

## **Membership Agreement (Effective November 27, 2022)**

The Grosse Pointe Gators (GPG) Swim Club is proud to welcome you to our Club. The purpose of this document is to ensure an understanding between Club members and the GPG Executive Board about member family requirements for participation in the Club.

### **Requirements for membership include:**

1. Pursuant to our [bylaws](#), working as a Volunteer at our hosted meets. This applies to families with registered swimmers in the Fall and/or Winter Sessions (See “Working Meets” below)
  - Our club hosts one meet in the fall session and one meet in the winter session where **all members are required to volunteer in the session(s) your swimmer is registered, regardless of whether your swimmer is participating in the meet.** Unless specified otherwise, families will be required to work:
    - 2 sessions at our Fall meet. We need to fill a **minimum of 220** volunteer spots to successfully run the meet.
    - 3 sessions at our Winter meet. We need to fill a **minimum of 330** volunteer spots to successfully run the meet.
  - Our club may be selected to host the Michigan Swimming Regional Championship which falls during the winter session. Only members with swimmers participating in our club hosted Championship meets will be required to volunteer, number of volunteer sessions to be determined. Though not required, we appreciate all the help we can get from our membership for the remaining spots. We need to fill a **minimum of 180** volunteer spots to successfully run the meet.
2. Paying all fees - both session dues and meet fees. (See “Dues and Fees” below)

See below for details of membership requirements listed above

**WORKING MEETS:** GPG has a long tradition of hosting outstanding meets. Hosting meets provides opportunities for our athletes to compete, brings revenue into our Club, and helps defray our day-to-day operating costs. To host successful meets, we need each and every family to volunteer to work at these meets. If you have a conflict, it is your responsibility to contact the GPG Board President to make alternate arrangements or find someone else to fill your job slot. **There is a per session non-volunteer fine of \$200 in the Fall Session and \$300 in the Winter Session for not working.** Parents, grandparents, swimmer siblings (over 12 under the supervision of another adult volunteer from your family or family’s behalf) or other adults may fulfill your family’s work requirement. Some sessions and some jobs fill very quickly. Jobs are filled on a first come first served basis. GPG hosted Championship Meets are exempt from the financial penalty, unless otherwise specified on the Meet Event Page.

### **DUES AND FEES:**

**Session Dues:** Each swimmer’s practice group assignment determines their practice schedule and dues. All dues and meet fees are paid through ACH electronic debit or Credit Card. The Fee Schedule on the registration page is considered a part of this Membership Agreement.

**USA Swimming Registration:** Each swimmer must be registered to be a member of USA Swimming. This provides the athlete with access to entry in all USA swimming meets, as well as deck insurance coverage for these meets and all practices. Every swimmer must have a USA Swimming membership card to participate in any club sponsored event, including daily practices.

**Meet Entry Fees:** Each swimmer is responsible for entry fees associated with individual events at invitational meets. When you commit your athlete to swim online, you are agreeing to pay all entry fees associated with the meet. GPG is unable to refund or credit individual accounts after the team deadline for entries. Entry fees will be invoiced to your online account following the team entry deadline and billed on the 1st of the month to your account on file. Our club pays for relays entry fees. The entry fees for each meet can be found in the Meet Packets posted on our website at the time of commitment to the meet and any additional meet coaching surcharges can be found on the Meet Event Page.

**Registration Refund Policy:**

Weeks 1-2 of practice: Full refund minus a \$30 Administrative Fee

Weeks 3-4 of practice: 50% Refund of Registration Dues

After 4 weeks, there will not be any refunds of registration fees

Late registrations will be accepted based upon availability

**I have read the Membership Agreement and will abide by the Volunteer Requirements or be subject to the requisite fine(s) as specified in the agreement.**