

Jenks Trojan Swim Club - New Parent FAQs

How long is the swim season?

- There are 2 seasons a year. Short Course runs Sep to Feb, and Long Course runs Mar to Aug.
- JTSC is a year-round program. Unless notified otherwise, we are anticipating coaching your swimmer for a full swim year (September to August)

What do my tuition and registration fees pay for?

- Your tuition can help pay for many different things. Coach salaries, staffing, website usage, equipment, and team events, just to name a few. The USA Registration fee pays for your swimmer's membership to USA Swimming, while the Club/Pool Fee helps offset the cost of running this state-of-the-art facility.

How many volunteer hours do I need to complete each season?

- Each family is required to volunteer at least 15 hours per season. This equates to 30 total hours for the year. Excess hours do not carry over from the previous season.

What happens if I don't meet my volunteer requirements?

- Your account is charged at the end of each season for unworked hours at \$20/hour.

I don't have time to volunteer at meets, what do I do?

- We do understand it can be difficult for families which is why we try to offer many different options throughout the season to accomplish this. Volunteering can be anything from working at the meets, staffing the Trojan Head during practice, helping with planning of the banquets, making phone calls to solicit donations and advertising, donating food and beverages for upcoming meets, etc... Also, any family member can volunteer. Uncles, Moms, neighbors, whomever.
- **Don't wait until the season is over to find out your options!** Contact Kent Keith for more info.

What if my swimmer wants to attend more than the recommended practice?

- The recommended number of practices per week are based on swimmer to coach ratio, ability, individual growth, and the age appropriate recommendation by USA Swimming.

How does my swimmer move up?

- The coaches decide when it is appropriate for your swimmer to move to the next level. JTSC is a technique based program. Once your swimmer has mastered the skills associated with that level, the coaches will not hesitate to advance the athlete.

Why do we have meet fees?

- Meet fees help the host team cover the expenses of running a meet. From hospitality and extra hours for coaching staff, to sanctioning fees and timing equipment, the expenses from hosting a meet can add up quickly. Meet fees also allow us to keep lower rates for dues, as we use meet income to help offset monthly expenses.

Who chooses events for my child at swim meets?

- Your child's coach will decide what events he/she will swim in a meet. If your swimmer would like to swim a certain race, please put that in the notes section when you sign up for the meet. The coaches take that into consideration when setting up the events.

What if my swimmer doesn't want to compete?

- JTSC is a competitive club, and while meets are not required, they are highly encouraged. The coaches use meets to benchmark success as well as gauge what the swimmer needs to focus on during practice. If there is a real anxiety issue with meets, it's usually due to a lack of experience. The coaches help with that too!