PRIORITY REGISTRATION: Thursday, June 29 through Friday, July 7

Who should register during Priority Registration?

- *Current Maverick Swimmers* who participated in the 2022-23 Winter SC season or 2023 Summer LC season, including approved 2024 Stroke Clinic swimmers.
 - Current Maverick Swimmers should register for the group recommended by coaching staff. This is found on the
 <u>Registration Information</u> page of the website. Questions about the swimmer's recommendation should be
 directed to their lead coach from the 2022-23 SC or 2023 LC season.
 - Swimmers interested in registering for a group other than the one recommended by Maverick coaches should follow the Grouping Up/Grouping Down instructions below.
 - Those swimmers with a recommendation of "Evaluate" should attend the swimmer evaluation.
- All other swimmers should follow instructions for Potential New Swimmers. More information is posted on the <u>Join Maverick</u> page of our website and later in this document.

Potential New Swimmers: Swimmers interested in joining Maverick must first attend an evaluation to obtain a coach recommendation for group placement. Visit the <u>Join Maverick</u> page of our website for information.

Note for High School age swimmers: Swimmers in 9th through 12th grade this fall should register as a High School swimmer. As in previous years, the short course season price for high school swimmers is calculated based upon their time with Maverick which excludes the time they are swimming with their high school swim team. Incoming freshmen boys who are not participating in a fall high school sport should register at this time. High school girls should register at this time, despite not returning to Maverick until October/November, so that we may plan for pool space and coaching staff.

- At the close of priority registration, coaches will review registrations and place swimmers in the appropriate training group, Genesis or Senior. Coaches will take into consideration the need to balance group sizes in addition to swimmer ability, attendance, participation in summer long course training, and past meet participation.
- The Senior and Genesis groups will practice at the same time and location throughout the season. Coaches may move swimmers between groups to provide the best experience for both the group and the individual swimmer.

Eligible CURRENT MAVERICK swimmers MUST register during Priority Registration to secure their spot on the roster.

Some groups may be near capacity at the end of Priority Registration.

SEASON INFORMATION

2023-24 Winter SC season runs from September 2023 through February 2024. Swimmers with championship meet qualifying times may swim through March or April 2024.

- Most groups practice Monday through Friday in the evenings between 5-9pm. Younger swimmers generally use the earlier practice times followed by older swimmers.
- Required attendance is covered in the Core Group Descriptions document.
- Meet information will be shared as it becomes available. We anticipate attending 1-2 meets per month.
- Anticipated start dates:
 - Senior & Genesis groups Tuesday, September 5
 - o All other groups Monday, September 18
- COVID precautions will be updated and communicated as our rental facilities and public health guidelines dictate.
- Links to Maverick Policies, Code of Conduct, Handbook, SafeSport, and more are located on our website.



SAFESPORT

Maverick <u>SafeSport policies</u> are located on our website. Prior to practices beginning in September, please review and complete the <u>SafeSport training</u> described below. Safe Sport recognition complements our club philosophy of *Children First, Swimmers Second* by demonstrating our commitment to creating a safe, healthy, and positive environment for all members.

- Responsible adults should take the Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport course.
- Swimmers should take the age-appropriate SafeSport course (SafeSport for Kids or SafeSport for Youth Athletes).

GROUPING UP/GROUPING DOWN FOR RETURNING MAVERICK SWIMMERS

GROUPING UP: Swimmers who wish to register for a group higher than the group recommended by Maverick coaches *must first register for the recommended group*. After completing registration, email the <u>Registrar</u> with your group up request.

Group Up requests will be considered and communicated to members at the following times:

- At the end of Registration: Coaches evaluate whether the swimmer may Group Up and immediately begin training with the higher group requested. Those who are not approved at this time will follow the instructions below.
- After the Maverick Pentathlon meet (late September). Swimmer will begin the season with the recommended group. During this time, the swimmer must:
 - 1. Meet the higher group's attendance requirement.
 - 2. Compete at the Maverick Pentathlon in events appropriate for the desired group (for example: a 12-year-old would compete in the Open/13-14 session; an 8-year-old would compete with the 9-10 session).
 - At the coaches' discretion, the swimmer will then be allowed a trial in the higher group. Following the trial period, coaching staff will communicate with the swimmer to determine if the new group is a good fit. The Maverick office will be notified, and billing adjusted accordingly, if needed.

GROUPING DOWN: Swimmers may register for a group lower than the recommended group without prior approval. As outlined in Core Group Descriptions, preference is given to the "core age" if the group size exceeds capacity.

SWIMMER EVALUATION

Wednesday, July 12 OR Tuesday, July 18; Metea Valley High School

Please review the Join Maverick page on the Maverick website for information about the process and to sign up.

Who must attend evaluation? Swimmers not eligible for Priority Registration, including All potential NEW Maverick swimmers and returning Maverick swimmers who have been requested to attend by Maverick staff.

NEW SWIMMER REGISTRATION: Thursday, July 20 through Friday, July 28

Swimmers who have attended the swimmer evaluation and are offered a roster position may register during New Swimmer Registration. Instructions will be communicated via emails and/or the Maverick website. The registration process moves quickly during this time so we ask that potential new members adhere to the posted deadlines.

Returning Maverick swimmers who missed Priority Registration may register during New Swimmer Registration, but will only be approved to the roster on a space-available basis.



WINTER 2023-24 SHORT COURSE FEE INFORMATION

GROUP	FEE
Pre-Core	\$850
Core 1	\$1025
Core 2	\$1175
Core 3	\$1275

GROUP	FEE	GROUP	FEE
High School Boys *	\$900	High School Girls *	\$1050

^{*} Due to IHSA rules for high school athletes, Maverick swimmers train and compete exclusively with their HS team during the IHSA season and return to Maverick practice when their HS season is complete. High school swimmers will be assigned to either the Senior or Genesis practice group. See page 1 for details. **Published pricing accounts for the varied season lengths for high school swimmers.**

Maverick Swim Club offers two payment options during online registration:

- 1. PAY FULL AMOUNT: Pay all fees as a lump sum
 - This is the ONLY option for High School Girls registering after September 1.
- 2. PAYMENT PLAN: Spread fees over four payments:
 - The first payment is due at the time of registration and includes 25% of a swimmer's Group Fee.
 - Three additional payments of 25% of the Group Fee, billed as follows: September 1, October 1, November 1

NOTE: A swimmer's registration is complete and a roster spot is confirmed when payment is received and the swimmer is approved to the roster. Payment is required at registration or via check on the day following registration.

USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION: Unless otherwise directed by Maverick staff, members are individually responsible for enrolling as a USA Swimming member. Upon being accepted as a Maverick Swim Club member, you will be emailed instructions and a direct link to register with USA Swimming). USA Swimming membership is a REQUIREMENT of membership with Maverick. We monitor registrations and will notify members if they are at risk of not being able to attend Maverick activities (practices, meets) due to lapsed membership.

• Members age 18 and older are additionally required to complete Athlete Protection Training and MAAPP acknowledgement prior to their 18th birthday in order to remain members in good standing.

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

- Fees are billed on the dates listed and are due before the 15th of the month.
- Failure to pay fees by the 15th will result in a \$15 per month late fee.
- Meet fees are posted to swimmer accounts as meets are entered. These charges are due on a monthly basis and are charged to the credit card on file on the first of each month (or due via check by the 15th of each month).
- If an account is more than 30 days delinquent, those swimmers will not be able to commit to attend swim meets until fee payment is arranged through the Maverick office.
- Online payments may be made via credit card, debit card, or bank draft. Checks, payable to Maverick Swim Club, may be mailed to the office (address below).
- Checks returned for insufficient funds will be assessed a \$25 fee.
- Full financial information is located in the Maverick Handbook, page 7, and in waivers signed during registration.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Notice of intent to cancel/withdraw a swimmer's registration must be given **in writing** to Maverick Swim Club (registrar@mavswim.org).

- The first 25% of the group fee is non-refundable at any time.
- Meet entry and other fees incurred by the Club on behalf of the swimmer are non-refundable.



HOW TO ESTIMATE EACH SWIMMER'S TOTAL COST FOR THE WINTER SC SEASON

The chart below lists both required and optional costs for the season. Blue items are required. Clear items are optional or flexible (like the number of "away" meets your family attends). We hope you will find this helpful in estimating your family's cost for the season.

You can estimate your cost for the season by adding your swimmer's group fee, USA Swimming registration fee, meet entry fees, travel cost to away meets, spectator admission fees (charged by host teams), championship meet fees, team suit, and gear.

FEE EXPLANATION	соѕт
Group Fee (insert amount for your swimmer's group from previous page) ■ The Group Fee covers pool time, coaching, general administration, 2 personalized latex caps*, and team t-shirt*. * Team shirts and personalized caps are ordered approximately August 1. Only swimmers registered by the order date will receive complimentary shirts and caps as this is a custom order.	
USA Swimming Registration Fee ■ Required for USA Swimming & Illinois Swimming Membership. Includes insurance. This fee is paid directly to USA Swimming. Swimmers transferring from another USA Swimming club will be billed a \$10 transfer fee. *awaiting an updated amount for the 2024 calendar year	\$85-90*
 Meet Fees (both Maverick-hosted and "away" meets) Maverick meets are strongly encouraged, away meets are optional (except for the Genesis group). See the Core Group Descriptions document for information on meet requirements by practice group. Accounts charged based on swimmer commitment/entries submitted (not meets actually attended) Away meet fees are submitted directly to host club \$50-80 per weekend; approximately 8-12 potential meets 	\$250-600+
Championship Meet Fees (for swimmers who qualify) Billed to accounts based on entries submitted \$40-100 per championship meet	
Team Suit, Gear Team suit Gear for Core 1 and up. \$60-100, depending on the training group. This is a permanent investment.	
Training Suits, Apparel - Varies widely Training suits & caps at family's discretion (appropriate competitive swimwear required for practice). Apparel purchases at family's discretion.	

