



Registration + Membership Policies  
Fall 2025 - Winter 2026

I. Financial Obligations

A. Registration Fees

SWIFT Aquatics (SWAQ) is a chartered, competitive swim team under USA Swimming. **Each swimmer must be registered with and a member of USA Swimming in order to practice or compete with the team.** The USA Swimming Registration Fee is a non-refundable fee. This membership will allow swimmers to compete in USA sanctioned swim meets as well as providing insurance coverage at all practices, meets, and transportation thereto.

**NEW SWIMMERS:** After you have registered with SWIFT Aquatics, if your swimmer is not registered with USA Swimming, you will be issued a link to USA Swimming Online Member Registration (OMR).

**RETURNING SWIMMERS:** SWIFT Aquatics will renew all returning USA Swimming members and be invoiced the yearly USA Swimming membership fee.

1. USA Swimming Premium Membership (non-refundable): All SWAQ members **MUST** be registered with the Premium (Annual) Membership.
2. SWAQ Registration Fee (non-refundable): Registration fees are \$100 per swimmer and will be due at the time of registration. All swimmers registering with the team will receive a SWIFT Aquatics Long Sleeve + Short Sleeve Team T-Shirt, and a latex Team Swim Cap.

B. Monthly Program Fees

1. Program Fees: Program Fees for the season are billed in 6 monthly installments throughout the course of the season (October - February), with the first installment due at the time of registration.
2. High School Swimmers: High School Swimmer Program Fees will be broken into 3 installments and billed on the 1st of October and November for HS Boys and HS Girls will be billed on the 1st of January and February, with the first installment paid at registration.
3. You are obligated to pay the monthly program fees, regardless of whether your swimmer attends practice (examples may be vacation, holidays, weather, illness, or school activities).



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4. **Group Moves:** During the course of the season, if a swimmer changes practice groups, monthly charges for the new group will apply.
5. **Discounts for Multiple Swimmer Families:** A discount off the program fees will be applied to all families with more than one swimmer. This discount applies only to program fees. The highest program fee will apply to the first swimmer, each additional family member swimming on the team will receive a 5% discount..

**C. Meet Entry Fees**

Meet Fees are charged to the swimmer's account once final entries are posted on the SWAQ website. If your swimmer misses a meet for any reason, you are still responsible for their meet fees.

1. **Meet Host Entry Fees:** Meet fees are charged per swimmer per event. These fees will vary depending on the meet host (approximately \$5.00-\$15.00). There will also be a host surcharge fee per swimmer to attend the meet. These fees are noted in the meet packet of each meet we will be attending.
2. **SWAQ Meet Surcharge:** SWAQ will charge \$5.00 per swimmer in addition to the meet entry fees assessed by the team hosting the meet. The SWAQ meet surcharge charge helps offset the travel costs of coaches attending the meets. If specific meet fees are higher, SWIFT reserves the right to reduce the SWAQ meet surcharge to assist our families.

**D. Payment Method + Payment Policies**

1. **Registration Fees:** Registration fees are made via credit card. Fees will be charged the day of registration. All registration fees are non-refundable.
2. **Returning Members:** To register, your account must be in good standing with a zero balance from the previous season.
3. **Monthly Fees:** Monthly fees are made via credit card. All credit card payment withdrawals will be drafted on the 1st of each month. Your billing summary will be emailed by the 24th for the upcoming month. Please review your summary immediately. You will have until the 26th of each month to notify the Head Coach of any perceived errors on your bill. A \$25 charge will be billed to your account for any declined transaction.



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4. SWAQ Past Due Policy:

- a) If an account balance due is not paid by the 14th of the month, a \$15 late fee will be assessed.
- b) If an account is past due, the swimmer will not be entered in meets.
- c) If an account is greater than \$500 past due, the swimmer will not be allowed to practice or participate in meets.
- d) If an account is greater than \$500 past due, the account will be reviewed by the Board, names on the account will remain anonymous.

5. Cancellation of Membership: For new swimmers, team fees are non-refundable after 10 practices have been offered for your swimmer's group. The team must be notified in writing if you choose to leave the team. USA + Illinois Swimming fees are non-refundable. For returning swimmers, team fees are 50% refundable until 14 days after registration, at which time they are non-refundable. Payments for other meets are non-refundable once the entries have been sent to the meet hosts (contact the coaches for specifics). **Seasonal team fees will not be prorated for any time period of non-attendance at practices or meets..**

II. Parent Support - Service Policy

SWIFT Aquatics is a non-profit, competitive swim team committed to providing the best environment for our swimmers so that they may achieve their fullest potential. A swim team cannot function through its Coaching Staff alone. SWAQ is 100% dependent on parent support for everything that we do. As a team, we hope that all our members will want to be invested in what benefits our growing athletes and emulates the strength of our community through volunteerism. Our desire is for every family to contribute to the support of our team and staff without thinking about what is required, however we do have minimum requirements as a starting point for what is expected. All SWAQ families are required to support our team efforts in three basic areas:

- A. SWAQ Hosted Meet Support: Please see our Service Policy for more information.
- B. Timing at Non-Hosted Meets: Please see our Service Policy for more information.



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- C. Additional Support: Parental support and involvement is vital to the success of our swimmers and our team. There are many additional areas that require parent support to provide our children with the best possible swimming and team experience. We also wish to build a supportive community for our families to feel connected to the team and each other. Families are invited and encouraged to participate and make an impact on the program.

Areas of additional volunteering vary by time of year, duration, and commitment level. Areas to consider are listed below:

- Certified Meet Official
- Specialized Meet Positions such as Volunteer Coordinator, Colorado Timing and Meet Manager
- Assist on the Parent Advisory Subcommittee

III. Uniform Obligation

Speedo is the preferred brand of SWIFT Aquatics. SWAQ families are required to transition to 100% Speedo outfitting, backpacks, and competition suits. At all swim meets, swimmers are required to wear the SWAQ team suit, SWAQ cap, and SWAQ t-shirt. Team latex caps, silicone caps, and t-shirts may be purchased through the SWAQ Team Store. Coaches will have team caps for purchase at swim meets and practice.