

# **GSC SWIM CLUB FINANCIAL POLICIES**

## **GSC DESCRIPTION OF FEES**

### **GSC SWIM CLUB GROUP FEE BY SEASON**

A specific Group Fee is set for all swimming groups by season. Swim club members must be residents of District 225 unless approved by the Program Director. All non-resident swimmers are required to pay an increased registration fee. More information can be found in the Non-Resident Policy.

### **USA SWIMMING ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE**

The annual fee per swimmer is required and now will be completed and paid by each individual through USA Swimming. This is required for all swim club members each fall season (or when they join in a subsequent season). This fee is set and mandated by USA Swimming and covers insurance at practices and at swim meets through USA Swimming. The fee is mandatory for all registering GSC swimmers. The fee includes informational emails from USA Swimming as well.

### **SWIM MEET ENTRY FEES**

Swimmers will be charged for all USA home and away swim meets or team events they declare on our website. Swimmers are not charged an advance escrow fee or for any meets or team events they do not sign up for. The swimmer is responsible for meet entry fees for meets in which the swimmer was entered, even if the swimmer could not attend or swim after declaration. GSC does not receive or grant a refund for any of the meet entry fees when a swimmer who was entered in the meet does not swim. Meet entry fees are paid monthly via your auto pay credit card and must be paid in full and be in good standing to begin a new swim season as described below. The GSC swim club covers all costs of relays at meets.

GSC will determine a small fee per meet, also charged to your account, in addition to the meet fees to help cover coach costs for meets.

### **GSC REGISTRATION POLICY**

GSC families register their swimmers through our secure online registration site for each of the four seasons of swimming. Payment is by credit card, debit card and check only. No cash is accepted.

### **GSC AUTO PAY POLICY**

A credit card is automatically saved to your secured GSC account upon registration. Credit cards are charged on the first of each month for any fees (meets, team activities) posted during that month. If your swimmer does declare on our website for meets or events such as our family team activities, your card will not be charged.

### **GSC CREDIT CARD FAILURE POLICY**

If your credit card fails to process for any reason (expired card, card canceled for fraud or theft, insufficient funds, etc), there is a \$5 charge per failure. This charge is assessed monthly when a credit card fails, to offset the costs that GSC incurs when cards must be reprocessed. You may update your credit card information or see the charges on your account at any time by going to the GSC home page, My Account, then "My Invoice/Payment" (all located on the left side).

#### GSC SWIM CLUB REFUND POLICY

Swimmers have two weeks from each season start date to officially withdraw from the program and qualify to receive a refund. A withdrawal request must be submitted by email to Program Director Kelly Brown by the deadline for each season. Registration fees less a \$50 handling fee (\$100 non-residents) will be refunded no later than four weeks after the request is approved. If the request is made at the end of the two week period, a prorated group fee will also be in effect.

#### HOME SWIM MEET PARENT COMMITMENT

Our primary means for raising funds is by hosting home meets. Each family that has swimmers compete in any home meet must participate in some capacity to help run the meets. One parent will be required to work the session(s) your child(ren) are swimming. You may indicate your areas of job preference in advance of each meet and then will be assigned a position. It is your responsibility to cover the final assignment(s) given. If a family fails to perform their assigned obligation, they will be fined \$50 for each session missed. The no-show fee will be applied to your account on our website after the meet has concluded.