

# AULEA SWIM CLUB

(Aulea means “swimming together harmoniously”)

Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Dear Prospective Member,

Welcome and thank you for your interest in *competitive swimming* at Aulea Swim Club.

Here are some brief facts:

- Aulea was founded in 1954 and has 50+ years of history. Member’s own the club. You will be part owner. We count on unpaid parent volunteers to run the club. Coaches focus on coaching. Sometimes parents are hired to coach.
- The Head Coach is Bruce Kennard. Assistant coach names are noted in the table below.
- Aulea belongs to *USA Swimming* (the same national organization Michael Phelps’ team belongs to!). Statewide, *Hawaiian Swimming* plans the meet schedule, manages the state championships, certifies officials, sets time standards, etc. that govern Aulea.
- Aulea practices 12 months out of the year. Some swimmers participate in other activities (school swim teams, soccer, water polo, etc.). In such case, we ask they either do so while continuing swimming, or minimize any time off. **To progress with their age group swimmers are expected to attend practice 3+ days a week, and 1 swim meet a month. The purpose of practice is to go to swim meets.**
- the swim meet calendar runs September through August. Some meets are open to all ability levels, invitational meets are attended by swimmers who have AA times, and state championship meets are attended by swimmers with *Qualifying* times. Anywhere from 1-4 meets occur each month, each targeting different levels, at various locations around Oahu and annually one or two optional off-island meets too.
- Depending on age and ability swimmers are divided into groups. To see the coaches, their groups, and practice times see [www.aulea.org](http://www.aulea.org) and go to the Schedules/Entries tab. All groups begin at 5:00pm. *There are no practices on Furlough Fridays.* On some national or state holidays Aulea has no practice. Notification comes by team email, or see News at the [www.aulea.org](http://www.aulea.org) website.

- Fees	Monthly Dues: all groups	\$72.00	} <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>1 child \$104</td></tr></table> } <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td>2 children \$191</td></tr></table>	1 child \$104	2 children \$191
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	Seasonal USA Swimming Registration (until Sept 1st)	\$32.00			
	Monthly dues for each additional child in family	\$55.00			
	Rejoining (ex-Aulea returning within 12mos or less)	\$50.00			

- Refer billing issues or membership termination to Treasurers (coaches have nothing to do with this).
  - USA Swimming registration includes a bi-monthly magazine called “Splash” and injury insurance.
  - Free Trial period: all groups get 2 weeks free trial (except returning USA Swimming members or former tryouts). Even if you join early, you will receive two weeks free.
  - Dues pay for coaching (67%), equipment, incentive awards, travel subsidies, etc. (total 33%).
- Useful websites: [aulea.org](http://aulea.org), [hawaiianswimming.org](http://hawaiianswimming.org), [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org) or [hawaiiswim.org](http://hawaiiswim.org)
- For your child’s safety please accompany them to and from the pool area. We cannot be responsible for children who stray to the playground, etc. and do not arrive at the pool. After practice, please promptly pick your children up. Come to the pool, talk to coaches and ask parents questions (also the *Aulea website*).
  - You will be sent a bill monthly by email for dues, meet entry fees, and purchases (goggles, caps, etc.). Payment is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Automatic deduction from your checking is possible. Overdue account swimmers cannot participate in practice. Contact the Treasurer for invoice amounts and payment method. (Rebecca 262-9749) Aulea sends email links to invoices.
  - Discontinuing swimmer must inform the Treasurer, not coaches; the monthly dues for that final month plus any entry fees or purchases must be made before departure.
  - Be responsible for updating through the webmaster, any changes in your address, phone numbers emails. Again, we welcome you and your child into the Aulea Ohana and look forward to getting to know you!