

# NEW MEMBER EVALUATION INFORMATION

Welcome to the **Magnolia Aquatic Club**! Thank you for coming in and giving our program a try. It is important to us that swimmers are placed in the best group possible to meet their individual needs. The two (2) most important criteria we look at is;

1. Age
2. Ability

Considering these two (2) factors, the coach administering the evaluation will recommend the group that best fits your child. There is always room for advancement when needed.

Any time someone is joining something new, there are going to be questions regarding financial obligations. Am I joining something that I can't get out of? The answer is NO. We have a form you can fill out anytime if you wish to pause or leave the program. The competitive sport of swimming is likely different from anything you have done before if this is your first experience with it. Don't worry, we can answer any questions you may have. There is no such thing as a dumb question.

## FEES INVOLVED

When you join a swim team like the Magnolia Aquatic Club (MAC), you are becoming a member of United States of America Swimming (USAS). Being a USAS Athlete member is required for all members for insurance purposes. USAS is the National Governing Body for Swimming in the U.S. and the organization that puts our top athletes on the Olympic Team. When you join our team, we register you with USAS as an athlete member. There are two (2) types of memberships we offer;

### USA Swimming Fees:

1. **Competitive** (Premium) \$79 Annually (September 1 – August 31)
2. **Non-Competitive** (Flex) \$20 Annually (September 1 – August 31)

Regardless of the time of year you join, we re-register all our swimming athletes in September of the current year. These fees may go up from year to year but not typically by more than \$1 - \$2 per year. We as a club, **do not keep** any of the funds we collect for your USAS Athlete Registration.

If you are a Non-Competitive Member and decide later you would like to compete, there is a \$59.00 upgrade fee to a Premium Membership.

There are a few items we want all our swimmers to have when they join our team and participate throughout the year. In order to purchase these items in advance and have them available when needed, we charge a Team Registration Fee.

**Team Registration Fee:** The following items are provided with your registration fee (per level):

1. **Competitive** \$60 Annually (The fee is reduced if joining after February)
  - a. Team T-shirt
  - b. Team Swim Cap (Silicon) Latex is also available upon request
  - c. Championship T-shirt for twice a year (Spring and Summer Championships)
2. **Non-Competitive** \$20 Annually
  - a. Team T-shirt
  - b. Team Swim Cap (Silicon) Latex is also available upon request

The fees listed below are ongoing monthly fees we call "**Coaching Fees**". The group your child is assigned to would be the fee you would expect from that group. We can provide you with more

details about each group upon your request or they can be found on our MAC website. We bill monthly fees for 11 months that fund 12 months of participation. We do not bill the month of August.

**Coaching Fees:** Each membership requires a monthly coaching fee that is paid by the 10th of each month. The dues are set and based on the level of the group you are joining. Coaching Fees for each group are listed below:

- **National Select Team** \$210
- **Sectional Select Team** \$200
- **Senior 1 Team** \$170
- **Senior 2 Team** \$145
- **Junior 2 Team** \$90
- **Junior 1 Team** \$95
- **Age Group Select Team** \$170
- **Age Group 1 Team** \$145
- **Age Group 2 Team** \$145
- **Gold Team** \$115
- **Silver Team** \$85
- **Bronze Team** \$85

**Discounts:** MAC provides certain discounts such as sibling discounts and discounts for long term commitment to the program. Once you decide to join, we can provide more details regarding our team discounts.

**Payments:** The Magnolia Aquatic Club currently accepts cash, along with personal and cashier's checks. **We DO NOT offer credit card payment processing at this time.**

We look forward to having you join the **Magnolia Aquatic Club**. Once your child has been properly evaluated and recommendations made, you will then need to contact our Administrative Assistant, Katie Callan-Wehrle @ [kacwehrle@gmail.com](mailto:kacwehrle@gmail.com). She will assist with getting you set up in our system and answer any questions you might have.

Best Regards,

Terry Jones, Head Coach