a positive team environment then he/she may be asked to not return.

Attachment B: Velocity Participation Points Policy

The success of Velocity Swimming is dependent on the participation of all families. We host several meets each year as well as a number of social events all of which necessitate many hours of work. To encourage participation and distribute the work load for these events, we will be utilizing the newly created Velocity Participation (VP) Points system.

Each family is required to earn a certain number of VP Points each season. The number of VP points required is determined by the season(s) your swimmer is registered to participate in. VP Points are per family and NOT per swimmer.

Earning VP Points

VP Points are earned by helping out at a Velocity hosted swim meet, being an active board member, actively participating on a committee, and other ad-hoc opportunities during the season. In addition some of the away swim meets we attend require Velocity staff a lane or two with timers, these required timing duties would also earn VP points.

Signing up to earn VP points and tracking of VP points will be done online through the TeamUnify or OnDeck app. Generally, opportunities to earn VP points at a swim meet or at an event will be posted the week prior to the meet or event. There may be some opportunities with preparation for these meets or events that will be posted earlier. At a minimum, families will be notified via our weekly email when opportunities are posted.

VP Points Requirements by Season

The breakdown of the minimum VP points required by season are as follows:

Season	VP Points requirement
Short course	30
Spring Tune up	4
Long course	32
Year Round Swimmers (registered in Sept)	64

Velocity Home Swim Meet Minimum VP Points

Each year Velocity hosts 5 swim meets and bring in a large portion of the team's money. This money is used to keep training fees as low as possible. If a swimmer has registered for a season then the swimmer's family is responsible for earning VP Points at the meet. This is regardless if the swimmer will be participating in the meet or not.

Season	Very Scary	Christmas Open	Black vs Teal	Apple Capital	Starlight
Short course	4	10	4	-	-
Spring Tune up	-	-	4	-	-
Long course	-	-	-	16	12
Year Round Swimmers (registered in Sept)	2	6	2	20	20

VP Points FAQs

A few of the frequently asked questions regarding VP Points are:

- VP Points must be accrued in full by the end of their swimmer's season.
- A family that does not fulfill VP Points requirements by the end of each season **will be billed at a rate of \$25.00 per point that has not been fulfilled.**
- If excess VP points are accrued they are **not** carried over to the following swim year.
- If excess VP points are accrued they **can** be carried over from one swim season to the next within the same swim year.
- Points are awarded based on the position served.
- Different positions may award different points for the same length of time.
- At a Velocity Swim meet to receive credit for VP Points earned:
 - After signing up to fulfill an activity to earn VP Points the person completing the activity should find the Clerk of Course at the swim meet and should initial by the activity on the printed job signup sheets.
 - Unverified VP Points will not be credited
 - No write-ins are allowed on the sign-up sheets.
 - If you sign up for a job and are unable to do it, it is your responsibility to find a replacement before the meet begins. You will not receive credit for those VP.
 - Failure to show up for an assigned activity will be charged a no-show fee of \$25 per point.
- If a swimmer does not complete the season, the family is responsible for fulfilling the remainder of their VP Points, or paying the fees for non-completion of the required VP points for the season.
- Most VP Points opportunities have a minimum age of twelve (12) to participate. However, some specialized VP Points opportunities may have higher minimum age.

The success of Velocity Swimming is dependent on the participation of all families. Each family's time and efforts are essential to the team's ability to host a variety of meets and events each season. There are ample opportunities to volunteer throughout the year in a variety of ways so no family should owe points at the end of the season.

If you have questions regarding the Velocity Points commitment, please contact Volunteers@velocity-swimming.com.

Attachment C: Registration and Season Fees

Annual Per Swimmer Fees

Fee	Group(s)	Billed in	Amount	Comment
USA Swimming Registration fees: Full year	All Groups	Paid to USA Swimming directly annually	\$89	Once your registration with Velocity is completed, you will be given instructions to register with USA Swimming. We are a USA Swimming team and to join our team you must become a USA Swimming member as well. \$70 of this fee will go to USA Swimming and \$19 will go to Inland Empire Swimming our Local Swim Committee (the regional governing body for USA Swimming).
USA Swimming Registration fees: Flex Registration	Pre-Team Head Coach approved situations also for Ages 12 and under	Paid to USA Swimming directly annually	\$20	Once your registration with Velocity is completed, you will be given instructions to register with USA Swimming. We are a USA Swimming team and to join our team you must become a USA Swimming member as well. This fee is much less due to the limited access to events. Head coach approval is required to choose this registration.
Velocity Registration Fee	All Groups	Short Course, Long Course, and Spring Tune Up. Billed when registering for the season	\$20	Velocity Registration fee is charged for each season when registering and includes 2 swim caps..
Hospitality Fee	All Groups except Pre- Comp.	Month of Home Meet	\$5-\$10	Hospitality Fees will be billed to your account the month of a home meet . Short course meets will have hospitality fees of \$5.00 per swimmer/per meet. Long course meets will have hospitality fees of \$10 per swimmer/per meet.

Season Fees

Season fees and Spring Tune Up fees for each group are outlined in the table below. Season fees are charged to your account as detailed below.

Short Course Season

The Short Course Season runs for approximately 7 months. You will have the choice to pay for the season up front or to be invoiced in installments. If you choose to pay in installments, you will be billed in September at registration for the first month and then on the first of each month, October through March.

Short Course Season Fees

Practice Group	Total Fee
15+ (Not swimming HS)	\$1,260
15+ (Swimming HS)	\$1,000
13-14 year olds	\$1,120
11-12 year olds	\$770
10 year olds and under	\$665
Pre-Competition Group	\$525

Spring Tune Up

The Spring Tune Up will run for approximately 2 months. You will have the choice to pay for the tune up in one payment or to be invoiced in two installments. The first installment will be billed when registered for the Spring Tune Up and the second installment will be billed on May 1st.

Spring Tune Up fees

Practice Group	Total Fee
15+ (and HS Swimmers)	\$250
13-14 year olds	\$200
11-12 year olds	\$150
10 year olds and under	\$150

Long Course Season

The Long Course Season will run for approximately 2 ½ months. You will have the choice to pay for the tune up in one payment or to be invoiced in three installments. The first installment will be billed when registering for Long Course Season. The second and third installments will be billed on June 1st and July 1st.

Long Course Season Fees

Practice Group	Total Fee
15+ (Or entering HS)	\$475
13-14 year olds	\$425
11-12 year olds	\$275
10 year olds and under	\$275

Other Charges/Fees

These other charges and fees are optional and will only be charged if you choose to utilize them.

Fee	Billed in	Amount	Comment
Team Cap	Month of purchase	\$10 Silicone \$12 Dome-pro	Swimmers must wear our team swim cap when participating in meets. Please note each swimmer will receive 2 swim caps as a part of the Short Course and Long Course season registration fees.
Credit Card/ACH Convenience Fee	Every card transaction	\$0.30 per transaction, plus 2.95% of the total transaction amount	If you choose to pay your bill by Credit Card or ACH transaction, your account will be billed a convenience fee to help offset merchant fees

Attachment D: Fundraising or Season Fees Offset

To help keep our season and tune up fees reasonable, we ask families to participate in fundraising for the team. **Each short course swimmer is required to raise a minimum of \$250.** There are three types of fundraisers we currently offer:

Splash for Cash

The Splash for Cash is an annual fundraising event that is a part of the USA Swimming Swim-A-Thon program. Each swimmer will set a goal for how many laps they want to swim in a specific period of time. Generally it will be an hour or two and coaches will work with each swimmer to help them get excited about this event and to strive for their best. Swimmers can collect per lap donations and/or donations for participation. We try to make it a fun day for the kids with music, snacks, and treats.

Corporate Sponsorships

If you own a company or know someone who does then a corporate sponsorship would be a great way to fundraise for the team. 100% of the corporate money you bring in goes towards your swimmer(s) fundraising requirement.

RaiseRight

Purchase gift cards from America's most popular retailers through RaiseRight formerly Great Lakes Scrip Center (GLSC) and use them for your everyday purchases. You earn money with each gift card purchase. Scrip gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from the retailer. Details about this fundraising opportunity will be made available by our fundraising committee.

Other

Depending upon the year, there may be an opportunity to raise money through selling tickets to a Wenatchee Wild game, a restaurant fundraising night, or other options as made available by the fundraising committee. If you have a great idea for a fundraiser or if you have any questions please contact our fundraising committee at fundraising@velocity-swimming.com.

Attachment E: Velocity Tentative Calendar 2023-2024

Currently some dates or locations may not be available or may change, depending upon how the hosting swim club may need to adjust. Our Team Care Committee will have various team bonding activities planned throughout the year. We have tentative dates listed below for our end of Short Course and Long Course celebrations. Others will be posted to our team website.

The meets listed below are also subject to change at the discretion of our head coach. Our head coach may choose not to attend a meet listed below or to add another meet that could be a better fit for our club. Our team website will have the most current and accurate information.

Short Course Season

The short course season has a number of opportunities for swimmers to compete as well as activities planned for team building.

Dates	Name	Location	Eligibility
Sept. 23, 2023	Sprint Shootout	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Oct. 14-15, 2023	Octoberfest Open	Ellensburg, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Oct. 28-29, 2023	Velocity's Very Scary	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Nov. 18-19, 2023	Thankswimming	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Dec. 2-3, 2023	Velocity's Christmas Open	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Dec. 6-9, 2023	Junior Nationals	Westmont, IL	* Must meet time requirements
Dec. 14-17, 2023	WA State Sr Champs & Time Trials	Federal Way, WA	* Must meet time requirements
Jan. 5-7, 2024	Winter Storm	Walla Walla, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Jan. 12-14, 2024	Washington Open	Federal Way, WA	* Must meet time requirements
Jan. 26-28, 2024	TCCC Winter Open	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
Feb. 9-10, 2024	Cougar Classic	Pullman, WA	* Must meet time requirements
Feb. 16-18, 2024	IES Junior Championship	Lewiston, ID	Open to all swimmers who do not have a champs time
March 1-3, 2024	IES Championships	Moscow, ID	* Must meet time requirements
March 14-17, 2024	Short Course Sectionals	Federal Way, WA	*Must meet time requirements
Mid-March	Velocity Short Course Banquet	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Velocity swimmers and their families
March 22-24, 2024	Tony St. Onge Memorial	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Velocity swimmers
March 22-24, 2024	NW Age Group Regionals	TBA	* Must meet time requirements
April 3-6, 2024	Short Course Senior Zones	St. George, UT	* Must meet time requirements

*Coaches will work with parents to let them know if their swimmer qualifies for these meets.

Spring Tune Up

The Spring Tune up is a 5 to 6 week clinic open to all swimmers. It is projected to start the week after Spring Break each year and run through Mid-May when the city pool will open and long course practices can begin.

Dates	Name	Location	Eligibility
April 27, 2024	Black and Teal Meet	Wenatchee, WA	Open for any Short Course, Spring Tune Up, or Long Course swimmer

Long Course Season

The long course season has a number of opportunities for swimmers to compete as well as activities planned for team building all packed into a very short span of time.

Dates	Name	Location	Eligibility
May 31-June 2, 2024	Velocity's Apple Capital	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
June 5, 2024	Velocity Mile	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
June 15-23, 2024	US Olympic Trials	TBA	* Must meet time requirements
June 21-23, 2024	Velocity's Starlight	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
July 5-7, 2024	Pendleton Open	Pendleton, OR	Open for all Comp swimmers
Week of July 3rd	Velocity's Tie Dye T's night	Wenatchee, WA	Fun night for all swimmers to bring a T-shirt to tie dye
July 12-14, 2024	Sizzlin' Summer Splash	Moses Lake, WA	Open for all Comp swimmers
July 18-21, 2024	Long Course Senior Sectionals	Mt. Hood, OR	* Must meet time requirements
July 26-28, 2024	IES Championships	Spokane, WA	* Must meet time requirements
July 29-Aug. 3, 2024	Western Zone Senior Championships	Clovis, CA	*Must meet time requirements and apply to IES to be accepted to the IES Zones Team
July 24-27, 2024	Futures Championships	TBA	* Must meet time requirements
Aug. 5-10, 2024	Long Course Junior Nationals	TBA	* Must meet time requirements
Aug. 7-10, 2024	Western Zone Age Group Championship	TBA	*Must meet time requirements and apply to IES to be accepted to the IES Zones Team
Mid August	Velocity Long Course Banquet	Wenatchee, WA	Open for all Velocity swimmers and their families

*Coaches will work with parents to let them know if their swimmer qualifies for these meets.

Annual Membership Meeting

Each year at the end of August, Velocity is required to hold an annual membership meeting. All parents are members and are requested to attend and approve the plan for the upcoming swim year.