

NCAC 2025–2026 Registration Policy

All swimmers and family members must review and agree to the following to participate with NCAC.

1. Financial Responsibilities

Competitive Year-Round Swimmers:

- Monthly dues are charged on the **1st of each month (September-July)**.
- Dues are **not prorated** for missed practices or early withdrawal.
- [2025-2026 Year Round Information \(Dues & Practice Schedule\)](#)
 - A **\$20 monthly Maintenance Facility Fee** is charged per swimmer.
 - A **\$20 monthly Coaches Travel Fund Fee** is charged per swimmer.
 - *The Coaches' Travel Fund helps cover expenses associated with coaches attending swim meets, including lodging, transportation and meals. Additionally, it supports staffing needs to ensure practices continue as scheduled when coaches are away at competitions.*

Suspending your account (Year-Round Only):

- Submit the [cancellation form](#) AND email your swimmer's coach by the **15th of the month prior** to avoid future charges.
- Late submissions/emails will result in the **next month's dues being charged**.
- Canceled swimmers will not receive coach communication after their cancellation but **will receive priority registration** the following year.

Precompetitive Swimmers:

- Fees are billed **per session** (Families participating in the Fall session will be billed on September 1st and families participating in the Spring session will be billed on March 1st).
- [Precomp Session Dues & Practice Information](#)
 - Refunds available up to **7 days after the session starts**. After that, session fees are **non-refundable**. Please email

ncacevaluations@gmail.com AND the group Lead Coach to request a withdrawal.

2. USA Swimming Membership Requirement (New Members Only)

All **new NCAC swimmers**, including both **year-round** and **precompetitive** participants, must register with **USA Swimming** before their first practice.

- Required membership: **USA Swimming Premium Membership (\$81)**
 - Payment is made directly to USA Swimming
 - Registration instructions will be sent by NCAC after sign-up
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3. Payment Options

- **Registration Fee:** Credit card only (no processing fee)
 - **Monthly Dues:**
 - Credit Card – **2.95% + \$0.30** fee (auto-charged on the 1st)
 - ACH – **No fee** (auto-charged on the 1st)
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4. Meet Fees & Other Charges

- Meet invoices include all individual entry fees, host surcharges, relay fees, and a **\$20 NCAC surcharge per meet** (home & away) *Meet fees cannot be refunded.
 - Additional charges (e.g., team caps, apparel, banquet) will also be billed to your account.
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5. Group Placement

Group placements are determined by the coaching staff and may be adjusted based on breaks in training, attendance, readiness, competitive goals, or performance.

6. Liability Waiver

All participants have read and agree to abide by the NCAC. The Liability Waiver can be found here[[NCAC Liability Waiver](#)].

7. Photo Release

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sports. While the great majority of images are appropriate and are taken in good faith, it is a fact that images can be misused, and children can be put at risk if common-sense procedures are not observed.

When we host meets, all parents via meet information posted to our website and shared through their club/coach will be notified if a photographer will be present.

Photographs/video of members of our club will only be taken and used by the club with parents' consent. Photo releases are included in the club's registration information on Team Unify and are "optional" such that parents can opt not to agree to this photo release.

All photographs will observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots will be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs will not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs will not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.

You may opt out [HERE](#) if you do not agree to authorizing NCAC to use photographs and/or video of you, or your child, and/or your priority by clicking into the separate photo release policy and indicating that you do not agree.

8. Medical Insurance / Waiver

All swimmers must have active medical insurance. The insurance carrier and policy number is listed in the registration document. Parent has read and agrees to abide by the Medical Waiver. Medical Waiver is [here](#)

9. Bullying Policy

Parent and ALL swimmers have read and agree to abide by the NCAC Bullying Policy. NCAC Bullying Policy is [here](#). More information on Safe Sport Swimming can be found on our website [here](#).

10. End-of-Season Meet Requirement

Swimmers in the following groups are **expected to participate** in the season-ending meet: Exploration, Journey, Challenge, Nova, Dynamo, Performance White, Performance Blue.

11. Proof of Age

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for the athlete being registered. I further certify that the date listed as their Date of Birth is true and correct, and that their full legal name has been accurately entered.

12. MAAPP Acknowledgment-Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

I acknowledge that I have received, read and understood the Minor Athlete Abuse Protection policy that is linked from our Safe Sport section on the website [here](#).

13. Code of Conduct Including Swim Meet and Travel Policies

Parent and ALL swimmers have read and agree to abide by team policies, [here](#).

As well as USA Swimming, US Center for Safe Sport, and UNC policies [here](#).

14. UNC Campus Policies

NCAC is a part of the UNC Campus Community and, therefore, must abide by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Policy on Protection of Minors. You can read more about this policy [here](#):

I further acknowledge and understand that agreeing to comply with the contents of these policies is a condition of my membership with North Carolina Aquatic Club.

NOTE: *NCAC reserves the right to revise team policies at any time in the best interest of swimmers, families, coaches, and the program. All updates will be communicated to members.*