

**CONCORD SWIM CLUB  
NEW MEMBER INFORMATION  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***\*\*How do I know if my child is ready, they have never been on a swim team before?***

No prior competitive experience is required. If your child is 6 years of age or older, comfortable in deep water and able to swim a width of our pool (25 yds) they are eligible to join the team. Technique in all four competitive strokes will be taught in addition to diving and turning skills.

***\*\*How long is the season?***

The fall/winter season begins in mid-September and runs through the end of February. There is also a spring/summer season that begins in mid-April and runs through July. You would only be registering for the fall/winter season at this time.

***\*\*Does being on the swim team allow for the child to participate in other activities?***

Yes, our program allows for participation in other activities. Many of our swimmers do other sports, music, etc. We offer flexible practice schedules that allow you to choose the days your athlete attends practices in order to facilitate involvement in other activities.

***\*\*Is my athlete required to compete in meets? How often are meets? Where are the competitions?***

All of our team members will compete in certain team effort meets. Some of the meets are a single day, others are invitationals spread over a weekend. Competitions for new swimmers are typically local (Concord, Elkhart, Middlebury, South Bend, etc.) Families have the opportunity to choose their participation in individual competitions. Meets are generally held every 3 - 4 weeks.

***\*\*My child is not able to attend either of the new swimmer evaluation sessions. Is there another option?***

Yes, we can set another time to evaluate your swimmer. Just email Head Coach Tom Johnson ([tomjohnson@concord.k12.in.us](mailto:tomjohnson@concord.k12.in.us)) or Nicolle Corporon ([nacorporon@gmail.com](mailto:nacorporon@gmail.com))

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***\*\*How much does the program cost?***

Fees will be explained in detail at the prospective parent meeting during the new swimmer evaluations.

Fees are dependent on the practice group the swimmer is placed in. Nearly all of the new swimmers who are 10 or younger will be in the Poseidon Green group. The fee for that group is \$ 400 for the fall/winter season, payable in 5 monthly installments of \$ 80. New swimmers ages 11 - 14 will likely be in the Neptune Green group. The fee for that group is \$ 560 for the fall/winter season, payable in 5 monthly installments of \$ 112.

***\*\*Are there any other fees?***

All team members are required to be members of USA Swimming, at an annual cost of \$ 83. This cost is reduced to \$ 5 for swimmers who qualify for free or reduced lunches. There are entry fees for swim meets, and other miscellaneous fees. Again, all fees will be thoroughly covered at the prospective parent meetings on September 7 and 9.

***\*\*What if my child has some interest, but is not sure? Are we committed for the full season?***

The month of September will be a trial period for prospective new members. There may be a small fee for participation in September (\$ 20 - \$ 25 per swimmer) but potential team members can try the program out and determine if they wish to join the team.

***\*\*My child has numerous fall activities. Can they join the team later in the season?***

Yes, we generally accept new members throughout the season. We would encourage you to bring your potential athlete to the New Swimmer Evaluations on September 7th or 9th so they can be evaluated and you can become familiar with the program.