



2022-2023 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 2022-23 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 monthly 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, 2023. 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.*

Invoice Up Front: I would like to pay for the Short Course Season in one payment with registration. I understand if my swimmer decides to leave the team before the end of Short Course Season that there are no refunds.

Invoice In Installments: I would like to pay for the Short Course Season in installments. I understand I will be required to pay the 1st month's installment when registering and I will be invoiced on the first of each month from October through March. I understand if my swimmer decides to leave the team before the end of Short Course Season that I am responsible for the remaining Short Course Training Fees.

Spring Tune Up: I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level to be invoiced on the first day of the Spring Tune Up. 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.

Long Course Season: I agree to pay training fees for my swimmer's group level to be invoiced on June 1st. 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.

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. Volunteer Requirements

I acknowledge that all home meets come with volunteer hour requirements. Failure to meet my volunteer hour requirements will incur a \$25 per hour charge for every unworked hour.

I have reviewed and understand the volunteer 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: <u>www.velocity-swimming.com</u>

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, and the Velocity Handbook and Policies.

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

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 14 years of age and younger and the IES Short Course Junior Olympics 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.

<u>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".</u>

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 Junior Olympics 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.

<u>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".</u>

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. We will offer a discount to

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swimmers that enroll in at least two of the three options. Swimmers enrolling in all three will receive a greater discount.

Short Course & Long Course 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 December 1st will determine which practice group to enroll in. For example, a swimmer who turns 13 on or before December 1st would enroll in the 13-14 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 8 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.

Spring Tune Up Practice Groups

The practice groups for the Spring Tune Up are as follows. Please see the Velocity Team Handbook for a more detailed description of the practice groups and their qualifications.

- 8 & Under: for swimmers 8 years of age and younger (includes any Pre-Team swimmers that want to participate)
- 9-12: for swimmers 9 to 12 years of age
- 13 & Over: for swimmers 13 years of age and older

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.

Home Meets

Parents play a vital role in our organization. In order to run successful home swim meets, parents are **REQUIRED** to volunteer. Hosting home swim meets generates a great deal of income for the team. This helps keep season fees low

Please Note:

- Sign-ups for jobs at meets will be posted online on our team website, www.velocity-swimming.com and you will be notified by email to go on and sign-up for shifts.
- You may not sign-up or write-in shifts that do not exist.
- If a shift in a particular area is filled, you may not earn hours for working there during that shift.
- If you sign-up for a shift and are unable to work that shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the volunteer coordinator prior to the first day of the meet. Failure to show up for an assigned shift will be charged a no-show fee of \$25 per hour.
- Unworked hours will be billed to your account at a rate of \$25 per hour
- Any questions regarding volunteer hours for a specific meet should be directed to our volunteer coordinator at <u>volunteers@velocity-swimming.com</u>

Short Course Season Meets

If your swimmer is registered for Short Course Season, these are the meets you will be required to volunteer during. If your swimmer is not registered for Short Course and you would like to help out, we would gladly welcome the extra hands.

| Short Course Meet | Date | Per Family Requirement |
|---|----------|------------------------|
| Very Scary Open | October | 6 hours |
| Christmas Open | December | 6 hours |
| Velocity Inter-Squad Black vs Teal Meet | TBA | 2 hours |

Long Course Season Meets

If your swimmer is registered for Long Course Season, these are the meets you will be required to volunteer during. If your swimmer is not registered for Short Course and you would like to help out, we would gladly welcome the extra hands.

| Long Course Meet | Date | Per Family Requirement |
|---|------|------------------------|
| Apple Capital | June | 16 hours |
| Starlight | June | 16 hours |
| Velocity Inter-Squad Black vs Teal Meet | TBA | 2 hours |

Away Meets

When attending away meets, parents are not required but encouraged to volunteer. However, we as a team have requirements to supply timers for one or more lanes throughout the meet. If a parent has completed the required training to be an official, we encourage you to officiate at any away meets. Both of these volunteer opportunities are great ways to support our team and to get a front row seat to all the action.

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 | \$84 | 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. \$68 of this fee will go to USA Swimming and \$16 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 Season & Long Course Season Billed when registering for the season | \$50 | Velocity Registration fee is charged for each season when registering and includes 2 swim caps and a team T-shirt for the season. |
| Velocity Registration Fee | All Groups | Spring Tune Up and College Swimmers practicing during Short Course Season | \$30 | Velocity Registration fee is charged to cover administrative costs for the team. It also includes a T-shirt at the conclusion of the tune up. |
| 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.

If you register your swimmer for both Seasons and the Spring Tune Up in September, you will get a 5% discount. *Please note that if your swimmer does not swim all three options, you are still responsible for the full fees for all three*.

If you register your swimmer for two of the three options listed below in September, you will get a 3% discount on both options. *Please note that if your swimmer does not swim the two options, you are still responsible for the full fees for both*.

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.

| Practice Group | Total Fee |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 15+ (Not swimming HS) | \$1,190 |
| 15+ (Swimming HS) | \$950 |
| 13-14 year olds | \$1050 |
| 11-12 year olds | \$735 |
| 10 year olds and under | \$560 |
| Pre-Competition Group | \$420 |

College swimmers that will want to practice during short course season when they are home on weekends or on school breaks, will need to be registered with Velocity and USA Swimming. The fee for College Swimmers to do this will be a one-time fee of \$170 for the entire short course season.

Spring Tune Up

The Spring Tune Up will be billed in full on the first day of the clinic. Due to the length of the Spring Tune Up, there is not an installment payment plan.

| Practice Group | Total Fee |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 13 year olds & over | \$200 |
| 9-12 year olds | \$150 |
| 8 year olds and under | \$100 |

Long Course Season

The Long Course Season will be billed on June 1st. Due to the length of the Season there is not an installment payment plan.

| Practice Group | Total Fee |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 15+ (Not swimming HS) | \$425 |
| 13-14 year olds | \$375 |
| 11-12 year olds | \$265 |
| 10 year olds and under | \$200 |

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. 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 <u>fundraising@velocity-swimming.com</u>.

Attachment E: Velocity Tentative Calendar 2022-2023

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 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 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| October 29-30, 2022 | Velocity's Very Scary | Wenatchee, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| November 18- 20, 2022 | Thankswimming | Moses Lake, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| December 3-4, 2022 | Velocity's Christmas Open | Moses Lake, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| December 7-10, 2022 | USA Winter Junior Nationals | Austin, TX | * Must meet time requirements |
| January 12-15, 2023 | Washington Open | Federal Way | * Must meet time requirements |
| January 28-29, 2023 | TCCC Winter Open | Moses Lake, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| February 17-19, 2023 | IES Jr Champs | Pullman, WA | Ages 14 and under |
| February | Splash for Cash | Wenatchee, WA | Fundraising opportunity for all Comp swimmers |
| March 3-5, 2023 | IES Junior Olympics/Champs | Moscow, ID | * Must meet time requirements |
| March 9-12, 2023 | Short Course Senior Sectionals | Federal Way, WA | * Must meet time requirements |
| March 16-19, 2023 | Short Course Age Group Regionals | Federal Way, WA | * Must meet time requirements |
| March 18-19, 2023 | Tony St. Onge Memorial | Moses Lake, WA | Open for 15+ that did not qualify for IES Junior Olympics/Champs |
| Late March- Early April | Velocity Short Course Banquet | Wenatchee, WA | Open for all Velocity swimmers and their families |
| March 29-April 1, 2023 | Short Course Senior Zones | Federal Way, WA | * 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.

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| Dates | Name | Location | Eligibility |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| Mid-April | 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 |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|---|
| June 2-4, 2023 | Velocity's Apple Capital | Wenatchee, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| June 7, 2023 | Velocity Mile | Wenatchee, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| June 23-25, 2023 | Velocity's Starlight | Wenatchee, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| June 30-July 2, 2023 | Summer Solstice | Spokane, WA | 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 to tie dye |
| July 7-9, 2023 | Sizzlin' Summer Splash | Moses Lake, WA | Open for all Comp swimmers |
| July 13-16, 2023 | Long Course Senior Sectionals | Boise, ID | * Must meet time requirements |
| July 21-23, 2023 | IES Junior Olympics/Champs | Pasco, WA | * Must meet time requirements |
| July 25-29, 2023 | Western Zone Senior Championships | Clovis, CA | *Must meet time requirements and apply to IES to be accepted to the IES Zones Team |
| July 26-29, 2023 | Futures Championships | TBA | * Must meet time requirements |
| July 31- August 4, 2023 | Long Course Junior Nationals | TBA | * Must meet time requirements |
| August 2-5, 2023 | Western Zone Age Group Championship | Boise, ID | *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.