

TYDE Terms and Conditions of Participation

Welcome to TYDE!!! This document will explain the terms of participation for the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina TYDE Swim Team. Please read this document carefully as you will be required to click the box stating that you have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in this document to complete this registration.

REGISTRATION New swimmers begin the registration process at a placement session where the swimmer will be evaluated in the water and a TYDE staff member will explain the program and registration process. If you have not participated with TYDE before and have not attended a placement session, please end this online registration and go to swimtyde.org to find the next available placement session to attend with your swimmer. Registration must be completed before the swimmer attends his or her first practice. The registration fee is paid once per swim season and is required and non-refundable under all circumstances. You will be required to pay this fee at checkout to complete registration. Following your swimmer's placement session, you have 7 days to cancel the registration if your child chooses not to join, however the registration fee is not refundable regardless of whether your child continues with TYDE or not.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AND FEE SCHEDULE The required and non-refundable registration fee will not be prorated or waived for any reason, regardless of start date or number of months your swimmer plans to participate. All swimmers pay a monthly program fee based on the swimmer's practice group, except if the program is offered at a one-time fee. TYDE monthly program fees are drafted on the 15th of each month. We do not invoice or allow you to pay monthly by check. You are required to set up the fees to draft from a credit card or bank account on file in your YMCA billing account to complete this registration. If there is a delay in setting up your initial draft for any reason, you will be charged the balance due for all TYDE program fees from the first day your child is in the water on the next available draft date after the registration issue is resolved. If there is any delay in collecting outstanding fees, your child will not be allowed to continue with the program until resolved. Seasonal programs will be offered at a one-time fee and participants will be charged the entire cost of their program at registration.

YMCA MEMBERSHIP All TYDE Competitive Level swimmers are required to have a YMCA membership that is current, active and in good standing. This membership must be active BEFORE the end of the swimmers first 7 days with the team or the child will not be allowed to continue. Please contact Member Services if you need assistance with activating a membership for your swimmer. Membership of any YMCA, regardless of inside or outside of the YMCA of NWNC association is acceptable. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the swimmer's membership remains active while swimming with TYDE. Prep Academy swimmers are not required to have a YMCA membership but potential members may pay a higher program fee than members. All swimmers who participate in TYDE programs at the J. Smith Young YMCA (Lexington), regardless if Competitive or Prep Academy, must have an active YMCA membership that is current, active and good standing.

USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP All TYDE competitive swimmers are required to register for a USA Swimming membership. This process is completed by the swimmer, not TYDE as mandated by USA Swimming. If you are transferring from another USA Swimming club you must submit a completed NC Swimming Transfer Form. Log into your USA Swimming account and complete the process online. Our LSC is: NC and the team name is: YMCA of Northwest North Carolina Riptyde (TYDE).

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA The TYDE team website is www.swimtyde.org. We will use email, TeamUnify (the team website), and the Remind101 app to communicate the majority of information about practice changes, upcoming meet information, special team events, fundraising, volunteer opportunities, etc. It is critical that you download Remind101 to your smart phone and check your email on a regular basis for updates. Please note that some email providers could direct some of your TYDE emails to your spam folder. Also, please keep all contact information and your swimmer's membership information up to date by logging into and updating your swimmer's TeamUnify account, including but not limited to phone numbers, email addresses, and contact information.

GROUP CHANGES AND DEACTIVATION If at some point your swimmer needs to change practice groups or deactivate their account (cancel TYDE), you must complete an online TYDE Group Change or TYDE Deactivation Form on swimtyde.org. These forms can be found on the Forms & Documents page under Resources and are submitted directly from the website on your computer or smartphone. For group changes, the form must be submitted and approved BEFORE the group change occurs. Swimmers will not be allowed to switch practice groups solely based on verbal approval from their site coach. For deactivation, submission of the online deactivation form must be received by the TYDE Office by the last day of the month the swimmer wishes to swim before the future drafts are stopped. You WILL be notified by email when the deactivation is processed. If you do not receive confirmation, then the form was not received and you will need to contact the TYDE Office or resubmit the form. **Refunds will NOT be granted if a draft occurs for a canceled month if the form is not received by the end of the month the swimmer wishes to stop swimming.** Notifying your child's coach either verbally or by email, or notifying the front desk at your child's branch is not sufficient deactivation notice and will not stop future drafts.

TEAM SUIT AND TEAM APPAREL All Competitive Level swimmers are given 1 team t-shirt, 1 silicone swim cap, 1 embroidered or printed team swimsuit, team jacket, drawstring bag which is included with your registration fee. Swimmers are expected to wear the team t-shirts at meets as assigned. A TYDE team swimsuit (black Speedo) and selected training equipment are required for all Competitive Level swimmers. Training equipment and additional team apparel items like warm-up pants, swim bags, etc. are available for purchase through our Team Apparel supplier, Kiefer Aquatics. TYDE is a Speedo sponsored team and per our contract, all TYDE swimmers should purchase only Speedo brand suits through our preferred vendor.

Prep Academy Level swimmers, except participants in one-time fee based academy programs, are given 1 team t-shirt and 1 latex swim cap. Prep Academy swimmers can wear an appropriate swimsuit for practice and meets. It does not need to be a specific color or style but does have to fit appropriately. We don't recommend baggy suits or shirts as they produce drag in the water that hampers a swimmer's performance. Team suits, training equipment and additional team apparel items like warm-ups, swim bags, etc. are available for purchase through our Team Apparel supplier, Kiefer Aquatics. TYDE is a Speedo sponsored team and per our contract, all TYDE swimmers should purchase only Speedo brand suits through our preferred vendor.

FUNDRAISING The TYDE Swim Team generates revenue through various fundraisers throughout the year to support the YMCA Annual Impact Fund and to enhance all aspects of our program after the Impact Fund goal is met. We rely on the involvement of our entire membership to support these activities as they have a direct impact on special team events, our annual awards banquet, buses for team trips, and coaches education. It is an expectation that all TYDE members will participate in our fundraising activities.

VOLUNTEERING The TYDE Swim Team is known across the region for hosting highly successful swim meets and organizing a variety of team functions outside of the pool which add to our swimmer's experience of our program. The success of these events is dependent upon every family volunteering in some way throughout the year. It is an expectation that all TYDE members will volunteer as frequently as possible when called upon.