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Welcome to the **Fort Wayne Swim Team (FORT)** program and our 2022-2023 *Swim Year* (Aug/Sept 2022 thru end of July 2023)

Included in this packet you will find information to which you should refer throughout the season. You should keep this information handy throughout the swim season for practice schedule, meet schedule, meet billing policy, and our team contact information. If for any reason you do not want your contact information made public, please notify the coaching staff at your convenience.

We know that communication is the key to any successful organization. You are certain to have many questions as the season progresses; the coaching staff will answer those questions for you via multiple communications channels.

Please use the following resources to get any information you may need:

The Team Website – www.fortwayneswimteam.com. This is the only method of communication we have which is guaranteed to always be available. Swimmers may forget an announcement; handouts may get left in the locker room, but our server is rarely unavailable. We post meet information, practice updates, team details, registration forms, and much more on the site. There are many good tutorials for various site functions as well.

Telephone Contact – 260-637-0340 (John Gibson) or your swimmer's group coach. Please leave a message if you do not reach a coach directly.

Coaches' Announcements in Practice – Many times, last minute announcements come up which a coach must make in practice. Please ask your swimmer each day if there were any announcements in practice. Please remember to also check the website for last minute changes and updates. Check your home emails as well. Many times important updates are sent via email.

Email – In an effort to keep costs down and save trees, our staff communicates via emails or the website. Please check both on a regular basis. Many times, last minute meet instructions or practice changes are sent via email. If you do not have an email address, please make arrangements with the coaching staff to be sure you receive the necessary communications. This is your responsibility. Please make certain you have a good/accurate email listed on your account and you verify it when you receive a message to do so.

Handouts at Practice – Just as with verbal announcements, the coaching staff will send home flyers for last minute announcements. This information will also be posted on the website. Please ask your swimmers each day if there were any handouts in practice.

Face to Face – The coaching staff tries to be as available as possible after each practice. Sometimes we may need to rush to another practice, but we will always make ourselves available if you need to speak to us. Please do not come onto the pool deck except under extreme emergency situations; wait until a coach comes out to the lobby or hallway after practice.

Please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, email or in person with any questions or concerns you or your swimmer may have. Communication is the key to a successful relationship and to the health of our swim program.



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2022 – 2023 FORT Registration Check List

FORT 2022-2023 Registration Form (USA Swimming)

- Please print clearly
- Complete all information in detail
- Please include a copy of Birth Certificate for each NEW registered swimmer

FORT Financial Agreement

- Parent or legal guardian must sign last page
- Please print the name of each swimmer on last page

Registration Payment Information

- Program annual registration fee per swimmer (\$110) payment per page 1 of Financial Agreement DUE AT REGISTRATION
- Family Pool Fee \$_____, (any remaining balance, billed in Nov. 2022)

– Make check payable to **Fort Wayne Swim Team** or **set CC or ACH up on your FORT online account**

Mail to
FORT
10010 Chapmans Cv
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

or drop off at:
NACS
NATATORIUM

If you have any questions, please contact John Gibson at:
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Financial Agreement 2022-2023 FORT, Inc.

Fort Wayne Swim Team (hereafter FORT) is a member of Indiana Swimming, Inc. (ISI) and U.S.A. Swimming. FORT offers a variety of quality programs designed to meet the training needs of swimmers from beginner/developmental level through national competition level. In consideration thereof, and for other good and valuable consideration, the following contract is entered into between FORT and each team family (hereafter referred to as you or your):

Program Offering and Fees: The following identifies the available programs offered by FORT for the 2022-2023 Swim Year. Program fees are based on program operating costs and historical and expected program participation.

Each swimmer who applies to join FORT must be registered with FORT, ISI, and USAS, who provides insurance coverage. The TOTAL 2022-2023 Annual registration fee is **\$195** per swimmer. (FORT Registration Fee=\$110, USA Swimming Reg Fee=\$68 and IN Swimming Registration Fee=\$17.) This fee is NOT refundable for any reason.

The \$110.00 FORT annual registration fee for each swimmer due with the FORT Online registration (you will also pay \$68 USA and \$17 IN Swimming Fees when you register on USA Swimming web site). Your application is subject to the final approval of the Coaching Staff. If you are not accepted into the program you requested, or if the program(s) you have requested is full, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list for that program(s), or you may request a different program.

The Family Pool fee will be billed/collected by FORT and this collected amount will be used to offset rental fees at NACS Natatorium, Helen Brown Natatorium, etc.. This is a "per Family" fee, not a per swimmer fee. The fee will be based on the highest training group in the family. The fees are as follows:

High School: \$180	Middle School: \$145
Gold: \$120	Silver: \$110
Bronze: \$100	

A minimum of ½ of this pool fee will be due by 9/30/2022. If you choose, you may pay the entire fee, but only ½ is due at that date/time. The remainder (if applicable), is due by November 30, 2022.

Upon the acceptance of your application into a program or programs, the balance of your FORT fee(s) is due in full by your payment selection. Remember that a 10% discount applies to all siblings. after the first swimmer.

1-Time Payment Option

	<u>Due Sept. 30, 2022</u>
Bronze	\$915.00
Silver	\$980.00
Gold/Red	\$1090.00
White	\$1210.00
Blue	\$1250.00
HS/SR2	\$1100.00
HS/SR1	\$1150.00

Notes: Any athlete that is not current with fees may not be entered into any meets.



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Your FORT fee(s) may be paid over the course of 3 installments due on or before the following dates: October 31, 2022; November 30, 2022 and January 31, 2023 for those who elect not to pay in full. Remember a 10% discount applies to all siblings after the first swimmer.

3-Installment Plan Option

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bronze	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$975.00
Silver	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1050.00
Gold/Red	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1170.00
White	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$1275.00
Blue	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$1320.00
HS/SR2	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$390.00	\$1170.00
HS/SR1	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$1215.00

Note: Any athlete that is not current with fees may not be entered into any meets

Your FORT fee(s) may be paid over the course of 7- monthly installments due on or before the following dates: September 30, 2022; October 31, 2022; November 30, 2022; December 31, 2022; January 31, 2023; February 28, 2023; and March 31, 2023. Remember a 10% discount applies to all siblings after the first swimmer.

Monthly Installment Plan Option

	<u>Sept. 30</u>	<u>Oct 31</u>	<u>Nov 30</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>Jan 31</u>	<u>Feb 28</u>	<u>Mar 31</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bronze	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1050.00
Silver	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$1120.00
Gold/Red	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$1225.00
White	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$1365.00
Blue	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$197.00	\$1400.00
HS/SR2	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$1260.00
HS/SR1	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$1330.00

Notes: Any athlete that is not current with fees may not be entered into any meet

For families who join the club late there will be a prorated amount. Please contact John Gibson (john.gibson@swimnacs.com) to work through this on an individual basis.

Please remember the family pool fee. This fee will be collected by FORT and this collected amount will be used to offset pool rental costs at the various facilities the team uses. This is a "per Family" fee, not a per swimmer fee. The fee will be based on the highest training group in the family. 1/2 of this pool fee will be due by 9-30-2022. If you choose, you may pay the entire fee, but only 1/2 is due at this time. The remainder (if applicable), will be billed in the November 30 billing.



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***In every payment option, families will take care of the yearly financial obligation by end-March at the latest. This will allow them to participate all summer, if they choose to do so, at no additional monthly cost to the family. If a family chooses to not participate in the summer, their account will become inactive and no refunds will be given.*

Program availability: There are limited spots in all groups. Specific practice schedule information is available on the FORT website. The practice schedule and locations will be modified each season and/or year to meet the team's specific needs that season.

FORT reserves the right to cancel, change or otherwise adjust a program based on number of registered participants, weather, facility conflicts, swim meets, or any other unforeseen circumstances.

Additional Financial Requirements:

Swim Meet Entry Fees: Each time a swimmer enters an event at a swim meet, there is an entry fee per event & typically a surcharge per swimmer charged by the meet host. These fees pay the cost of conducting swim meets. You must pay all meet fees, including relay events, incurred by your swimmer(s). These fees will be billed monthly and are due in full when billed. You should anticipate meet entry fees to range from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per meet per swimmer. The swimmer entry fees are made up of individual event fees as well as surcharges. All meet fees are non-refundable.

Prelim/Final Meet(s): Since every meet from Divisionals and higher is set up as a preliminary/final format, the coaching staff feels that this is important experience for swimmers to take part in. As a result, any swimmer that scratches from finals (in the above mentioned format) without a coach's prior permission will be assessed a \$15 per day penalty.

Volunteering: FORT may host a couple meets per year. You will be required to help at each of these. The requirement can easily be met by having one or two parents working.

Work duties include:

- Officiating (paid position – earn \$ off your family fees!)
- Hospitality/Concessions - donations
- Timing
- Clerk/Marshalls
- Administrative/Admissions/Computer Operator

We do offer a buyout option, but we hope that you will get involved with the team and work at the meets. It is a great opportunity to meet other families on the team, and we have many positions that do not require any previous experience. The buyout option is \$75 per session that your child is eligible to compete in.

Fundraising: FORT will allow you to reduce your program fees through a few fundraising opportunities. The available fundraising activities include but are not limited to the Swim-a-thon-For-FORT, Sponsorships, Scrip Program, etc. Part of the dollars you raise will go towards the club and part into your family FORT account.

Family Statements: Each month FORT will e-mail all active team members to let them know that their invoice/on-line statement is ready for viewing. The on-line statement will detail amounts due for program fees, meet entry fees, and any special charges.

Inactive Member Status: To inactive your membership, a written letter or email notice must be submitted to the Head Coach a minimum of 15 days prior to the next billing date. If this is not completed,



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you are fully liable for the full billing amount. An activation fee of \$50 per swimmer will be charged upon returning. Inactivity for medical reasons is not subject to the reactivation fee. Further, a swimmer may be designated as an inactive member due to disciplinary reasons, failure to meet financial obligations or for other reasons determined by the Coaching Staff, at its sole discretion. Inactive swimmers may not participate in any practices, swim meets, or other team activities.

Financial Abatement: Financial abatements (dismissal or lowering of fees) may be granted by the Head Coach on a case-by-case basis. Financial abatements are granted only for injury or illness, as certified by a physician, which makes continued participation impossible, or for families or swimmers that are involuntarily transferred out of the Northern Indiana area. No financial abatements shall be granted for pool breakdowns, weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Delinquent Accounts: Your account shall be deemed delinquent if any payment is not received in full by FORT within seven (15) days of its due date. Delinquent accounts are subject to a Late Fee of \$15 for each month such delinquency exists. If your account remains delinquent for 30 days or more, all amounts due and owing (including installment plan program fee(s)) shall be deemed accelerated and shall be immediately due and payable in full. Any account that is delinquent in any way, for any sum, may at the discretion of the Coaching Staff, result in your swimmers being placed on Inactive Status. Should your account be placed for collection with a collection agency or an attorney, you shall be liable for all costs, including filing and service fees, attorney's fees (33 and 1/3 percent of the principal amount due) incurred in prosecution and collection of all amounts due under the terms of this contract.

Release: The undersigned parent or guardian, for themselves, and their children or wards (the swimmer(s)), do hereby remise, release, and forever discharge FORT, Inc., and any of its agents, representatives, employees, coaches, officers, directors, members, successors, assigns and insurers (hereafter referred to as the Releases) from any and all actions, causes of action, whether sounding in tort or contract, claims, demands, damages, costs, loss of services, expenses and compensation on account of or in any way growing out of any and all known and unknown personal injuries and damages resulting or to result from you, or your child, children, ward or wards' participation in all activities contemplated under the terms of this contract, and do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the Releases from all claims or demands, costs or expenses arising out of the injuries or damage sustained by you, or your child, children, ward or wards. It is expressly understood that each of you and or your child, children, ward or wards assumes the risk of personal injury from participation in any FORT programs.

Policies: FORT operates in compliance with the rules and regulations of ISI (Indiana Swimming) and United States Swimming. Copies of those rules and regulations may be found on each organization's website.

Privacy: Member information, including contact information and swimmer information, is considered private and may only be used for FORT business.



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I understand that this is a legal and binding agreement between my family and FORT. I am fully responsible for all financial obligations as presented above. Further, I understand that if I desire to terminate membership, I must do so at least 15 days prior to the next billing date (1st of every month) in writing. In all other cases, I will be responsible for costs incurred.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/2022
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

Printed name: _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

	Bill CC on file	Paid Check	Paid Cash
<u>\$195 Registration Fee/swimmer:</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>DUES Payment Option:</u>			
_____ 1 Time Payment	_____	_____	_____
_____ 3 Installments	_____	_____	_____
_____ Monthly Payments	_____	_____	_____

<i>Swimmer Names</i>	<i>Training Group</i>
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	

Family Pool Fee (please check this highest training group in your family . . . if unsure, please leave blank and the coaching staff will complete and bill accordingly). Minimum of ½ this fee is due by 9/30/2022, any balance then due by 11/30/2022.

_____ High School (\$180) _____ Middle School (\$145)
_____ Gold (\$120) _____ Silver (\$110) _____ Bronze (\$100)

	Bill CC on file	Paid Check	Paid Cash
<u>Family Pool Fee:</u>	_____	_____	_____

I would NOT like for FORT or any of its officers to use photos of my child(ren) on the website, bulletin board, or newspaper. _____ (initials)