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## NEW JERSEY WAVE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** SCARLET-WAVE MEMBERSHIP  
**FROM:** KENNETH O'REILLY; HEAD COACH  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATES FOR 2025-2026 SEASON  
**DATE:** 8/13/2025

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I would like to make the membership aware of a few updates for the 2025-2026 season. Here we go:

1. If you pre-register your child for the fall then we will be able to place your child this year. Families that pre-register will be given preference over new members. However, if you don't pre-register, we cannot guarantee a spot for your child and you may be wait listed if groups fill. Pre-Registration for returning members opens up on 8/21/25.
2. We will conduct open team tryouts for any openings on the team we may have, however, we plan on servicing our current membership first. Current members who do not pre-register will be considered new members and won't receive preferential treatment over new tryout swimmers.
3. Coaches have completed ROUND 1 of group promotions which will be posted on our website (you must be signed in to see) and emailed out. ROUND 2 of promotions will be done after pre-registration during the second week of September.
4. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** We are planning to continue to use a monthly payment system this year. New Members will pay a \$250 deposit payable by check at their very first practice or by registering online with their credit card; returning members will pay a \$250 Pre-Registration online or via check. The \$250 Pre-Registration will serve as team dues for September 2025. Parents can then pay the balance of team dues in one of two ways:
  - a. Opt. for the Payment Plan which consists of 10 monthly payments via credit card for year-round groups (most groups) or 9 monthly payments via credit card for school year groups (Super Squad only). This payment plan will be done online thru the team website / billing system. If you choose the payment plan, you can no longer pay by check. Your credit card will automatically be charged thru the automatic website billing system on the following dates: 10/1/25; 11/1/25; 12/1/25; 1/1/26; 2/1/26; 3/1/26; 4/1/26; 5/1/26; 6/1/26; 7/1/26 (For Super Squad members there will be no automatic 7/1/26 payment. Only those Super Squad member that elect to swim in the summer will be charged the 7/1/26 payment. All other groups are year-round groups and will be billed).
  - b. We prefer families to use the credit card online system BUT if you must pay by check, you will have to pre-pay 3 months in advance at a time by check with the first payment due 10/1/25. The next payment 1/1/26, etc.
  - c. Please note that after October 1 of each year, if your swimmers are swimming at SCAR-WAVE, you are responsible for the entire amount of all fees since you are taking a roster spot that could be given to someone else. This includes: Membership fees, USA Swimming Registration fees, any Meets or Activities already signed up for, and the cost of any Volunteer Hours you have not

worked. Injury, illness or changing your mind does not mitigate your obligation to pay ALL fees. Our experience is that most families earn all their volunteer hours. We will work with you and help you to find ways to meet your commitments. Please communicate with a board member or the Head Coach if you need assistance. If your child is promoted to a higher-level group in the middle of the year, you will be billed for the additional fees, pro-rated by the month.

- d. There is a slight monthly price increase this year as our pool rental has gone up substantially at two of our facilities. As a non-profit on a tight budget, we have to adjust our fees to meet our expenses.
- e. In addition to team fees, all swimmers must be registered with United States Swimming / NJ Swimming and are responsible for meet fees.
  - i. **THIS YEAR ONLY NEW MEMBERS WILL BE DOING YOUR OWN US SWIMMING REGISTRATION THROUGH UNITED STATES SWIMMING'S WEBSITE BEGINNING 9/1/25. FOR A VIDEO DEMO OF THE PROCESS ([CLICK HERE](#)).**
  - ii. **EXISTING MEMBERS WILL BE REGISTERED BY THE TEAM FOR UNITED STATES SWIMMING (USS) BUT PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USS MEMBERSHIP FEES.**
  - iii. For meet fees, we set up a meet escrow account for each family. Additional details are available in the team handbook. **Any returning families that have outstanding meet fees from the previous season MUST pay those meet fees prior to their registration being approved for the new season.**
- 5. We are giving you a Fall practice schedule. The schedule should remain fairly consistent for the Winter season with slight changes during the high school swimming season (from November till March).
- 6. COACHING STAFF ASSIGNMENTS: We have re-assigned some coaches to new groups based on where their talents can best help the program.
  - a. **National-Sectional Group**: Head Coach Ken O'Reilly, Assistant Coach Brian Hoffman, and Assistant Coach Greg Kiss.
  - b. **Senior Performance Group**: Coach Brian Hoffman and Coach Brian Frazer.
  - c. **Senior Development Group**: Coach Ari Ludzki.
  - d. **Senior Prep Group**: Associate Head Coach Erin Miller.
  - e. **Age Group**: Coach David Leshnower.
  - f. **Age Group 2**: Coach Michelle Limbacher, Assistant John Om
  - g. **Super Squad Group**: Coach David Leshnower, Junior Coach Madison Verhage and TBA [new hire-interviewing candidates now].

If you have any questions regarding the 2025-2026 season, feel free to email me, [coachkeno@aol.com](mailto:coachkeno@aol.com) or call my cell phone at (551) 265-2342.

Thanks,  
Ken O'Reilly (Head Coach / CEO).