



DARE Aquatics

General Fee Requirement Guideline & Policy

Updated in November, 2023, in effect as of January 2024

1. **ACCOUNT SET UP FEE** (*for the new families upon joining*) **\$120**

non-refundable **one-time*** account set up fee at the time of joining

- Per account / family
- Seasonal swimmers (summer-only, or winter-only swimmers) are subject to payment each returning season

2. **ANNUAL USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** (*Charged by USA Swimming*)

USA Swimming is the governing body of amateur swimming. This is a mandatory fee that provides insurance coverage for your child/children. DARE Aquatic is only an instrument for each member to have a trouble-free registration process, as it is USA Swimming who is collecting the fee directly. The annual membership fee amount is subject to change by their discretion.

- Premium Year-round membership **\$86** (*as of September 2023**)

***What has changed since 2022**

- ❖ The team no longer has access to do teamwide membership renewal for the families
- ❖ You'd have to renew on your own through your USA Swimming membership account
 1. Log into USA Swimming account
 2. Simply click "RENEW" button
 3. Go to "CART"
 4. Pay the renewal fee
 5. Voila! USA Membership renewal done!
- ❖ Membership renewal **must be completed no later than by December 31st**

- Outreach membership **\$7**

- i. Must provide proof of Federal Food Stamps, Free School Lunch and/or Federal Poverty Guidelines

- Benefit of the membership

- i. Insurance coverage for bodily damage and incidents at practice and meets
- ii. Eligibility to compete in any USA Swimming sanctioned meets

3. **Annual DARE FAMILY COMMITMENT FEE** – collected on the **5th of October** every year

This fee covers team operational cost for the year

- a. Single child family **\$150**

- b. Families with multiple siblings

- i. 2nd child + **\$50 (Total \$200)**
- ii. 3rd child + **\$30 (Total \$230)**
- iii. 4th and beyond? Welcome to DARE Aquatics! (**Max Total \$230**)

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4. TRAINING GROUP MONTHLY SWIM DUES (effective January 2024**)

- DARE Devils \$140 / month
- Age Group 1 \$160 / month
- Age Group 2 \$170 / month
- Pre-Age Group Elite \$180 / month
- Age Group Elite \$190 / month
- Sr. Development Group \$200 / month
- Pre-National \$210 / month
- National Group \$240 / month

5. MEET ENTRY FEES & SURCHARGE

- **Non-Championship Meets**
 - I. Timed final committee B/R/W meets and invitationals
 - II. Individual event fee as indicated on meet form + \$1.00 / event
 - III. Swimmer surcharge fee as indicated on meet form + \$10 /swimmer
- **Championship Meets & Sr. Meets**
 - I. Heats and finals (prelims and finals) championship meets such as; committee champs, league champs, age group champs such as JAG & WAG, Champs and National level meets.
 - II. Individual event fee as indicated on meet form + \$1.50 /event
 - III. Swimmer surcharge fee as indicated on meet form + \$15 /swimmer
- **Flat Rated Meets**
 - I. Non-Championship Meet
 - a. Host team's flat rate + \$10 / swimmer
 - II. Championship Meet
 - a. Host team's flat rate + \$15 / swimmer
- **USA Swimming Outreach Member Rate by SCS* (as of February 2024)**
 - Non-Championship Meet
 - \$15 SCS Outreach flat rate of SCS + \$15 / swimmer
 - Championship Meet
 - \$15 SCS Outreach + \$20 / swimmer

**PER SCS, each club has the full right to add necessary swimmer meet surcharge onto the mandated \$15 flat rate, and the individual portion of relay fee is not included in the SCS flat rate.*

6. PRORATES

Proration for late enrollment begin after the mid-point of the session. Swimmers enrolling before the mid-point must pay full fees. Family commitment fees will be prorated after the 1st quarter of the year has passed. There's no per diem proration; no special fee adjustment for missed practice days such as personal vacation or long break time as it is at will and it is non-negotiable without exception. Unexpected pool closure, annual team break will not be refunded or prorated.

- **IN CASE OF PROMOTIONS** If your child gets promoted in the middle of the month, your new training group swim due schedule will begin with the next invoice.

7. LATE FEE

- Late fee will be applied after 5-day grace period \$30
- Insufficient check & insufficient fund \$50
- Delinquent credit card update (Lost, blocked, expired card and etc.) \$50

8. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP SUSPENSION

Temporary membership suspension request is respected for religious or emergency medical reasons with the **proof ONLY**.

Your request to hold monthly dues for the following reasons will be denied and the team will not hold a spot for the swimmer until the return of the swimmer;

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- For any non-religious or non-medical reasons
- For long or multi- week vacations
- Dual sports season

Once a complete withdrawal or suspension of the account takes place, re-joining fee will apply. (**See RE-JOINING FEE**)

DARE Devil swimmers are exempt as long as USA Swimming membership status stays as DARE without any club transfers.

9. RE-JOINING FEE

Applies to any **competitive** swimmers (Age Group 1 and above) who attempt to come back to DARE Aquatics after a complete withdrawal from the team. No exception.

- First attempt **\$200**
- Second attempt **\$400**
- 3rd attempt **will not be considered**
- Exemptions
 - DARE Devils who were non-competitive
 - DARE graduates
 - Swimmers with religious or medical reasons with a legitimate proof

Exemption will NOT be respected if the swimmer had joined another competitive swim team during the temporary suspension period prior to returning to prevent team hopping.

10. Team Equipment

- Caps - **\$15**
 - Classic navy cap – for practice and timed finals meets
 - Silver and Orange Championship cap – Prelims at any heats and finals meets
 - Finals Cap – Finals at any heats and finals meets
- **T-shirt - \$25 (effective as of November 2023)**
 - Indigo blue
 - Classic charcoal
- Hoodies - **\$45**
 - Orange /white team logo in navy
 - Orange /white team logo in black
- Parkas - **\$149.95** via the SwimGuy

I. THE SWIM GUY INFO

- DARE team gear page
 - <https://dare.theswimguy.com/>
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