



## Carolina Aquatics

### 2024-2025 Season

### Registration Information

Thank you for choosing Carolina Aquatics as your home for competitive swimming! Planning is well underway for the 2024-2025 season and this letter contains important registration information.

#### Important Administrative Dates:

June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Group Assignment for next season will be posted for current CA member swimmers.
June 17 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Current members complete the new season's registration platform, annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of registration process.
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	New member placements begin
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	New Member registration opens. Annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of the registration process.
August 19	Deadline to register to receive registration team t-shirts included with registration.
August 19	First day of CA practices.
September 1	Monthly billing begins 2024-2025 season charged to active accounts.

Who to contact with registration questions: [carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com)

#### What is new this season with registration?

##### **Registration dates for 2024-25 Season.**

This is the Olympic year and in anticipation of more interest in our swim club we opened registration earlier for currently registered members to secure their spots and the staff can more efficiently manage try-outs.

**Registration Fees** were increased slightly to cover the increased cost of registration and championship shirts.

**Stay Fit Group** the Stay Fit group is designed for swimmers aged 11-18 seeking a program that prepares them for middle school, high school, summer league swimming, or simply offers a fun way to stay fit or cross-train for other sports. Each class incorporates elements of aerobic development, stroke technique for all strokes, turn work, and engaging aquatic games. Participants have the choice to compete in swim meets if they choose.

**Attendance commitments for Silver, Gold, Senior and High-Performance groups.** This commitment ensures both individual progress and team cohesion, fostering a sense of dedication and achievement among our athletes.

##### **CA is offering an option to pay for the season in advance and save.**

- Annual Dues Lump Sum payment provides for a 5% pre-payment discount for full dues paid by 9/30/24. Select this option at time of registration.
- Annual Dues Lump Sum payments for families with multiple swimmers will be calculated by CA Registrar for those families electing this payment discount. Families will be notified of their total due.
- CA understands that life can be unpredictable. If after paying the annual dues you find that your swimmer(s) are not able to continue with CA, please contact our CA registrar. After giving your 30 days' notice your account will be adjusted and billed at the monthly rate for the month's your swimmer(s) participated, and the remainder refunded.

##### **\$50 reprocessing fee per swimmer if you pause and return in the same season.**

- Please be aware that pausing membership may result in loss of roster position.
- Families that participate for (August – July) season are guaranteed a roster spot for the next season.



### 2024-2025 Fee and Dues

Registration Fee is paid when registering for the team.

Registration Fee is per swimmer, not per family.

The registration fee is not refundable.

### Registration Fee\*:

2 team T-shirts \$30 if registered by 8-19-24.

1 CA competition latex cap \$5

1 Championship shirt \$20

Admin Fee \$65

\$120 per swimmer

\*In addition, USA Swimming Membership fee per swimmer. USA Swimming Membership fee will be renewed by the CA registrar for previous members. New members will receive instructions to register from the CA registrar.

Groups	Annual Dues payment includes prorated August (5% savings) paid by Credit card, check, or cash by 9/30/24.	11_month payment plan Plus August which is prorated.
Seekers	\$1420.25	\$130.00
Bronze	\$1638.75	\$150.00
Stay Fit	N/A only offered during the school year.	\$150.00
Silver	\$1911.88	\$175.00
Gold	\$2021.50	\$185.00
Senior	\$2130.38	\$195.00
HP Senior	\$2130.38	\$195.00

### More about team fees and dues:

- **Monthly Payment Option is a courtesy billing method** which helps spread the annual dues payment over the 12-month period. (August is prorated) This does not reflect pay as you swim billing method.
- By joining CA, you and your swimmer are committing to the 2024-25 annual season, August 2024 through July 2025. Regardless of swim practice schedules or attendance, monthly dues remain the same for the season.
- **Holiday Breaks:** CA Season training plans adjust to allow our families and coaches to celebrate the holidays and recharge between Short Course Season and Long Course Season.
  - **Thanksgiving Break-** only Gold, Senior and Senior HP will hold practices Friday & Saturday after Thanksgiving.
  - **Christmas Break-** our goal is to maintain the same number of practices we would normally offer during the break from school and take December 23 through December 26 and New Year's Eve & Day off to celebrate. (Gold, Senior & Senior HP may practice the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - **Spring Breaks-** Columbia College will take a break following Richland 2's school schedule. Topspin will take a break following Lexington 1's school schedule.
  - **2-3 Weeks off in August.**
- If a swimmer is moved to a different practice group during the year, the family will be billed the revised annual amount or monthly amount for each remaining month in the season.
- Dues do not include fees for meets and events, practice equipment, or other related charges for participating in CA member activities.

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### **Swim Meet Fees:**

- Swim meet fees are fees assessed for participating in a swim meet. They are billed in addition to the monthly dues.
- The fees for each swim meet are set by the host team. This information is in the published meet information for that meet and available for viewing on the events page of the website before you register for the meet.
- On average, the fees per swimmer for a meet are \$50-\$70. The breakdown of these fees generally includes:
  - a deck/facility fee (\$15-40)
  - LSC fees (\$2-5)
  - a fee for each individual event that a swimmer wishes to enter (\$4-6)
  - a fee for each relay event that a swimmer wishes to enter (\$2-8)
  - a fee for each individual swimmer that travels to an out of town meet to cover coaching travel expenses (\$15)
- When CA hosts an invitational meet, every CA family is charged a \$15 Meet Host Fee to help cover the overhead costs of hosting a meet.

### **What if my swimmer withdraws from the program?**

- First, you must notify both your coach and accounting at [carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com) that you are withdrawing. A 30-day written notice is required before billing will be suspended.
- \$50 application reprocessing fee per swimmer is assessed if you suspend your account and return within the season.
- Please be aware that suspending membership may result in loss of roster position.
- Families that participate for (August – July) season are guaranteed a roster spot for the next season.

### **What is the USA Swimming Fee?**

- The USA Swimming Registration is mandatory for every swimmer training with a USA Swimming club and must be supervised/coached by a USA Swimming Certified coach. USA Swimming underwrites the insurance for the team and the swimmers, including Accident-Medical. **Returning members** the CA registrar will renew your membership. **New members** You will be given a link to register and pay for your swimmer's USA Swimming directly with USA Swimming.

### **When do payments begin?**

- Annual Dues Lump Sum Payment provides a 5% pre-payment discount for full dues paid by 9/30/24.
- Monthly dues billing will be charged to active accounts on the first of each month beginning September 1.
- The month of August is prorated and billed September 1.
- Any additional fees will also be billed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month such as event participation fees, additional costs for practice equipment, or travel costs.

### **Are discounts available?**

- **Annual Dues Lump Sum payment provides for a 5% pre-payment discount for full dues paid by 9/30/24.**
  - Annual Dues Lump Sum payments for families with multiple swimmers will be calculated by CA Registrar for those families electing this payment discount. To request an annual total for multiply swimmers. Email [carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaaquaticsregistrar@gmail.com)
- **Team Sponsors Program:** A local business or individual can become a Platinum, Gold, Silver, or Bronze Sponsor for our team. When you sell a sponsorship, 90% of that money goes directly into team operations, and 10% of that sponsorship is credited to your account for dues assistance. That means a gold sponsorship of \$1500 will earn you a \$150 credit to your account! There is an incentive to sell these sponsorships, and businesses generally like to support us because we are a not-for-profit, 501 (c)3 and this program provides them advertising exposure.
- **Dues discount for families with multiple swimmers.**

Practice Group	1st Swimmer	2nd Swimmer	3rd Swimmer	4th Swimmer	5th Swimmer
Seekers	130.00	120.00	110.00	100.00	Free
Bronze	150.00	140.00	130.00	120.00	Free
Stay Fit	150.00	140.00	130.00	120.00	Free
Silver	175.00	165.00	155.00	145.00	Free
Gold	185.00	175.00	165.00	155.00	Free
Senior	195.00	185.00	175.00	165.00	Free
HP Senior	195.00	185.00	175.00	165.00	Free

### **In-Service Requirements**

- All swim meets that CA hosts or attends are organized and run by the club's families.
- CA is a nonprofit organization and requires parent engagement and involvement to carry out its mission. CA's in-service program provides an equitable way to share the workload of those who are benefiting from the meet experience.
- Carolina Aquatics hosts several meets throughout the year. These local swimming events offer an exceptional opportunity to enjoy competing in town and generate revenue to support CA's operational budget. Families of swimmers participating in these hosted meets are expected to provide at least one person to work each session in which their swimmer is competing.
- Families will have the opportunity to sign up to work through an email sign up sent before the event. If you know ahead of time you are not available to work a session, email the volunteer coordinator. In situations of hardship or special circumstances, communicate and work with the Volunteer Coordinator for a mutually acceptable solution.
- Worker's sign-in at the check in desk prior to their session and stay for the entire session (session = 4-hour commitment).
- A family electing not to work the session their swimmer(s) are competing in agrees to be assessed a service fee of \$50 fee per session not worked. The service fees collected offsets swim meet expenditures. That fee will be invoiced at the next billing cycle.

### **Dues/Payment Policies**

- Parent or guardian agrees to pay the 2024-2025 monthly dues pertaining to each swimmer's practice levels.
- Monthly payment is due on the first day of each month and paid through Team Unify online system.
- If the monthly dues payment is not received in full by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, a late fee of \$25 per month will be assessed to the family's account. Accounts with payments past 30 days due will not be able to participate in

competitions. Accounts past 60 days due will not be able to participate in practices until account is brought up to date.

- A **Transaction Fee of 2.95% plus \$.50** is automatically added to each credit card payment.
- A **Transaction Fee of \$1.25** is automatically added to each ACH payment.
- Members will receive monthly invoices via email.
- Statements can be viewed online.
- Families must have an active Visa, MasterCard or checking account on file in the Team Unify system. Failure to maintain a valid credit card or checking account information can result in failed payments and late fees.
- If a swimmer is transferred to a different practice group by the coaching staff, the appropriate dues for the new group will be billed in the next billing period. The coaching staff determines all group placements at CA.
- Monthly dues do not include event participation fees, additional costs for practice equipment, or travel costs.

### **Team Policies**

- As a parent of a CA member, I agree to, and I agree the athlete has read and understands the team policies and waivers.
- Violations of team policies posted on the website may result in suspension or termination of membership at CA. These policies and releases have been created to ensure the safety of CA members and staff and promote the betterment of CA as an organization. CA Swimmer and Parent Code of Conduct, Swim Meet and Team Travel Policies are available on the website.

### **Medical Release and Liability**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for my child(ren). I hereby give my permission for any supervisor, coach or other team administrator associated with the **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc** to seek and give appropriate medical attention for our child(ren) in the event of accident, injury, illness. I will be responsible for any and all costs associated with any necessary medical attention and/or treatment.

I hereby waive, release and forever discharge **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc** and associated supervisor, coach or other team administrator from all rights and claims for damages, injury, loss to person or property which may be sustained or occur during participation in **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc** activities, whether or not damages or loss is due to negligence. I hereby acknowledge that my child(ren) is (are) physically fit and capable of participating in all Swim Team activities.

By registering my child(ren) with the **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc**, I agree to participate (or allow my child(ren) and family members to participate) in the **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc**, and hereby release **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc**, its directors, officers, agents, coaches, and employees from liability for any injury that might occur to myself (or to my child(ren) and family members) while participating in the **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc** program, including travel to and from training sessions, swim meets or other scheduled team activities.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above mentioned organizations and/or individuals, their agents and/or employees, against any and all liability for personal injury, including injuries resulting in death to me, my child(ren) and/or other family members, or damage to my property, the property to my child(ren) and/or other family members, or both, while I (or my child(ren) or family members) participating in the **Carolina Aquatics Swim Club, Inc** program.

### **Media Release**

I hereby assign and grant to the Carolina Aquatics Swim Team, Inc., the right, and permission to use and publish the



photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child(ren) by Carolina Aquatics Swim Team, Inc., and I hereby release Carolina Aquatics Swim Team, Inc., from all liability from such use and publication. I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of Carolina Aquatics Swim Team, Inc., and specifically waive any right to any compensation may have for any of the foregoing.