

Parents and Swimmers,

As the 2022-23 Swim Season heads into the LC Champs Season, it is time to start looking forward to the upcoming year and upcoming registration period. I am very excited about some of the changes for the upcoming year as we continue to work as a staff to provide the best Sport and Select experience for our members. So please check out the changes below for everyone.

Wave Team Registration

I want to start off with the registration process. We will be continuing this year like the past few years with automatic registration. Registration costs will remain the same as last year - Select Team \$165 and Sport Team \$100

>If you plan on returning, you don't need to do anything.

If you are NOT planning on returning, below are the dates that we need to hear from you by:

>Select Team - Non Returning Members need to inform Coach Erin by Thursday, August 10th

>Sport Team - Non Returning Members for the Fall Schedule need to inform Coach Erin by Tuesday, August 15th

USA Swimming Registration

This past year was the first year that USA Swimming had families handling their USA Swimming registrations instead of the team administration. Predictably we ran into a few issues that we want to avoid this coming year:

- Families need to only register their athletes for the Premium Membership and NOT the Flex or Seasonal options
- 2024 USA Swimming Registration is due by December 1, 2024. Athletes who have not completed their registration by this date will be prohibited from attending practices or meets until this is complete
- We had a number of families register themselves as an adult instead of their athlete(s) so please make sure you are registering your athlete
- Families that need to be sure and input the exact same information as what they have on the Wave website. We ran into a number of registrations that didn't connect because of different names, birthdates, typos, etc.

2023-24 Volunteer Hours

As everyone saw last year, WAVE struggled in getting all of our volunteer spots covered for the varying meets we hosted and attended (and we expect the requirements for attended meets to increase this year). This has been a growing trend over the past few years, so this year we want to try a new plan and see if it helps fix some of these challenges. The solution is two fold (one in the volunteer hours requirement and two in the Meet Schedule- more info on that below).

To help ensure we are able to meet our volunteer requirements for a given meet, we are aiming at simplifying the expectations for everyone while increasing the cost if we are unable to fulfill all spots. Moving forward the expectations will be -

1. Any meet that your athlete is signed up to attend (away or home), you are responsible for being available and willing to volunteer or officiate, if you are a certified official.
2. We will open jobs based on needs (whether that is a few spots for an away meet or a lot more for a home meet). If we are able to fill ALL positions, both volunteer and certified officials, without opening the jobs to multiple sign ups from a single family then there will be no charge for anyone.
3. If we are unable to fulfill all open positions, both volunteer and certified officials, without needing families to sign up for multiple shifts, then anyone that attends the meet but DOES NOT volunteer will be billed \$100 for the weekend on top of the normal meet registration fees for their athlete.

This new process ensures that anyone working a volunteer shift will easily be able to ensure they are NOT billed just by working the meets that their athletes are signed up for.

For families that do not volunteer throughout the year there is a potential for two things:

For Select Families:

1. There is a potential to add an additional \$600 above and beyond the \$100 for any meet that might've been charged through the year.
2. Members may lose the right to be invited back the following year

For Sport Families:

1. There is a potential to add an additional \$200 above and beyond the \$100 for any meet that might've been charged through an individual 4 month period.
2. Members may lose the right to be invited back the next 4 month period

As always, my hope for volunteer hours is that we do not bill anyone throughout the year. My hope with the new policy is that it simplifies things and allows parents to plan accordingly to help support the team and their athletes in their sport.

Meet Schedule Changes

With the change in Volunteer Hours, we also looked at our needs as a team for Home Swim Meets. As I have mentioned before, hosting Home Meets is a big advantage for our kids but that only works if we are able to host them with enough volunteers. In a hope to lower the strain on our volunteers we have tweaked our yearly meet schedule. So this year we will be breaking our team into 3 schedules.

Our Goal of breaking into different Meet Schedules is to ensure that athletes are being provided the correct number of meets throughout the year for their level of swimming, ensure that we are not over-taxing volunteer numbers, and create smaller groups within our larger team to be able to compete with other teams throughout the year. But please be aware of the drawbacks - some away meets are assigned by PNS and our entry is guaranteed but MANY are by first come first serve basis and may lead to us having to pivot or change plans to ensure entry into away meets.

Sport Team Meet Schedule - Commitment is a 4 month period

- a. Everyone will attend one single day home meet (our goal of these home meets will be to have a time commitment of just the morning on a weekend day)
- b. Any Sport Team Member qualified for an AGI Meet or LC Meet will have the chance to attend that
- c. Everyone will attend an away Champs Meet
- d. Everyone will have one month without a meet

Anticipated Sport Team Short Course Meet Schedule

Trimester #1

October 14 - 10&Under Meet

October 15 - 10-14 Meet

October 21 - 12&Over Meet

(Please note kids will be put into the meet that best meets their ability level for overlap ages)

November 18-19 - November AGI *Qualified Athletes ONLY

December 2-3 - Divisionals (Kids without Champs Cuts)

December 8-10 - Age Group Champs *Qualified Athletes ONLY

December 14-17 - SR Champs *Qualified Athletes ONLY

Trimester #2

January 13 - 10&Under

January 14 - 10-14 Meet

January 20 - 12&Over Meet

(Please note kids will be put into the meet that best meets their ability level for overlap ages)

February 23-25 - February AGI *Qualified Athletes ONLY

March 9-10 or 16-17 - Spring Showdown *Qualified Athletes ONLY

March 21-24 - NW AG Regionals *Qualified Athletes ONLY

Trimester #3

Long Course Season - TBD based on offered meets not yet published

Select Team Age Group Meet Schedule - Broken into SC and LC

- 1. SR Prep, Age Group 2, and Chad's Awesome New Group That He Is Coaching (or Age Group 1 for people who want a shorter name) will follow the LSC Meet Schedule
 - a. Challenge or Invitational Meets
 - b. AGIs
 - c. LSC Championship Meets
 - d. Repeated twice for SC (September-December and January-March)
 - e. LC will follow the meets we are assigned by the LSC
- 2. Select Team SR Meet Schedule
 - a. Similar to the Age Group Schedule - just will build in some higher level meets and any chances to compete at a SR Level.

Anticipated Select Team Short Course Meet Schedule Dates

Sept 30-Oct 1 - October Challenge

November 18-19 - November AGI *Qualified Athletes ONLY

December 2-3 - Divisionals (Kids without Champs Cuts)

December 8-10 - Age Group Champs *Qualified Athletes ONLY

December 14-17 - SR Champs *Qualified Athletes ONLY

January 27-28 - Winter Challenge

February 23-25 - February AGI *Qualified Athletes ONLY
 March 9-10 or 16-17 - Spring Showdown *Qualified Athletes ONLY
 March 21-24 - NW AG Regionals *Qualified Athletes ONLY

*SR Meet Schedule will include SR Sectionals in the Spring.

2023-24 Dues

We will be increasing our monthly due for the upcoming season. The dues list is below for everyone to check out. I work hard to make sure we don't increase dues unless we truly have to but unfortunately with everything in the world right now, we have to increase to match the current financial needs of our organization. I have tried my best to limit the increase as much as possible. One thing to note is that the per family cap will be increased in line with the monthly dues increase (New Amount is \$6250).

Sport Team (Changing from 3 Month to 4 Month Commitment)

One thing to note on the below dues breakdown is that we switched the Sport Team to a 4 Month Commitment. The goal of this change is to better coincide with the Sport Team's Meet Schedule and ensure that the kids get an in season meet and then a Champs Meet to work towards regularly. Fundraising will be \$40 per 4 months totalling \$120 for the year (no change in total just timing).

Sport Team Fees

Group	Monthly Cost
Black Group	\$190
White Group	\$215
Purple Group	\$240
HS Group	\$265

*Sport Group is a four-month commitment
 SC Season 1 – Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
 SC Season 2 – Jan, Feb, March, April
 LC Season – May, June, July, Aug

Select Team Fees

Group	Monthly Cost
Age Group 1	\$275

Age Group 2	\$305
SR Prep	\$335
Senior 1	\$405
Senior Epic	\$405

*Select Group is a year-round commitment, with 9 payments through the year (Sept.-May)

*Reminder that Select Group's Fundraising is \$125 for the year

New Select Swim Group -

Lastly, we are adding an additional Select Group for the upcoming year. What we have found over the past two years is a little bit of a bottleneck in our group flow for the athletes in the 10&Under range. So we will be breaking the Select Age Group Program into an AG1 and AG2 with the AG1 group being predominantly 10&Unders (3rd/4th grade), followed by AG2 which would be predominantly 11-12's (5th/6th grade) that would flow into the SR prep group being predominantly 13-14 (7th/8th grade).

We will be communicating out the group assignments for the split of Age Group in July.

As far as coaches, Coach Jay will be taking over the AG2 Group. And I am very excited that I will be coaching the AG1 Group for the upcoming season.

I think that covers all the updates for now. We will be following up with the practice schedule in late July for the upcoming year. We are excited to wrap up this year with some FAST and FUN Champs Meet and I can't wait to get going on the new year after that.

Thanks and WAVE on 3!!!
Coach Chad