**Financial Information for the 2019-2020 Season**

The fees for Greater Omaha Aquatics members which you may see on invoices can be categorized in four areas:  
GOAL Membership Fee, USA Swimming registration fee, Monthly practice dues, and meet-related fees.

**1. GOAL Membership Fee**

An annual fee to become a member of GOAL during the online registration process. This fee is charged to all returning and new members during the online registration process. Online registration typically begins during the final weeks of the previous season and continues on through the entire season. This fee will be refunded to prospective members only if they do not stay with GOAL after their 1-week trial period.

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| 1st & 2nd swimmer in family | 3rd swimmer | 4th+ swimmer |
| $100 | $75 | $50 |

Note – for new swimmers joining during the last 3 months of the season, this fee will be reduced.

**2.**  **USA Swimming Registration Fee  
Premium membership. $70 per year (2020 membership runs from Sep. 1, 2019 until Dec. 31, 2020).**

**Flex membership.** **$20 per year** **(2020 membership runs from Sep. 1, 2019 until Dec. 31, 2020).** Those with a flex membership may participate in a maximum of 2 competitions per year, and those competitions can only be those below the MWS Championships level. If you wish to upgrade to a premium membership during the season, you need only pay the difference in membership fees ($70-$20 = $50). Unless you specify a flex USA Swimming membership, we will automatically register you with a premium membership.

Every member of the Greater Omaha Aquatics must be a registered member of USA Swimming, the American amateur swimming national governing body.  USA Swimming is divided into 59 Local Swimming Committees (LSC’s).  Midwestern Swimming is the LSC that administers most of Nebraska and parts of Western Iowa.  USA Swimming lists among its membership benefits the following:

Subscription to “Splash” Magazine  (provides news, interviews and profiles of elite athletes, posters, techniques and tips);  Excess accident and liability insurance  (covers all USA Swimming sanctioned activities);  Competition and instruction through club programs;  Opportunity to participate in USA Swimming sanctioned meets;  Many other benefits are listed on the USA Swimming website at [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org/)

For swimmers brand new to USA Swimming, **you will need to give us a copy of your birth certificate before beginning your 1-week trial period (e-mail an image of the cert to vsaibeck@aol.com)**.  An alternate government-issued ID showing date of birth would also suffice. This is because age needs to be verified upon the initial registration with USA Swimming, and for you to stay with GOAL after your trial week we will need to immediately register your child with USA Swimming.  The registrations will be processed, ***and your account subsequently billed***, in the following order.  New swimmers will be registered for 2020 immediately following their trial week, should they decide to join GOAL.   Non-high school swimmers already registered for 2019 will be registered for 2020 in November and the 2020 USA registration fee will be put on your November 1 invoice. High school swimmers already registered for 2019 will be registered for 2020 in late January / early February, before their conference meets, if they so desire, or when they return after their high school season concludes. High school swimmers who attend GOAL practices between Jan. 1 and their conference/state meets, or who compete in any USA meets between Jan. 1 and the end of the high school season, will need to be registered before their first practice or meet in 2020.

**3.  Monthly Practice Dues:   
Penguin - $89;  Penguin-1 (once a week) - $60; Dolphin - $99; Dolphin-1 (once a week) - $67; Piranha - $109; Shark - $135;  Senior - $140; Senior-National - $155; Senior-Elite - $189.**

**Multi-swimmer discount for monthly dues: 3rd swimmer in the same family is reduced by 1/3, 4th + swimmer is ½ off 1 `**

GOAL provides the Team Unify team management platform for its members. With the secured Team Unify website (www.goaquatics.com), GOAL members can view their current account balances as well as set up automatic payments of their account. **An invoice will not be sent to you**, since you can view your account balance at any time when logged into your account on the GOAL website. The website automatically places the monthly dues charges onto your account on the 1st of the month (i.e. – May dues are charged to your account on May 1).

Paying the monthly fee essentially “saves” your child’s spot in that group. Monthly dues are not refunded. The months containing the scheduled GOAL breaks will have prorated monthly dues. The GOAL breaks are typically in late-March (Spring) and early to mid-August (Summer).  If you take a month(s) off, or are changing your status to/from a once-a-week practice group, you must notify us by the 10th day of the preceding month in order to not be obligated for that month’s dues**. A Change in Activity Status form must be submitted to the GOAL Administrator by the deadline date in order for your status to be changed before the next month’s billing.** High school swimmers are not billed practice dues during their h.s. season, but do need to give the 20 days notice if you will not be immediately returning to GOAL practices at the end of the h.s. season. If GOAL is at capacity for number of swimmers, your spot is not guaranteed to be saved if you take a month off**.**

The beginning month for a first-time GOAL swimmer will be prorated if the start date is after the 1st of the month.  High school swimmers monthly dues will be prorated for November and February, based on the beginning and end of the high school swim season.

High school swimmers who attend GOAL practices during their high school season will be charged at a rate of $8 per practice, but the monthly charge will not exceed the monthly dues for their group.

**4.  Meet Fees**Entry fee:  Typically meets charge by the event (usually anywhere from $2.50-$4.50 per individual event).  Local meets within the Midwestern LSC will have a $6.50 Midwestern Swimming (MWS) fee surcharge per swimmer, $10 surcharge for the D1 championship meets in March and July. In order to compensate the GOAL coaches for their meet time, there is also a GOAL fee assessed per swimmer, determined by the # of swimmers entered in the meet and the # of GOAL coach-meet sessions.  The GOAL meet fee is typically in the $5-10 range. Relays are paid for by GOAL.  A typical meet where you swim 6 events over the course of 2 days would then be charged as follows:    6 x $3.00 = $18.00 + $6.50 MWS fee + $7 GOAL fee = total $31.50. The meet fees are placed on your GOAL account as soon as the entries have been sent to the meet host. At that time, there are no refunds for any reason.  **Your meet entry will not be submitted** if you have a past due balance on your GOAL account.

Out of Town Meets (Where coach’s hotel stay is required):  The coaches hotel and transportation bill will be divided up by the number of kids entered in the meet and billed to each swimmer entered in the meet.

**Payments information:**

Payments can be done in 2 ways., which are both automatic setups on the website. 1 – payment by credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover) , 2 – payment by ACH (e-check, or bank account debit). Every member of GOAL must have a valid & current credit card or bank account ACH set up for automatic billing & payments.

Payments will be processed on the 1st of the month, in the amount equal to the balance of your account. A credit card transaction shows up on your card right away on the 1st of the month, while the ACH transaction may take 5-7 business days to show up on your bank account. If your initial setup for autopay is after the 1st of the month, the first payment would not occur until the 1st of the following month. It is not an immediate transaction on the initial setup. You can send an “on-demand” payment at any time during the month to pay part or all of your balance.

Payments are due by the 5th, and balances not paid in full by the 15th are subject to $10 late fee.

**Balances more than 60 days past due will result in the suspension of your GOAL membership**.