



STEEL REGISTRATION FAQ

Q: What are the steps to join Steel City Aquatics Competitive Team?

A:

1. Complete a Swim Team Evaluation and receive training division placement
2. Register with Steel City Aquatics
3. Register with USA Swimming (*insurance required for participation*)
4. Purchase required equipment and apparel
5. Parents: Complete USA Swimming Safe Sport Training

Q: How do I determine what group to register for?

A: If you are a **NEW** swimmer, an evaluation is **required** before registration. Visit the evaluation [LINK](#) to schedule a swim team evaluation.

If you are a **RETURNING** swimmer, register for the group assigned by your coach.

If you have not previously discussed group placement with a STEEL swim coach, email coachgianna@steelcityaquatics.org at any time to inquire about group placement. Group placement is based on an individual swimmer's experience, age, goals, commitment level, and needs.

Q: When does the season start?

A: Steel City Aquatics offers a year-round program which begins in September and concludes in July each year. USA Swimming has two seasons:

- Short Course season: September through March
- Long Course season: April through July

**Senior Division swimmers will start the last week of August*

Q: Is there a waitlist

A: No.

Q: What are the membership options?

A: There are 3 membership options that follow the competitive seasons.

- Annual Membership: valid September through July
- Short Course Only: valid September through March
- Long Course Only: valid April through July

Q: What are the training fee structures?

A: Each practice division has a unique training fee set-up.

- **Senior** and **Junior** Division swimmers will register as Annual members. We anticipate that swimmers in these divisions are swimming with a higher level of commitment.
- **Age Group** and **Novice** Division swimmers may choose to register as Annual, Short Course, or Long Course members.

Q: What is the registration fee?

A: For all swim team members registering with STEEL, there is a per-swimmer, **non-refundable**, registration fee.

Please note: if you register for Short Course and then for Long Course, the registration fee will apply to both registrations.



Q: If we change our mind about joining, is the registration fee refundable?

A: No.

Q: If we change our mind about joining, are refunds available?

A: There is a 2-week trial that starts when your membership becomes active. Notify the registrar before the 2-week trial. *For more information about refunds, review our refund policies.*

Q: Are there discounts for families with multiple athletes?

A: Yes. Families with multiple active swimmers will receive a discount on the additional athlete's fees. Second swimmer discount is 5%, and the discount is 10% for the third and all additional swimmers. Discounts apply to the swimmer's paying the lesser amount each month.

Q. Is there a Volunteer Requirement (Service Credit Policy)?

A: Yes! STEEL relies on member families to facilitate STEEL hosted meets in order to provide a positive experience for swimmers and spectators. We regularly host home swim meets in our facilities. As a result, we need sufficient coverage at swim meets and team events by our STEEL member families. ***Please read the service credit policy in detail during registration.***

Q. What do I do if I am transferring from another team?

A: After registering with Steel City Aquatics, log into your USA Swimming account and initiate a transfer of teams. Doing so will ensure that all of their times and information transfers appropriately.