

Texas Ford Aquatics – Financial Obligations & Considerations

Effective August 2025 – July 2026

1. USA Swimming Registration

Every competing member of Texas Ford Aquatics must register with USA Swimming on their web-based “SWIMS” platform at usaswimming.org. USA Swimming registrations must be completed within 48 hours of registering with Texas Ford Aquatics.

- Premium Membership (Required for all swimmers except Skills): \$100
- Flex Membership (Optional for Skills Swimmers only): \$30
- Masters swimmers must have a current USMS membership.

2. Annual Administrative Fee

Program	Annual Fee
TFA Competitive Groups	\$200 (prorated after each quarter)
Skills Academy	\$100
Masters	\$100

3. Monthly Dues: August 2025 – July 2026

Track	Monthly Dues
Skills Academy	\$300
Advanced Age Group (Mustang, Bronco, Maverick)	\$275
Age Group (Platinum, Gold, Blue)	\$250
Developmental (Bronze, Silver, Red, White Senior)	\$225
Pinnacle	\$300
Masters	\$90

4. Dues-Related Discounts and Surcharges

- Annual Payment Discount: Families who pay their annual dues in full by August 1 will receive an 8% discount. Please contact coachmichelle@texasfordaquatics.com to make arrangements.
- Multi-Swimmer Discount:
 - Each additional swimmer receives a \$10/month discount.
 - Third swimmer: \$20/month discount
 - Fourth swimmer: \$30/month discount
 - Fifth swimmer: \$40/month discount (and so on)

- Family Cap: Maximum monthly dues per family is \$800 (dues only, excludes other fees).
- Masters Membership Discounts:
 - 40% discount for Masters swimmers with one 18 & Under swimmer enrolled
 - 70% discount for Masters swimmers with two or more 18 & Under swimmers enrolled

5. Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to families who demonstrate financial need. Available scholarship levels are 40% and 70%—there are no full scholarships.

- Contact coachstuart@texasfordaquatics.com for more information.
- USA Swimming Officials:
 - 40% scholarship for working all TFA-hosted meets and at least 4 sessions at other North Texas Swimming meets
 - 70% scholarship for officials with Starter, Referee, or Admin Official certification who meet the same service requirements

6. Quarterly Commitment

All USA Swimming groups (excluding Skills Academy and Masters) require a quarterly commitment. Families are responsible for all dues associated with a quarter if the swimmer participates in any part of that quarter.

- Q1: August / September / October
- Q2: November / December / January
- Q3: February / March / April
- Q4: May / June / July

If a swimmer changes practice groups during the year, billing will be adjusted for each remaining month in the quarter/year. First-time swimmers receive pro-rated dues for their initial quarter. Returning swimmers must pay full quarter dues for any quarter they participate in.

7. Annual Fundraising and Volunteer Credit Program

- Each family must raise \$100 through the Swim-a-Thon. Families with swimmers only in Bronze or Skills are exempt from this requirement. After the \$100 obligation is met, families can earn up to an additional \$200 credit toward the next year's annual registration fee by:
 - Additional Swim-a-Thon fundraising beyond \$100 (every dollar counts)
 - Volunteering: \$15/hour, up to 12 hours (\$180 max)
 - You may combine both to reach the \$200 maximum.
- Examples:
- Raise \$100 and volunteer 10 hours (valued at \$150) = \$200 credit
 - Raise \$250 with no volunteering = \$150 credit
- *Maximum credit: \$200 per family. No additional credit is given beyond this limit.

8. Inactivation / Reactivation of Account or Member

An inactivation notice must be submitted to coachmichelle@texasfordaquatics.com or via the 'Contact Us' form on our website no later than the 20th of the final month of the quarter in which you intend to become inactive.

- Families are responsible for all dues billed prior to the receipt of this notice.
- To reactivate, contact coachmichelle@texasfordaquatics.com. Reactivation is subject to space availability and may require reassessment.
- If reactivation occurs within the same swim year, a \$50 reactivation fee applies.

Refunds or credits are only provided in the following situations:

- Swimmer moves more than 20 miles from our facility
- Illness or injury results in inability to swim for at least 4 consecutive weeks (requires medical documentation)

9. Payment Procedures

- All families are required to enroll in the automatic payment system.
- Dues are processed electronically on the 1st of each month.
- Other charges such as meet fees, apparel, and travel fees are processed at the time of posting.

10. Past Due Accounts

- A \$10 late fee will be assessed on past due accounts.
- Accounts that are 30 days past due will be suspended. Swimmers may not participate in practices or meets until the balance is paid.

11. Other Expenses

- All athletes must maintain current USA Swimming membership, which includes secondary accident insurance.
- Registration is completed via USA Swimming's SWIMS platform.
- Meet fees vary and must be paid by the invoice due date. Details can be found in each meet's fact sheet under the "Events" section of our website.
- Meet entry fees are non-refundable after the signup deadline.
- A \$20 surcharge is applied to each away meet to help offset travel and staffing costs.
- Championship meet fees include the cost of a team shirt.

12. Team Travel Requirements

- Athletes traveling with the team must have 3 TFA shirts (1 royal, 1 white, 1 navy) and an Arena swim backpack with the TFA logo.
- Swimmers with 'A' times or faster will automatically be billed for the T-Shirts each year.
- Families must purchase the Arena backpack from Xtreme.

13. YMCA Memberships

- A current YMCA membership is required for participation in dryland training for Bronco, Mustang, Maverick, and Pinnacle swimmers.

14. Private Lesson Rates ([Link to full policy](#))

Lesson Format	TFA Member Rate
Private (1 swimmer, 30 minutes)	\$60
Semi-private (2 swimmers, 30 minutes)	\$50/swimmer

- Payment is due at the time of booking or before the session begins.

15. Late Pick-Up Policy

- Coaches must remain at the facility until all swimmers have been picked up (per Safe Sport guidelines).
- Parents/guardians have a 15-minute grace period after practice ends.
- After 15 minutes, a fine of up to \$50 may be assessed at the coach's discretion.
- After 45 minutes, the swimmer may be considered abandoned and local authorities may be contacted.

16. Parking Lot Policy

To ensure a safe and respectful environment, the following rules and penalties apply:

- Driving the Wrong Way:
 - \$100 fine
 - \$200 fine if the driver ignores staff instructions or warnings from a TFA member
- Excessive Speed (Unsafe Driving Behavior):
 - \$100 fine for speeding (e.g., over 5 mph), aggressive acceleration, or endangering others
- Failure to Comply with Directions or Warnings:
 - \$100 fine for ignoring verbal or written instructions
 - Fine doubles if the behavior continues
- Repeat or Egregious Violations:
 - May result in suspension or termination of membership at TFA leadership's discretion

****All fines must be paid before a swimmer may resume participation in practice or meets. Repeated violations may lead to further sanctions or referral to local authorities.****