

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION FOR SWIMTULSA

Annual USA Swimming Registration

Annual Administration Fee

Monthly Practice Fee

Team Apparel/Equipment: For USA-S meets, SwimTulsa athletes are required to wear team suits, ST t-shirt (given with enrollment) and cap (if a cap is worn). These and other equipment (goggles, practice suits, warm ups, t-shirts, equipment etc.) can be purchased through our online team store. There is a link on the home page of the ST website. Equipment such as kick boards, paddles, fins, etc. are the responsibility of the swimmer to have or purchase. See the ST website for more information on what each group is required to have. ST has some suits, caps, goggles etc for sale. Contact a board member to purchase these at practice.

Meet Entry Fees: Entry fees for swimming meets vary depending upon the meet. Each meet will state the per event fee as well as a surcharge per swimmer. Relays are formed by the coach and relay entry fees are paid by the team. Costs can be seen under each meet on the website.

Coaches Travel Expenses: When SwimTulsa travels as a team to A/B/C or Unclassified meets in Oklahoma and other states, there is a surcharge paid by each swimmer (besides the individual event charge). This helps in covering the cost of hosting a meet. A percentage of meet fees are paid to the LSC also from the host team. An additional amount is added by ST to this surcharge to cover relay costs and our coaches travel expenses. When our coaches' travel to these age group meets, SwimTulsa picks up all their expenses since it is a business trip for them. Usually there is a large enough group of swimmers participating that the bulk of the expenses are covered by this surcharge. Meet entry fees + surcharges will be invoiced to each committed swimmers account as soon after the meet as possible.

When swimmers qualify for meets such as Region VIII Central Sectionals, Jr. Nationals, Senior Nationals, US Open, Futures, Far Westerns, etc. SwimTulsa coaches travel with these swimmers to coach them at these meets. Coach's expenses usually include mileage or airfare, car rental and food/lodging for sometimes up to 5 – 6 days while out of town. SwimTulsa has always had the policy of splitting the total coach's expenses for those meets between the swimmers they represent. Each swimmer is additionally charged ¼ of the cost of each relay they are in. The treasurer invoices each swimmer for their share of the expenses as soon after the meet as possible. It is ST's intention to help reduce the cost billed to families for coaches expenses as our fundraising allows. There is also swimmer financial assistance from OK Swimming for these higher level meets. These forms can be found on www.OKS.org. ST also applies for Coaches Travel Assistance from OKS and these funds are divided as credit between participating swimmers.

Charitable Contributions: SwimTulsa is a charitable 501(c) 3 organization to which tax deductible contributions may be made. Registration and monthly fees are not tax deductible. However, voluntary donations to SwimTulsa are tax deductible. Since the expense of the organization are not wholly covered by the fees, additional funds are raised through a variety of fund raising activities, including the hosting of swim meets and the solicitation of charitable contributions.

Financial Hardship: One of the primary goals of SwimTulsa is to permit anyone interested in the sport of swimming to participate to the greatest extent possible. Therefore, special arrangements may be made in the event of financial hardship. ST Scholarship Information and Application can be found on the website. Application for OKS Outreach can also be found on the website. This is for a reduced USA-S fee.