

2009/2010 CAT POLICIES

1) REGISTRATION & MEMBER ACCOUNTS

- All tryouts take place every week on Monday at 6:30pm. The coach will assess your swimmer and place them in the group that best fits their abilities. Swimmers will have until Friday of that week to try practicing with the team. All registration forms must be completed including all payments & fees by that Friday in order for the swimmer to continue practice the following Monday. No exceptions.
- In order to participate at practice you must have an **active** account with CAT in Team Unify. This will be set up for you as soon as your application is approved.
 - **Note:** If you are a returning member and your account has been **inactive**, you must come into the office to re-activate your account. This may include a re-activation fee. Your balance must be current and these fees must be paid before your swimmer is allowed to participate.
- Understand that all communications are sent via **EMAIL**. This includes important updates, schedule changes, and meet information. **We will get notifications to you in a timely fashion so you may make necessary arrangements.**
 - **If you do not have frequent access to email it is your responsibility to call or come into the office to make sure you are up to date on all of the necessary information.**

NOTE** Once your registration is approved and/or your account is active - you will receive a password via **email** that is necessary to log on to the website powered by Team Unify. If you have questions about your account status or have not received notification, please call the office **727-791-9542** or email catmanager@tampabay.rr.com.

2) GROUP STRUCTURE & ASSIGNMENTS

- Coaches will place your swimmer in assigned groups based on a number of different qualifications. Please trust that the coaches have a very good understanding which group will best fit the swimmer.
- At the start of this new season the coaches will be re-evaluating all swimmers in order to make sure they are training at their proper level. Each level will require specific criteria, designed by the coaches, before the swimmer is placed in their designated group.

- If you are concerned about how your child is doing in practice please schedule a meeting through the office so that you may speak with the coach during **non-practice hours**.

3) **DECK POLICY**

- **CAT is now enforcing a “No Parents on Deck” policy.** If you are staying for the duration of the practice time we ask that you please drop your child off and observe from the upstairs bleachers. This **includes dryland** times as well.
 - Coaches reserve the right to invite you on deck if they need to speak with you for any number of reasons.
 - This policy is set in place to ensure that the coach/swimmer relationships are independently developed without any outside distraction.
 - Please understand that we have the swimmer’s best interest in mind. We are here to establish an environment in which your child has every opportunity to evolve as a student-athlete, team member, and person.
 - Everybody is welcome in the office at any time to schedule appointments with coaches or to ask any administrative questions. You may also email the coaches anytime. Email addresses for all staff members can be found on our website.

4) **CITY DECK POLICY**- If you would like to use the facilities “outside” of designated CAT practice hours, the city requires that you pay the **daily admission fee**. SEE CITY FEE STRUCTURE.

- The city has been very helpful and accommodating to CAT. It is **imperative** that our members adhere to this policy and respect these fees as we do not want this to reflect negatively on our team.
 - **Note:** Recreation Cards allow for participants to pay resident rates for facility classes and programs. **They do not allow FREE use of the facility outside of these programs, daily admissions apply.**

5) **VOLUNTEER HOURS**: In order for CAT to operate successfully, we rely heavily on volunteers for swim meets, fundraising, and other fun team events. This requires attention on every family’s end!

- We require each family to work 4-7 sessions during each meet that CAT hosts (whether your child is swimming or not) or you will be billed \$25 for every session not worked.

2009/2010 CAT FEE STRUCTURE & BILLING OBLIGATIONS

In order to be considered registered for the 2009/2010 season; your account must be in good standing by September 1st, with all fees from the previous season paid in full.

CAT TRAINING FEES – based on 12 monthly payments according to group

| <u>Groups:</u> | <u>Formerly</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Yearly w/ Discount</u> | <u>Sibling w/ Discount</u> | <u>Fees / Hour</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Senior | Senior | \$130 | \$117 | \$117 | \$1.90 |
| Junior | Gold | \$110 | \$99 | \$99 | \$1.83 |
| Bull Shark | Silver | \$90 | \$81 | \$81 | \$1.80 |
| Tiger Shark | Blue | \$70 | \$63 | \$63 | \$1.75 |
| Barracuda | Yellow | \$60 | \$54 | \$54 | \$2.00 |
| Minnow | White | \$50 | \$45 | \$45 | \$2.75 |

FEES ARE NOT PRO-RATED FOR PARTIAL MONTHS

*****ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE-** An annual registration fee of **\$120** will be charged per family. This fee covers annual administrative costs and will be assessed yearly. If you have joined **before September 1st, 2008** you will be charged the full \$120. Any month after this date has been pro-rated based on when you joined the team.

Example: If you joined in August, 2009 you will be charged \$45, September 1st, 2009.

MONTHLY INVOICES- New Billing Statements are available on your account by the 21st of each month. Payment is due on the 1st.

MULTI-SWIMMER DISCOUNT- (This %10 discount applies only to training fees; the highest training group fee applies to 1st swimmer, 2nd highest fee applies to 2nd swimmer, descending accordingly)

ANNUAL PAYMENT DISCOUNT- Payment made with registration for 12 months of training fees (September-August) will receive a %10 discount.

LATE PAYMENTS- If your payment is not received by 1st of each month you have until the 10th to clear your balance. **If the balance due is not rendered by the 10th of every month the**

swimmer will not be allowed to participate in any further practice. Please do NOT ALLOW this to happen.

INACTIVE ACCOUNTS/REACTIVATION FEE- To become inactive or withdraw from the club, **written notification must be turned into the office or received via email by the 25th day of the month prior to becoming inactive.** If we do not receive notification you will be fully liable for the invoiced fees charged on the 1st of the following month. A reactivation fee of \$120 per family will be charged upon returning if you are inactive for less than 6 months. Inactive accounts due to medical reasons are not subject to the reactivation fee. **Note: Training Fees are based on a 12 month fiscal year.**

*****MEET ENTRY FEES:** Meet fees vary by the type of meet. These fees will be included on your invoice as incidental charges in addition to your monthly training fees. Please check your invoice online to clarify charges! You are responsible for all meet fees unless you provide the office with **written notification prior to the meet entry deadline.** If we do not have this notification you will be invoiced for the meet fees as the club will have already paid for you to attend the meet. **Please stay on top of this.**

I understand my obligations as a CAT team member and agree to the following:

- 1) To pay my monthly fees as established and agree to all late fees and penalties if applicable.**
- 2) To give written notification by the 25th of each month before becoming inactive with the team.**
- 3) To give written notification prior to meet deadlines that I will not be attending the meet or the meet fees will be billed to my account.**
- 4) I understand that my family must fulfill all Volunteer Obligations or I will be billed for my hours not worked accordingly.**
- 5) To adhere to all CAT policies while I am representing the Clearwater Aquatics Team.**

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)