

## 2021-2022 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 year-round.

SWAT registration for the 2021-2022 season will open Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Registration includes annual team administration fees which will be \$150 per family and a \$10 fee per swimmer for team shirt, and will cover August 2021 - August 2022. Monthly dues for August will be paid in the registration window in July, so won't be billed August 1.

SWAT training dues are a yearly fee divided into 12 equal monthly payments for convenience. Year-round participation by all swimmers is encouraged. All swimmers are required to pay the monthly training fee. Swimmers joining in December or later pay monthly installments through August.

Due to the size of our team, it is difficult to keep track of swimmers who take a leave of absence for any period of time. In addition, it is extremely hard to prepare an annual budget which takes into consideration the income lost by swimmers who decide to take a leave of absence of any length. The Spokane Waves Aquatic Team requires a 12-month commitment starting in September each year.

Should a swimmer decide to leave the team at any point in the season, they will be required to provide a written notice by email (no texting) to the Head Coach ([coachmuncie@yahoo.com](mailto:coachmuncie@yahoo.com)), SWAT Registrar/Team Admin ([admin@spokanewaves.org](mailto:admin@spokanewaves.org)), and Team Treasurer ([Treasurer@spokanewaves.org](mailto:Treasurer@spokanewaves.org)) 30 days in advance of departing the team. In such cases, the swimmer will be required to pay the current month dues, the annual Swim-a-thon minimum payment, as well as an early termination fee, consisting of being billed for the next two months in effect from the date the swimmer ceases training with the team. Should the swimmer decide to rejoin the team, the swimmer shall be subject to the additional charge of the registration fee, along with monthly dues as described above.

Should a new or returning swimmer decide within 30 days of the date of registration that continuing with the team is not a good fit for them, the swimmer will be billed for the first month, and then one more month in effect from the date the swimmer ceases training with the team. They are required to provide written notice by email to the Head Coach ([coachmuncie@yahoo.com](mailto:coachmuncie@yahoo.com)), SWAT Registrar/Team Admin ([admin@spokanewaves.org](mailto:admin@spokanewaves.org)), and Team Treasurer ([treasurer@spokanewaves.org](mailto:treasurer@spokanewaves.org)) before the 30 days from the initial registration.

Should a swimmer be required to take a leave of absence from training due to an injury, the swimmer must provide documentation to the Head Coach from a licensed medical provider detailing the nature of the injury, as well as the anticipated length of time that the swimmer will be out of the water. Once such documentation is provided, subsequent monthly dues will be reduced until such time as the swimmer is medically cleared to resume training. In order to maintain a place on the team, the swimmer will be required to pay 50% of the monthly training fees at their current training group rate, until they are medically cleared to resume training.

Please see our COVID-19 Policy for absence and fee changes related to COVID-19.

All swimmers on an active roster for the year will be expected to meet the minimum fundraising requirements of the annual Swim-a-thon, based on their swimming group. Any fundraising amount not met will be billed directly to the swimmer's account in the monthly billing following the Swim-a-thon. Should a swimmer choose to leave the team, the Swim-a-thon minimum fundraising requirement will be required regardless of the time of year the swimmer departs.

Our Spokane Waves website supported by Team Unify/Sports Engine payments is a safe and secure place to register your athlete/s and make monthly payments. For the 2021-2022 season all

payments must be made through Sports Engine billing with credit card or automatic withdrawal from a selected bank account. No Exceptions. (CC processing fees are \$.03 plus 2.95% per transaction and ACH fees are \$1.25 per transaction with Sports Engine).

Payments on accounts are due by the 1st of each month. Accounts that are not paid in full by the 15<sup>th</sup> are considered past due and will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. Swimmers will not be allowed to practice or participate in competitions if their account is more than 2 months in arrears. Please contact the Head Coach ([coachmuncie@yahoo.com](mailto:coachmuncie@yahoo.com)) and Team Admin ([admin@spokanewaves.org](mailto:admin@spokanewaves.org)) to work out a payment agreement if you are falling behind and to prevent accruing multiple late fees. Notification for current invoices will be e-mailed from the website; please log on and check your invoice/account after you receive the email notification. (Families are responsible for monitoring their own accounts. If a credit card is declined it is the individual account holder's responsibility to bring the account current).

When a swimmer moves up a training group, the remaining monthly installments will be at the new group's rate, (except for cases where swimmers are time-shared between groups before advancing).

Families with multiple swimmers are eligible for a monthly dues discount of 5% off monthly total family dues for registering a 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmer, 10% off the monthly family dues for a 4<sup>th</sup> swimmer, and a 5<sup>th</sup> swimmer would be free.

Monthly training fees for the 2021-2022 training seasons will be as follows per group:

- Ripples/Wave riders \$75
  - Bronze \$90
  - Silver \$100
  - Gold \$135
  - Platinum \$150
  - Senior \$165
  - National \$180
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- High School: SWAT swimmers who also compete for a high school swim team only (Women: September-November; Men: December-February) will be billed at \$105 a month during the 3-month HS season, and then return to the regular group rate after the HS season.
  - High School Elite group: The HS Elite swimmers dues are \$105 a month, as these swimmers' practices are of shorter duration.
  - Cheney Quarterly program: SWAT offers a quarterly training program for those swimmers who wish to participate seasonally. The cost of the quarterly membership includes USA Swimming's Flex membership along with all costs for one full swim meet (quarterly members are allowed only one swim non-championship meet per quarter). Please note, for your initial sign up there is also a \$50 administrative fee (which also covers the cost of a SWAT t-shirt and SWAT cap). Costs are as follows:
    - Quarterly B: \$85/mo (\$150 swim a thon req 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
    - Quarterly A: \$135/mo (\$200 swim a thon req 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter)
    - Swimmers participating in two or more quarters will owe the Annual Swim-A-Thon commitment. Swimmers participating in three quarters will move to the USA Swimming Year Round Membership allowing for regular competition.
    - Collegiate swimmers returning to train with SWAT during school breaks will pay Senior monthly dues but will be exempt from the team admin fee as long as they are

registered in good standing with USA swimming and provide documentation of Athlete Protection Training.

### **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 the Spokane Waves Aquatic Team. The annual USA-S fee for the 2021-2022 season is \$64, and the IES fee for the 2020-2021 season is \$15 for a total of **\$79.00**. The USA-S fee posts to the account at registration. USA Swimming no longer sends out paper membership cards, but swimmers may check their USA swimming registration status via the Deck Pass application electronically.

Swimmers who paid a seasonal-registration fee in 2021 must pay the USA-S fee before their first practice in September and will be covered until December 2022.

Swimmers who paid an annual USA-S registration last season are covered through December 2021. Fees for 2022 must be paid by November 1, 2021, and swimmers will be covered until December 2022. Billing will occur with auto-billing on October 1, 2021.

For the Swim Lesson program, a Flex membership is offered at the rate of \$15 for an annual membership, covering the cost of the insurance and a welcome edition of Splash magazine. Should a swim lesson swimmer decide to transition onto the team, they will be permitted to transition to the regular Annual membership category within the same calendar year, paying the difference between the cost of the Flex membership and the Annual USA Swimming registration fees, or \$64, plus the difference in team registration administration fees.

### **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 can 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 assist in completing all entries for meets. 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: \$17 IES surcharge, \$5 Waves surcharge (covers team relays and coach travel expenses), and \$4 per event entered fee. During the year-round season, SWAT spends approximately \$4,000 on Relay entries, and with the increase in performance and an aging team we anticipate spending more on travel. Most inter-squad 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.

- If your swimmer qualifies for free or reduced school lunch through the school district, he or she is eligible for reduced USA-S fees and training fees. See the SWAT Head Coach for OUTREACH information/application, and SWAT Scholarship consideration. All such applicants must supply a letter of qualification showing reduced/free lunch eligibility. Even if you qualified for Outreach/SWAT Scholarships last year, you must re-apply for the 2021-2022 season. SWAT Scholarships will be awarded on a case-by-case basis, based on need.

### **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 activities for top fund-raisers. Many corporations have matching programs for non-profit donations, so swimmers are encouraged to ask if donors can submit their pledges for corporate match.

For the annual Swim-a-thon, each swimmer on the active roster for the 2021-2022 season on the day the swim-a-thon fundraising period launches is required to meet an established minimum fundraising amount, based on training group. For families with multiple swimmers, the minimum required cap is \$400 per family. If you choose not to participate, you will be invoiced the amount listed below, based on training group, in the month following the Swim-a-thon. The date for Swim-a-thon will usually be in the spring, but more information will be posted on the website and announce via email in the months before the event..

The High School Elite swimmers are required to raise a minimum of \$200, while Senior Swimmers that swim at the reduced HS Elite rate for the HS swim season, return to the Senior rate after the HS season and are expected to raise the normal Senior minimum of \$350.

Swim-a-thon training group fundraising minimum expectations are as follows:

Ripples, Wave Riders and Bronze groups \$150

Silver, Gold, High School groups \$250

Platinum, Senior, National groups \$350

Multiple Swimmers family minimum cap \$400

### **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 home meets at Whitworth:

**October** Fall Kick Off Meet at Whitworth

**December** SWAT Winter Invitational at Whitworth

**March** Shamrock Shakeup at Whitworth

**June** (Possible co-host with Vandals for the Summer Blast meet at Witter)

The Waves will host three invitational meets at Whitworth and possibly co-host one invitational meet at Witter. 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 one of the largest teams in the 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. While the hope is we will be able to complete the 2021-2022 season without incident, Covid-19 could still cause changes in these

meet dates, and the frequency of meets, and may require us to need volunteers and ask for service hours on additional dates. This information will be communicated as it becomes available.

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 Keith Lambert at [klambert@whitworth.edu](mailto:klambert@whitworth.edu)

**Registration Fees Payment Schedule**

**Payments due during the registration window.**

SWAT registration administration Fee and team shirt	<b>\$150 per family and \$10 per swimmer</b>
One Monthly dues payment	<b>Based on swimmer(s) group</b>

Payments due in **October**

USA Swimming Registration Fee	<b>\$79 per swimmer</b>
Monthly dues payment	<b>Based on swimmer(s) group</b>

**Signatures**

During the registration process, you provide electronic acknowledgement of your understanding of the policy. However, we ask that you also please print and sign this document for each swimmer and have your swimmer turn in the form to your swimmer(s) coach.

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Swimmer Signature

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Date