



Velocity Families-

In January of 2020, Velocity Aquatics announced a change to our billing structure. At the time, the Board of Directors' plan was to implement billing by season rather than monthly billing starting with the Spring/Summer 2020 season. The primary reasons for implementing seasonal billing were improved predictability (club financials, pool space, coaching), but it also aligned Velocity with other swim clubs and sports that bill based on a season commitment. When COVID hit, the board made the decision to delay implementation of seasonal billing due to the uncertainty at the time.

The Velocity board has been reviewing our financials over the last few quarters and has once again made the decision to implement a seasonal billing structure, effective for the Fall 2022 season. One important change we've made since 2020 is that despite requiring a seasonal commitment, the fees for that season will be billed in monthly installments.

Velocity is a non-profit organization led by a volunteer parent board. It was founded to give the youth of our community access to a high quality, affordable, local swim team. We rely on parents to volunteer for the board and other committee roles each year. To raise money to offset expenses and keep costs affordable for families, Velocity hosts 2-3 annual meets and 3 annual other fundraisers. All families signed up for any part of the full season (Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer) in which the meet or event takes place are expected to sign up to help out.

2022 / 2023 Seasonal Dues Schedule

	Novice 1	Novice 2	Age Group 1	Age Group 2	Senior 1	Senior 2	NDT	College Prep
Fall / Winter Season	700	875	1085	1190	1225	1295	1470	
<i>Fall Dryland</i>			180	180	180	180	180	
<i>Winter Dryland</i>			180	180	180	180	180	
Fall Only (w/ champ season for h/s swimmers)	400	500	620	680	700	740	840	
Winter Only (w/ champ season)	400	500	620	680	700	740	840	
Spring / Summer Season	400	500	620	680	700	740	840	
<i>Spring Dryland</i>			120	120	120	120	120	
<i>Summer Dryland</i>			120	120	120	120	180	
Spring Only	250	325	388	425	438	463	630	
Summer Only (w/ champ season)	250	325	388	425	438	463	630	350
August Maintenance			110	110	110	110	165	



2022 / 2023 Registration Fees

	Novice 1	Novice 2	Age Group 1	Age Group 2	Senior 1	Senior 2	NDT	College Prep	
VCTY Registration <i>per season</i>	25	50	50	50	50	50	50	25	
USA Swimming Registration Annual **2022 rates 2023 not released yet	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	30**	Required for USA Swimming
MSI Registration Annual **2022 rates 2023 not released yet	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8**	Required for MN Swimming
Late Registration Fee <i>(N/A for new VCTY swimmers)</i>	25	25	25	25	25	25	25		

FAQ:

Q: Why did Velocity decide to do seasonal commitments?

A: The seasonal model will provide more stability and predictability for the club. The monthly model makes it difficult to forecast swimmer numbers, which makes it challenging to plan for pool space and coaching hours. Our goal is to provide stable and predictable practice schedules and coaching, and knowing how many swimmers we expect in each group will help us achieve that.

Q: How were the seasonal rates determined?

A: The seasonal rates were established at 2022 monthly rates over the expected months for each season (start of practice through championship season). This change will allow a balanced budget in 2023 by keeping the effective monthly rates at 2022 levels.

Q: Will we have to pay for a full season upfront?

A: There will be options for those who want to pay for a full season upfront (with a 5% discount), you must email our team administrator for this option, as well as those who would prefer to pay in monthly installments. Even if you choose the monthly installment option, you are making a financial commitment for the season.

Q: Do other club sports teams do this?

A: Yes. The vast majority of local clubs (swim clubs as well as other club sports) require a seasonal commitment.



Q: How will this work for High School swimmers who can't swim the whole Fall/Winter season?

A: High school swimmers who are registered to swim for Velocity before/after their HS season will continue to receive club communication and be able to register for the meets they want to attend after HS, even if the registration deadline is during their HS season.

More information, including an open parent meeting, will follow in September regarding seasonal billing, fall/winter season kickoff and fall/winter fundraising and home meets. The Board wanted to share this information in advance to help families prepare for this change. Any questions or comments can be directed to members of the Board as listed below.

Q: Why has a registration fee been added?

A: Registration fees have been added to cover the administrative overhead associated with the registration process. This fee covers items such as billing set-up, credit card fees, software licensing and administrator's paid hours.

Q: Why require and track volunteer hours?

A: Velocity Aquatics is an entirely parent driven club that receives no community funding. Keeping our overall cost structure affordable for our families requires that most team jobs be fulfilled by volunteers totalling over 2000 volunteer hours per season. Requiring volunteer hours by families and tracking those hours is a common practice by most parent driven sports organizations and ensures all families are contributing to the success of the club.

Thank you for reading this message and for your support of Velocity Aquatics!

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