

Bozeman Barracuda Swim Club Policy/Procedure No. BSC-1002

# Membership Dues and Fees Policy

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Update of Previous Policy

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ARTICLE 1 – FULL SEASON REGISTRATION DUES AND FEES

Registration dues will be charged to each Athlete Member for a full season. Payment options exist to allow payment of the full season up front, or in monthly installments through automatic bill pay on the Bozeman Swimming Club (BSC) website with either Credit Card or ACH. No checks will be accepted.

Credit will not be given if a swimmer decides not to swim for any period of time. If an Athlete Member leaves before the conclusion of the season, a charge for all remaining fees (dues and fundraising) will be charged in one lump sum at the time of departure. An Athlete Member's Fundraising Obligation will be required to be paid in full regardless if a member leaves the team before the season is finished. Any Athlete Member dismissed due to disciplinary action by the BSC will be subject to all season fees and fundraising.

ARTICLE 2 – MODIFICATIONS TO FULL DUES AND FEES

1 FULL PAYMENT AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

A five percent discount will be given to members paying for the season in full at the time of registration.

2 OTHER THAN FIRST OF MONTH REGISTRATION

If a member is accepted after the 15th of the month, their monthly dues will be prorated for that month. Members will be responsible for full monthly dues for the remainder of the season. A member that participates in any part of the current season will not be considered a "first season swimmer" for following seasons.

3 MODIFICATION TO PRACTICE GROUP OR ROSTER SCHEDULE

If a registered member wishes to change their practice group schedule (increasing or decreasing days, or change of practice group with Head Coach permission) during the

season, they may do so a maximum of once per season by sending the request in writing to the Team Manager one week prior to the date they wish the change to take effect.

## 4 NEW MEMBER TRIAL PERIOD

Those families new to swim team may have a one-time trial period up to the end of the month they register. If within that time a family identifies that BSC is not a good fit, member may withdraw without being held to the dues obligation for the remainder of the swim season. The fundraising obligation will be waived and volunteer deposit money refunded. BSC will retain member registration fee. USA Swimming registration and Safe Sport training is still required. Those new member families who wish to discontinue membership prior to the end of the trial must submit their request in writing to Team Manager at least five days in advance of the 1st of the next month to avoid further charges.

## **5 DUES MODIFICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM PARTICIPANTS**

BSC Swimmers who participate in the high school swim season will have discounted seasonal membership dues for the short course season. After registration, dues will be charged for September, October and November. Dues will be suspended for December, January and February.

Swimmers suspended for high school swim team may not attend practice during this time but may participate in swim meets and other team activities. For those swimmers wishing to continue to attend practice during this time, they may modify their practice schedule (see item 3 above) to a lower day practice group where they can then attend practice.

Following the high school swim season, BSC swimmers may return to practice for the remainder of February. Any swimming in March (upper level meet qualifiers or otherwise) will be charged to the swimmer's account.

Those planning to participate in the high school swim season should inform Team Manager in writing one week prior to the start of the high school season.

#### 6 DUES MODIFICATION FOR VISITING SWIMMERS

All visiting or college alumni swimmers must possess membership in good standing with USA-Swimming.

- a. Former Barracuda swimmers returning from a college swim program for school breaks will be exempt from membership dues.
- b. Swimmers visiting BSC from another USA-Swimming club for 14 days or less will be exempt from dues.
- c. Swimmers visiting for 15 or more days will be responsible for a pro-rated amount of the practice group they swim with.

## 7 MODIFICATIONS TO FUNDRAISING OBLIGATIONS

Athlete Members in Development Group and those swimmers who participate in the high school swim season are required to pay one half the normal season fundraising obligation, regardless of if they finish out the BSC season or not.

Any member starting after the beginning of the season will be responsible for a prorated fundraising obligation.

#### 8 REQUEST FOR VARIANCE/ASSISTANCE

Registration Committee approval is required to obtain a variance from paying full season dues for extenuating circumstances. Requests for variance from dues obligation must be submitted in writing via mail or e-mail to the Team Manager or Head Coach.

Those desiring assistance with monthly dues should consider applying for a BSC Scholarship. Information and applications are found on the team website under "Scholarship and Financial Assistance."