



2024-2025 SEASON REGISTRATION PACKET

Dear SwimMAC Competitive Team Families,

Please read through this registration information carefully. The completion of online registration is the only way to secure your placement on the Competitive Team for the 2024-2025 season.

Completion of registration indicates your agreement to the following: annual dues, meet and event charges, service requirements, fulfillment of fundraising obligations, and agreement to team policies including SwimMAC's Code of Conduct and Participation Agreement for athletes and parents.

Who to contact with questions:

Dues/Billing/Registration/Fees

billing@swimmaccarolina.org

Service Session Fulfillment/Volunteer Opportunities

meetsquad@swimmaccarolina.org

HOW TO REGISTER

Please have your preferred payment method ready as well as information including medical insurance, swimmer's full name, guardian name(s) and contact information.

Note: your account will become active on July 1, 2024 (or after approval for new families).

1. Navigate to the [Team Unify Home Page](#).
2. Click 2024-2025 Competitive Registration (located under the middle picture on the page).
3. Register your swimmer based on their current group – specifically, please register your swimmer to the group your child is assigned to this summer. Coaches determine all group placements at the beginning of August and anticipate group transitions.
 - a. **For New Swimmers – Please register for the group given to you based on your try-out.**
4. Follow the step-by-step instructions prompted by Team Unify once you've added the Registration for your swimmer's assigned group to your cart.
5. **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION** – Please review shirt sizes, phone numbers and email addresses. This will ensure your swimmer receives the correct size apparel and that we have accurate contact information on file for team communication.
6. Your checkout balance will include \$215.00 per swimmer to cover the annual registration fee. The registration fee covers the basic team outfitting package that includes three team shirts that swimmers will be required to wear at meets throughout the season and one SwimMAC competition cap. The registration fee also covers insurance and an admin fee.
7. **NOTE** – All swimmers must have a USA Swimming membership. You will register and pay for the USA Swimming membership directly with USA Swimming. More information will follow in early September regarding when and how to register for USA Swimming.

IMPORTANT DATES

RETURNING SWIMMERS

June 17, 2024	Online registration opens for Returning Swimmers only
June 27, 2024	Pay Annual Dues in full by this date and receive a 3% discount
July 1, 2024	1/3 Installment of the 20% deposit payment due (1 of 3)
August 1, 2024	1/3 Installment of the 20% deposit payment due (2 of 3)
August 26, 2024	Official competitive team activities begin
September 1, 2024	1/3 Installment of the 20% deposit payment due (3 of 3)
October 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025	Monthly Dues charged on the 1 st of each month

NEW SWIMMERS

July 5, 2024	Online registration opens for all new members
July 26, 2024	Pay Annual Dues in full by this date and receive a 3% discount
August 1, 2024	1/2 Installment of the 20% deposit payment due (1 of 2)
August 26, 2024	Official competitive team activities begin
September 1, 2024	1/2 Installment of the 20% deposit payment due (2 of 2)
October 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025	Monthly Dues charged on the 1 st of each month

2024-2025 DUES UPDATE

The SwimMAC Board of Directors approved the following for the 2024-25 Competitive Team Season:

- **MEMBERSHIP DUES** – There will be a 3% increase in the Competitive Team membership dues which are outlined by Group in the chart on the next page.
- **REGISTRATION FEE** – The annual Registration Fee will be \$215 per swimmer and is charged at the time of registration.
- **SERVICE SESSIONS** – Service Session Requirements are outlined by Group in the chart on the next page and the fee for unfulfilled Service Session requirements will remain at \$135 each.
- **DEPOSIT INSTALLMENTS** – The non-refundable 20% deposit can be paid in installments:
 - If you register during June, the 20% deposit will be split into 3 equal installments and billed on July 1, August 1, and September 1.
 - If you register during July, the 20% will be split into 2 equal installments and billed on August 1 and September 1.
 - If you register in August, the full deposit will be charged September 1.
- **FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENT** – The fundraising requirement will remain at \$200 per family. Any balance of the fundraising obligation will be billed on May 1, 2025.
 - More information regarding opportunities to fundraise will be provided.
- **PAYMENT METHOD (NEW)**
 - **To avoid any credit card fees, please select ACH as your preferred payment method in Team Unify and provide the appropriate banking information.**
 - Because many families have expressed a desire to continue using a credit card as their payment method, the credit card option will remain, but the family will be responsible for any credit card fees (2.95% plus \$0.30 on each transaction).
 - Because the TeamUnify system **requires** that the Registration Fee be paid by credit card only, SwimMAC will **not** apply the credit card fee to the Registration Fee (\$215). Credit card fees will apply to all other dues and expenses.

	SwimMAC Registration Fee	SwimMAC Competitive Team Membership Dues Overview			SwimMAC Fundraising Support	Meet Squad Service Session Seasonal Requirements	
Group	Annual Fee (Non-Refundable)	2024-25 Annual Dues	20% Deposit (Non-Refundable)	Monthly Dues	Minimum Requirement	2024-25 Short Course Sessions	2024-25 Long Course Sessions
(Coaches determine group placement)			Payable in installments (See "Dues Updates" section above)	October - May (Billed on the first of each month)	Per Family Completed by May 1, 2025	Per Family Completed by March 1, 2025	Per Family Completed by August 1, 2025
High Performance	\$215.00	4,936.00	\$987.20	\$493.60	\$200	4	2
Senior 1	\$215.00	4,400.00	\$880.00	\$440.00	\$200	4	2
Senior 2	\$215.00	3,844.00	\$768.80	\$384.40	\$200	4	2
Senior 3	\$215.00	3,175.00	\$635.00	\$317.50	\$200	4	2
Shark 1	\$215.00	3,509.00	\$701.80	\$350.90	\$200	4	2
Shark 2	\$215.00	3,063.00	\$612.60	\$306.30	\$200	4	2
Shark 3	\$215.00	2,785.00	\$557.00	\$278.50	\$200	4	2
Dolphin 1	\$215.00	3,063.00	\$612.60	\$306.30	\$200	4	2
Dolphin 2	\$215.00	2,785.00	\$557.00	\$278.50	\$200	4	2
Dolphin 3	\$215.00	2,563.00	\$512.60	\$256.30	\$200	4	2
Marlin 1	\$215.00	2,563.00	\$512.60	\$256.30	\$200	2	1
Marlin 2	\$215.00	2,507.00	\$501.40	\$250.70	\$200	2	1
Marlin 3	\$215.00	2,284.00	\$456.80	\$228.40	\$200	2	1

- The above information outlines SwimMAC’s Registration Fee, the Annual Membership Dues for each group, the Fundraising Minimum and the Meet Squad Service Session Requirements to fulfill the organization’s volunteering expectations.
 - **This does not outline entry fees and/or expenses for swim meets and other events, which will vary by group and participation.**
- The number of Service Sessions are based on your family's oldest swimmer in the program and must be completed at **home** swim meets.
- **For High Performance, Senior, Shark, and Dolphin Divisions** – One of the sessions during the Long Course season must be at the Charlotte Open meet.

REGISTRATION FEE AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Registration Fee covers the basic team outfitting package that includes three team shirts that swimmers will be required to wear at meets throughout the season and one SwimMAC competition cap. The registration fee also covers the required insurance coverage for your swimmer and an admin fee.

Annual dues cover a portion of the expenses incurred by the competitive team, including coaches' salaries, operating the facility on the Charlotte Latin campus and at HFFA, pool rentals at other locations, the costs associated with dryland programming, strength training, timing equipment and technology, professional fees, coach education, general liability insurance, and more.

Annual dues do not include fees for meets and events, items on the equipment list that your swimmer's group coach will provide, or other related charges for participating in SwimMAC member activities.

Other dues/payment policies

- All payments should be made through Team Unify. Do not give payments directly to your coach.
- If the monthly payment is not received in full by the 15th of the month, a late fee of \$25 per month will automatically be assessed to the family's account.
- Accounts with payments past 30 days due will be contacted by SwimMAC administrative staff and a resolution sought. See Billing Policy for consequences related to non-payment and additional information.
- Families must have an active payment method on file in the Team Unify system. Failure to maintain a valid credit card or bank account information for ACH payments can result in failed payments and late fees.
- If a swimmer is transferred to a different practice group by the coaching staff, the monthly installment will be changed to the cost associated with the new group.
- **The registration fee is non-refundable.**
- **Paid membership dues are non-refundable.**
 - Please communicate any requests to stop or suspend billing by the 15th of the month prior to the next billing cycle by emailing **BOTH** your coach and billing@swimmaccarolina.org.
- For **WITHDRAWALS** from the program after the 2024-2025 season begins, please notify **BOTH** your coach and billing (billing@swimmaccarolina.org) that you are withdrawing.
 - **Notification must be received by the 15th of the month prior to withdrawal** in order to prevent the next month's dues from appearing on your final invoice. Billing will provide a final invoice that will include any other unpaid charges such as meet fees or the fundraising and service session fees if you have not met those requirements.
 - If the swimmer withdraws after April 15th, no dues will be refunded.
 - Please be aware that suspending your membership may result in the loss of your swimmer's roster position on the team unless coordinated with your Group Coach.
- If you **JOIN** the program after the 2024-2025 season begins, please contact billing@swimmaccarolina.org for details regarding your deposit amount and first month dues. Your first month of dues will be prorated based on when your swimmer joins the team.

DISCOUNTS

MULTI-SWIMMER DISCOUNT

SwimMAC will discount a family's total Competitive Team Membership Dues for multiple swimmers in the same family. The discount will be **automatically** applied in Team Unify and processed as follows:

- For two swimmers: 5% off of combined total of dues.
- For three swimmers: 10% off of combined total of dues.
- For four or more swimmers: 15% off of combined total of dues.

Please note that the discount does **not** apply to the Registration Fees, Fundraising & Service Session Requirements or other meet / event expenses the family may incur.

PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT

Receive a 3% discount on your annual membership dues when you pay in full. The lump sum payments will be accepted as Cash or Check only. Please deliver to SwimMAC's Head of Business Management, Tom Avischious at the SwimMAC Charlotte Latin location or mailed to address below. Payments must be submitted by June 27, 2024 for Returning Families and July 26, 2024 for New Families. For members joining mid-season who wish to pay in full and receive the 3% discount, please email Billing with the request so we can accommodate the request. A valid payment method must remain on the member account for meet fees and any other expenses incurred.

Checks may be mailed to:

SwimMAC Carolina
Attn: Tom Avischious
9850 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28277

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available for annual membership dues only.

Financial aid is awarded on a needs-basis and through an application and discussion with SwimMAC's Head of Business Management, Tom Avischious. If granted, financial aid will apply for one year, and you must reapply each year. Families seeking financial aid must be in good standing with volunteer hours, fundraising, and team policies.

To apply, please email billing@swimmaccarolina.org. All information will remain confidential.

Please note that the financial aid discount does **not** apply to the Registration Fees, Fundraising & Service Session Requirements or other meet / event expenses the family may incur.

FUNDRAISING

The SwimMAC fundraising program is a way for member families to support critical expenses that are beyond the operational budget of the club. The 2024-2025 fundraising program will support the following expenses:

- Facility maintenance (repairs to facilities and equipment, new equipment purchases, and facility maintenance).
- Coach education and development.
- Financial Aid and outreach programs.
- Any remaining balance will be used for capital improvements for long-term growth.

The 2024-2025 program will include different SwimMAC fundraising opportunities. Our primary fundraiser is our annual Swim-A-Thon and more information will be provided at the start of the season. Member families can also bring forward any fundraising ideas that they want to lead. If you are excited about an opportunity that can contribute towards fundraising, or have questions, please contact fundraising@swimmaccarolina.org or any Board Member.

Each family is obligated to cover a minimum of \$200 in fundraising obligations which must be met by March 31, 2025, either by raising money through SwimMAC's fundraising efforts or by paying the obligation directly. If your swimmer(s) leaves the program early, you will be charged the balance owed for fundraising with your last payment. Remaining balances will be billed via Team Unify on May 1, 2025.

MEET SQUAD & SERVICE SESSIONS

MEET SQUAD

SwimMAC Carolina hosts approximately 20 swim meets and events throughout the year to provide our athletes opportunities to hone their skills.

Meet Squad is the SwimMAC name for the organizers who coordinate all the volunteer work that goes into making hosted events successful.

Meet Squad is run by a collection of parent volunteers and SwimMAC staff who spend countless hours carefully planning each competition to ensure USA Swimming requirements are fulfilled while running an efficient event. Meet Squad works diligently to spread the work out across the entire membership so everyone can do their part without placing too great a burden on our families. Annual Service Session Requirements are calculated by taking the total number of volunteer spots necessary to run our club's hosted events and dividing that by the total number of competitive families.

For questions or concerns regarding meet squad/volunteer opportunities please email meetsquad@swimmaccarolina.org.

SERVICE SESSIONS

Service Sessions are the volunteer jobs that SwimMAC families sign up for at any SwimMAC hosted event. **ONLY SwimMAC hosted events will fulfill the Service Session Requirements.**

Families with their oldest swimmer in the High Performance, Senior, Shark, and Dolphin divisions are required to complete 4 sessions by the end of the Short Course season on March 31, 2025, **and** 2 additional sessions by the end of the Long Course season on August 1, 2025.

Families with their oldest swimmer in the Marlin division are required to complete 2 sessions by the end of the Short Course season on March 31, 2025, **and** 1 session by the end of the Long Course season on August 1, 2025.

How do I sign up to work my required sessions?

For SwimMAC hosted events, you may navigate to the event signup on Team Unify (the same place you commit your athlete for events) and select the "Job Signup" button. Follow the instructions on the page, and when you show up to work at your session, please be sure your name is recorded to receive credit. You do not have to work an event your child is participating in; we just ask that all members help share the work to provide competition opportunities for our swimmers.

What kind of volunteer jobs count toward Meet Squad?

We need a lot of timers, but we also need participation hosts, hospitality workers, officials, clerk of course workers, and more. We encourage you to try different positions to see which you prefer.

More information including various job descriptions can be found on the [Volunteering](#) page on Team Unify under Parent Resources.

What happens if we don't work the required number of sessions?

Failing to meet the minimum requirement for your family will result in an assessment of \$135.00 for **EACH** unworked session. Sessions are not transferable from the short course to the long course season.

What happens if my family joined the team later in the year?

If your family joins SwimMAC after January 1st, 2025, your Fundraising and Service Session requirements can be prorated. Please contact meetsquad@swimmaccarolina.org for more information.

TEAM POLICIES

By completing the online registration your family and athlete(s) agree to the membership information in this packet as well as all Team Policies posted on the website. SwimMAC reserves the right to refuse membership or terminate membership for violating the policies agreed upon at the time of registration.

All policies are posted on Team Unify under Parent Resources > [Team Information & Policies](#) and are agreed to upon registration.

The following releases are presented in the registration process and are copied for review here:

Release of Liability

Parent hereby releases Mecklenburg Aquatic Club, Inc. (DBA SwimMAC Carolina, hereafter "SwimMAC"), its employees, officers, directors and volunteers and any facility used by SwimMAC from any liability arising out of any injury to the swimmer(s) which may occur while the swimmer(s) is/are participating in the SwimMAC program, including, but not limited to, practices, meets, travel trips, and other team activities, or while the swimmer(s) is/are using facilities owned, leased or used by SwimMAC.

Parent acknowledges that a medical professional has authorized my child(ren)'s participation in SwimMAC programs.

Media Release

I hereby authorize SwimMAC Carolina to use photographs and/or video of me, my child(ren), and/or my property and authorize the club and its assignees, licensees, legal representatives and transferees to use and to publish (with or without my name, child/children name(s), company name, or with a fictitious name) photographs, pictures, portraits or images herein described in any and all forms of media and in all manners including composite images or distorted representations and for the purposes of publicity, illustration, commercial art, advertising, publishing (including publishing in electronic form or internet websites), for any product or services, or other lawful uses as may be determined by SwimMAC Carolina for as long a time period as SwimMAC determines the usage thereof is necessary. I further waive any and all rights to review or approve any uses of the images, any written copy, or finished product.