***Waves Mission Statement:***

***To empower young people to be champions in and out of the water for a lifetime.***

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**Sept. 1, 2012 – Aug. 31, 2013**

**WELCOME TO THE WAVES! WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SWIM SEASON!**

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT. THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW ON THE WEBSITE:**

**CODE OF CONDUCT (PARENTS & SWIMMERS MUST SIGN)**

**SWAT MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**SERVICE HOURS CONTRACT**

**MEDICAL RELEASE FORM (ONE FOR EACH SWIMMER REQUIRED)**

**UPDATE ACCOUNT AND MEMBER INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE (please include USA-Swimming ethnicity and ability information.)**

**All swimmers must be currently registered with USA Swimming, and all paperwork and fees must be received before swimmers are allowed to swim at practices or meets. In addition, ALL fees from previous seasons (training fees/dues, meet fees, and swim-a-thon pledges) must be paid in order to swim.**

# QUESTIONS ON COACHING PHILOSOPHY AND GROUP SCHEDULES

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**QUESTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING FEES**

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**ABOUT SPOKANE WAVES**

The Spokane Waves Aquatic Team (SWAT) is a year-round competitive swim team with most members swimming mid-September through August. SWAT is run by a volunteer Board of Directors and the Head Coach. Spokane Waves Aquatic Team is a non-profit corporation governed by rules and regulations as stated in the organization’s by-laws. Membership policies are set forth by the Board of Directors and the Head Coach, and can be found on the team web-site. All members of SWAT are expected to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the team. Copies of any documents not available on the web-site will be provided upon request.

**SWIMMING COMPETITION**

Swim meets are available for athletes of all ability levels. Most meets listed on the 2012-2013 meet schedule are “Team Meets” for all swimmers, and all families are encouraged to attend these meets. Developmental Meets, offered a couple times per year, are a great way for younger and newer swimmers to compete in a smaller meet and get a “feel” for what a larger meet is like.

**TEAM UNIFORM**

Swimmers are required to wear a team cap when representing the team at swim meets. A team cap is provided for each new swimmer upon receipt of registration fees. Team caps and team suits are available for purchase through our partnership with Speedo. Warm-ups, swim bags, and additional swim gear is also available for purchase. A limited selection of team caps, as well as practice suits, caps, goggles, etc. are available at the WAVES store.

# COMMUNICATION

Team communication is accomplished primarily through the Waves website ([www.spokanewaves.org](http://www.spokanewaves.org/)) and e-mail. Current information and upcoming events will be found on the home page of the web site. A user name and a password to log into the website will be sent to you after registration has been completed. Logging into the website allows you to view current invoices, account and volunteer requirement balances, and information not available to non-members. Coaches and Board members are available by e-mail and/or phone; check for their contact information on the website.

**2012-2013 SPOKANE WAVES FEES**

Funding for the Spokane Waves is derived from registration fees, training fees (dues), donations, Swim-a-thon, and other fundraisers, including net income from meets hosted by SWAT. These fees are primarily used to pay coaches salaries and travel fees, pool rent, and equipment expenses. The team operates approximately 11.5 months each year.

**SWAT training dues are a yearly fee divided into nine (9) equal monthly payments for convenience. Year-round participation by all swimmers is encouraged. All swimmers are required to pay the yearly training fee. Swimmers joining in December or later pay monthly installments through August.**

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| Recreation\*\* | Ripples | Age-Group | Regionals | Pre-Senior | Seniors | High School\* |
| $35/month | $540/year$60/month | $855/year$95/month | $1170/year$130/month | $1305/year$145/month | $1485/year$165/month | $780/year$130/month |

**High School:** WAVES swimmers who also compete for a high school team (Women: September-November; Men: December-February) received a 3-month credit toward the yearly fees, posted in September.

**Recreation Fees:** The training fee is $35, due by the first of the month if your child particpates that month. If you and your swimmer chose to take the month off, please notify your child's coach prior. All Recreation swimmers must also be USA-S registered and are assessed the account admin fee. This group is designed to provide a fun environment for 10&Unders who want to learn the basics of swimming, and is a great place to be if he or she would like to join the competitive team in the future.

***Payments on accounts are due by the 15th each month. Accounts that are not paid in full by the 20th are considered past due and will be charged a $15.00 late fee. Your swimmer will not be allowed to swim unless your account is current. Notification for current invoices will be e-mailed from the website; please log on and check your invoice/account after you receive the e-mail notification.***

***SWAT will assess a $25 fee for NSF checks.***

When a swimmer moves up a training group, the remaining monthly installments will be at the new group’s rate.

A family pays dues for a maximum of 3 swimmers. If a family has 4 or more swimmers, dues are to be paid for the 3 most advanced swimmers in the family.

# USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION FEE

USA Swimming (USA-S) and Inland Empire Swimming (IES) are our governing bodies. **Each swimmer MUST be registered with USA-S in order to swim with Spokane Waves. The annual USA-S fee for the 2012-2013 season is $64.00.** The USA-S fee posts to the account at registration.

Swimmers who paid a ***seasonal***registration fee in 2012 must pay the USA-S fee before their 1st practice in September and will be covered until December 2013.

Swimmers who paid an ***annual*** USA-S registration last season are covered through December 2012. Fees for 2013 must be paid by November 3, 2012, and swimmers will be covered until December 2013.

# MEET ENTRY FEES

If your swimmer is interested in competing at a meet, the swimmer and coach will discuss the meet and entries, and then he or she will be entered. Entries for upcoming meets will be requested about 3 weeks before the actual meet occurs. Since the coaching staff works with the swimmers on a day-to-day basis, the staff has the best understanding of what each swimmer is capable of doing. Therefore, the swimmer’s coach will complete all entries for meets. Meet entries and results are posted on website and the bulletin board in the pool. Another source for meet information and results for all Inland Empire meets is the MEETS page of the Inland Empire website ([www.ieswim.org](http://www.ieswim.org/)).

**Invitational meets (more than 2 participating teams) require the following entry fees: $10 IES surcharge, $5 Waves surcharge (covers team relays and coach travel expenses), and $3 per event entered fee.**

**Most intersquad or developmental meet fees range from $5-$15 per meet.**

**All meet entry fees will be billed immediately after the deadline and will post on your normal monthly invoice. Meet entry fees are non-refundable, even if the swimmer is subsequently unable to attend the meet.**

## Outreach

If your swimmer qualifies for food stamps or for free or reduced school lunch, he or she is eligible for reduced USA-S fees and training fees. See Registrar for OUTREACH information/application. **All outreach applicants must supply a proof of food stamps, or a letter showing reduced/free lunch eligibility**. **Even if you qualified for Outreach last year, you must re-apply for the 2012-2013 season.**

**IF YOUR CHILD STOPS SWIMMING**

Please contact the Registrar, Teri Madill, (509) 464-3378 / 570-3817 or [Billing@spokanewaves.org](http://www.teamunify.com/Billing%40spokanewaves.org), two weeks before your child stops swimming. ***Training fees will be billed for two weeks after this notification*.** Even though you may have notified your child’s coach, it is your responsibility to notify the Registrar. The two-week policy will be strictly enforced.

**FUNDRAISING: SWIM-A-THON**

In order to keep fees as low as possible, fundraising is required by each family. Swim-a-thon is SWAT’s annual and only required fund-raiser, and all swimmers must participate even if he/she is unable to swim in the event. During Swim-a-thon swimmers collect pledges, either for laps they swim or flat amounts. This event encourages the swimmers to raise funds from friends, families, neighbors and relatives, or families may choose to donate money themselves. Businesses that a family frequents may also be willing to sponsor a swimmer for Swim-a-thon. SWAT is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit organization; all donations are tax deductible. The team keeps 95% of all donations, and 5% is sent to USA-Swimming to support national swim programs. Swim-a-thon is a very fun event with participation prizes and surprises and cool things for top fund-raisers.

For the annual Swim-a-thon, each swimmer is **required** to turn-in a minimum of his or her monthly training fee. For families with multiple swimmers, the cap is $250.00. If you chose not to participate, you will be invoiced the monthly training fee in June or July. The date for Swim-a-thon 2013 is still to be determined, but more information will be posted on the website in the months before the event.

# WAVES SPONSORED MEETS

All Waves families are expected to assist at club hosted meets. Please see the team’s Service Agreement for detailed information. Serving is a fun way to get to know new people and to feel a part of your child’s swim experience. Please mark your calendar and plan to work at these meets:

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| **DATE** |  | **MEET NAME** | **LOCATION** |
| Oct 13th, 2012 | Saturday Afternoon | Fall Kick-off | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| October 14nd, 2012 | Sunday Afternoon | Masters Sink-or-Swim | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| December 15-16, 2012 | Saturday & Sunday | Jingle Bell Splash | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| February 2th, 2013 | Saturday 1-5PM | Last Minute Mile | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| March 8-10, 2013 | Friday – Sunday | Shamrock Shake-Up | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| April 19-21, 2013 | Friday – Sunday | Waves Triple Pentathlon | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| May 2013 | Saturday TBD  | Developmental Meet | Whitworth Aquatic Center |
| July 2013 | Weekday TBD 5-8 PM | Developmental Meet | Witter Pool |

The Waves will host three invitational meets and a couple of developmental meets during the 2012-2013 season. Hosting a meet is a great way to give our swimmers a chance to compete on their home turf. It also helps raise money for the club so we can keep training fees as low as possible. We are the largest team in Inland Empire; it is a great service to all IE swimmers when we host these meets, but it takes the efforts of the whole team to make it work.

Another way to contribute to meets SWAT hosts, as well as other meets you attend, is to become a Certified Official. For more information on this very important service opportunity, please contact Jack Beck, SWAT’s Official’s Chairperson, 509-710-8947 or scubadog522@comcast.net