

# **Frequently asked questions.....**

## **What sets Southern Tide apart from the rest of the other teams in the area?**

At Tide we believe that every swimmer should have a place to swim and an environment that is welcoming and safe. Not only do we take the time to get to know your swimmer as an athlete but we also make sure we know who they are outside of our pool. We encourage our kids in school, other sports, and just in life to be great leaders! Tide prides itself in our family friendly atmosphere that is safe, fun, and allows for great experience!

## **Why are your monthly fees more than other teams in the area?**

We base our fee's around keeping great coaches on our decks who want to be there and feel valued, plus keeping our facility and equipment in great condition. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. The heart of our team is our staff and just like any job it is important they are compensated for their time and feel appreciated. We also charge monthly fees ONLY due to the fact that we want families to have the ability to pause payments if they have a lot going on in a certain month or have other activities WITHOUT charging fees to do so.

## **How is my swimmers group decided?**

Our trained staff will evaluate your swimmer based upon the current swimmers we have and what we feel will be the best fit to help them succeed and love our sport. It is not necessarily based upon age but we do take that into account. There is a place for everyone at Tide no matter if they are just beginning or are a seasoned swimmer. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

## **Are meets required?**

Absolutely not! There are a few meets we encourage to help get experience and depending upon what path they choose for their swimming career we may have qualifying meets we require(this normally only applies to the Senior Group.) Meets are some of the best parts of swimming though so definitely keep an open mind and try to get your swimmer to at least one a season.

## **Are there any practice attendance requirements?**

NOPE! The more your swimmer swims the better they will get but we encourage multi-sport athletes, High School Swim, and Summer League swimming. We are here to get your swimmer to whatever goal they may have no matter how big or small. Our goal is for them to love it so much they want to be at practice as much as they can!

## **How experienced is the staff?**

Our staff has a combined 50 years of coaching experience in USA Swimming alone. We also have coached High School and Clubs all over the U.S., and so much more. Tide truly has one of the best staffs in the area. Our coaches have a passion for the sport and are role models within the community also outside of our club. As soon as you meet any of us you will know your swimmer will be cared about and coached by the best. We are Grandparents, Mom's and Dad's, brothers and sisters just like your own!