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To Registering **KING** Families:

Welcome. Our 2009-2010 registration is now open, available, and for the first time, online!

KING has had another amazing year - thanks to our coaches, staff, families, and, of course, great athletes - big and small. Together we continue to work towards our goal of being the best swimming team in the world.

On the 'dry-side' of things, we have made changes in our billing and customer service areas, with the addition of our new office manager, Lisa Vetterlein. We continue to improve communications through expanding our website and what it offers to our members - culminated by the new online registration system we hope you will choose to use for registering this year.

The **KING** Booster Club, headed by President Tim Wold, continued its undying support. Together, it ran some outstanding meets (thanks to meet director, Julia Hansen), funded multiple "team" functions, aided with athlete travel, and provided an invaluable volunteer base for a multitude of activities which enhance our swimmers' experience. All who volunteer and contribute time and energy to the booster club are the grease that makes the wheels turn. Thank you! Without you, KING wouldn't be the great organization it is today.

In the pool, we continue to grow and develop our ever-evolving program. We have an excellent staff and have recently added more coaches to ensure continued quality in our programs. We earnestly carry on with that endeavor.

Competitively, **KING** is building the reputation of being a dominant program not only in the Pacific Northwest, but within USA Swimming and beyond, into the international swimming scene. Last summer, we won another Pacific Northwest Swimming Title (*consecutive wins since winter 2002!*), Western Senior Sectional Title, Age Group Sectional Team Titles in March, and, for the first time in KING history, we won a National Team Title! **KING** women's team was the 2008 US National Short Course Team Champions.

Lastly, but definitely not least, since the intro letter last year, **KING** had its first Olympic medalists, the epitome of our sport. Megan Jendrick won a silver medal; Margaret Hoelzer, two silvers and one bronze medal, in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. (Might I add, I was also selected as a USA coach!)

What a great year!!



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As mentioned prior, we strive to keep improving our program both in and out of the water. As an unfortunate by-product of improving quality, taking on increasing inflation and operational costs, we have the need to raise dues this year. Following this letter is an outline of some changes, along with a comparison of dues structures with some of our local competitors.

As always, we hope that your experience with our KING family is a great one. Sit back, relax (but don't forget to volunteer), and let our coaches do what they know how to do - teach our swimmers to become great athletes and great people.

Good luck and GO KING!

Kind Regards,

Sean Hutchison
Head Coach

Updates and changes to Registration for 2009-2010 Swim Season:

- ⇒ **Go paperless!** KING is going GREEN and we are excited to offer the option of registering online. No signatures, envelopes, or stamps!
- In order to complete the online registration process, you will be required to authorize payment via a credit/debit card that will assess the Annual KING Registration Fee of \$200 per swimmer/ \$400 family maximum.
 - This is separate from setting up the auto pay on the website nor does it mean that you must pay your monthly fees via credit card; however, KING would prefer the auto-pay method if you would please consider it. *Auto pay may become a requirement at a future date.*
- ⇒ **Annual registration fee changes.** The Annual KING Registration Fee is now \$200 per swimmer with a \$400 family maximum. This now includes athlete's USA Swimming registration fee which had been charged separately in the past.
- ⇒ **2009-2010 KING dues structure.** The new dues structure is noted below. Dues are based on 12 monthly payments. KING's fee structure is very competitive to other teams in the area (note enclosed comparison of a few other swim club fees) while we hope you agree, our program is far superior.
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| <i>Developmental</i> | <i>\$ 90/ month</i> |
| <i>Novice</i> | <i>\$115/month</i> |
| <i>Age Group</i> | <i>\$145/month</i> |
| <i>Regional</i> | <i>\$185/month</i> |
| <i>Power</i> | <i>\$195/month</i> |
| <i>Senior</i> | <i>\$250/month</i> |
| <i>National</i> | <i>\$290/month</i> |
- ⇒ **Family discount enhanced.** KING is excited to offer something new this year, multi swimmer discounts on training fees.
- For families with more than one swimmer, the discount is as follows:
Swimmer 1 pays 100%
Swimmer 2 has a 10% discount
Swimmer 3 has a 50% discount
Swimmer 4 has a 75% discount.
If you have more than 4 swimmers enrolled at KING, the dues beyond the 4th swimmer will be waived.
 - The highest training rate is automatically applied to swimmer one, the second highest training rate applied to swimmer two, and descending accordingly.
 - *This discount will apply only to accounts whose swimmers are of immediate relation or legal custody.*
- ⇒ **Semi-annual payment option no longer offered.** KING will continue to offer a 10% discount for an account paying for the entire year upon registration and the option of monthly payments due on the 1st of each month.

⇒ **Go Paperless Part II!** To improve efficiency and convenience we are replacing the Medical Release form that had been required to be turned into your coach. If you have not already input your medical information into your account on the website, you are expected to do that for each of your swimmers once your 2009-2010 account is made active. It is simple to do and directions are below:

Login using your email address and password

1. Select 'my account'
2. Select tab 'insurance/emergency contact'. There are four fields:
Insurance carrier ****note** add a policy or ID number next to carrier in this field.
Insurance phone
Emergency contact
Contact phone

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3. Select swimmer name (You will need to do this part for each of your swimmers)
4. Select tab 'medical information'. There are four fields:

- Physicians name**
- Physician Office number**
- Medical conditions**
- Medications**

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The Medical Conditions and Medications fields are text fields. Please add any and all information that must be known here.

Comparison with other swim clubs/ lessons

KING's 2009-2010 dues structure is below.

Also listed are several competitive clubs and their associated fees based on their 2008-2009 swim season.

	King Aquatic Club 2009-2010	Swim Lessons (AMG Facilities)	Bellevue Club 2008-2009	Chinook 2008-2009	VAST 2008-2009
Registration Fee	\$200	Three 30 Minute Lessons per Week \$117/Month (Compare with Developmental Programs)	\$200		\$85
Dues - Developmental	\$90		\$117	\$98	\$67 (only 2x week)
Dues - Novice	\$115		\$123	\$165	\$105
Dues - Age Group	\$145		\$129	\$187	\$130
Dues - Regional	\$185		\$174	\$213	\$225
Dues - Power	\$195		\$153	\$180	\$182
Dues - Senior	\$250		\$230	\$247	\$225
Dues - National	\$290		N/A	N/A	N/A