



# **Information Packet**

## **2018-19**

*Hard Work Beats Talent When  
Talent Doesn't Work Hard*

## Our Team

The Milford Area Swim Team (MAST) is a year-round competitive swim team that was established in 1990. We swim out of Milford High School. The facility is a beautiful 6 lane, 25-yard pool with a large amount of spectator seating. MAST holds a formal registration in September and April every year but does accept new swimmer registration throughout the year. Our year is broken into two seasons. Winter begins in September and finishes in February. Summer begins in April and finishes in July.

### By joining MAST, your swimmer will have access to:

- **Experienced coaching staff** – One head coach and three assistant coaches join together to support swimmers of all ages achieve their goals.
- **Flexible scheduling** – Practices are offered throughout the week with no required attendance.
- **Membership** – All swimmers are registered with USA Swimming .
- **Training equipment** – All swimmers have access to equipment they will need. Only our top groups will have to purchase additional equipment.
- **Swim apparel** – Team suit, team cap and a team shirt will be provided.
- **Meet entry fees** – Unlike most other club teams, our team has no additional fees for participating in swim meets. Attend as many or as few meets as you like.
- **Online team website** – Any information you need during the season is easily accessed on our team website. This includes all communications, job sign up, bill payment, meet sign up etc.
- **Banquets** – MAST holds two banquets each year; one follows the Winter season and one follows the Summer season.

## Schedule of Fees

The following fee information reflects your total fees. Your swimmer will receive all of the items noted above which includes all of their meet fees, activities and apparel for the season. We know many potential swimmers participate in other activities, so we offer multiple starting options. The fees are prorated for the various seasons and starting times. Multiple swimmer discounts are available but not listed.

### Registration Fee:

**Each swimmer must pay a \$150 fee at the time of registration; this fee will be deducted from the total fee noted in the tables below.** The remaining fee may be paid in full or installments. see below for details.

Group	Season and Starting Month					
	Winter		Summer		Full Year*	
	September	November	April	June	September	November
Red 1	\$522	\$464	\$335	\$228	\$639	\$596
Red 2	\$665	\$579	\$420	\$278	\$839	\$775
Red 3	\$845	\$712	\$543	\$341	\$1094	\$994
Black 1	\$975	\$842	\$588	\$386	\$1269	\$1169
Black 2	\$1140	\$974	\$685	\$443	\$1499	\$1375
Black 3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1629	N/A

**\*Full Year includes both Winter and Summer**

## Financial Policies

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**MAST** offers scholarships to swimmers whose family income falls below 300% of the poverty level. Scholarships cover only a portion of the fees (the swimmer will be responsible for remainder). If your swimmer qualifies for a Scholarship, you will be informed of the remainder owed by the family. The scholarship application can be found on the MAST website. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact us through the website.

### MEMBER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Hosting meets is an important fundraiser for MAST and we can't do it without parent help. All MAST families will be required to work shift at our home and some away meets.

**Winter season:** MAST holds two (2) invitational swim meets each winter season. Every family must work two (2) shifts for each of the two (2) home swim meets, for a total of four (4) worker credits. No more than two (2) credits may be earned per meet in order to equally distribute the work.

**Summer season:** The number of shifts required will be announced once the meet schedule is finalized. Worker sessions will be required for both home and away meets during the summer.

Noncompliance with worker requirements results in the family being billed \$100.00 per missing worker shift.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are two payment options available to families

1. Payment in full at registration. For families who choose to pay in full at registration, a 5% discount will be given off of Training Fees only.
2. \$150.00 payment at registration (total varies depending on number swimmers in the family); monthly payments can be electronically withdrawn from a checking or savings account or billed to a credit card. A small monthly fee applies for credit card use.

## Refund Policy

MAST wants to encourage new swimmers to give swimming a try! MAST has adopted the following refund policy. **There are no refunds for the initial registration fee of \$150/swimmer.** If a refund is desired, the family must notify the MAST Treasurer and Coach in writing with the date the swimmer will quit and the reason for quitting.

### Quit during first 2 weeks of practice

All fees refunded less \$150

### Quit during first 4 weeks of practice\*

2/3 of fees refunded less \$150

### Quit during first 6 weeks of practice\*

1/2 of fees refunded less \$150

### Quit after 6 weeks

No refund except for severe medical problem, job loss, or moving. Must be approved by the MAST Board.

\*Not available for June Start

Year Round swimmers who quit after the Winter season will be refunded the difference between the Year Round and Winter Only Fees. Refunds for the difference will only be given if notification is given before the start of the Summer season.

**Medical Release:** If a swimmer is quitting for medical reasons the swimmer/parent/guardian needs to provide a letter from a doctor stating that the swimmer is not allowed to participate for the remaining portion of the season. Temporary injuries such as sprains, minor breaks, etc are not eligible for a refund even though the swimmer cannot participate for a period of time.

**Job Loss:** If a swimmer is quitting due to a job loss by a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian should contact the Treasurer prior to quitting to see if payment arrangements can be made or if the swimmer might be eligible for a scholarship. Most of the time these are temporary situations and can be worked out. Proof of job loss will be required if requesting any type of refund.

**Moving/Relocation:** A swimmer whose family is moving a distance greater than 30 miles from Milford High School (MHS) is entitled to a prorated refund. If the move is less than 30 miles, then no refund is due as the swimmer is expected to complete the season. Proof of relocation/moving may be required.

**Club Transfer:** At times a swimmer/family may desire to change clubs. While this is generally best done at the end of a season, we understand that sometimes this may not be possible. MAST will follow all USA Swimming policies regarding transfers. A swimmer/family is reminded that all financial obligations to MAST must be resolved and are subject to the refund policies as listed above.

**Scholarship Recipients:** Any swimmer that quits who was receiving a scholarship shall first be obligated to pay their entire portion of the fees prior to the scholarship funds being applied. Remaining scholarship funds shall be held by the club in a separate account to be used in the following season.

In any case of the above, a swimmer/family is responsible for payment of all charges up and through the date of the swimmer resignation. Such fees would include late fees and any other charges due to the club. Failure to pay amounts due to MAST will result in MAST pursuing all legal means it so chooses to collect funds due, including hiring of collection agencies or legal action. Any situation not covered in the above will need to be brought before the MAST Board and shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.