

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION FOR SWIMTULSA

### Annual USA Swimming Registration

### Annual Administration Fee

### Monthly Practice Fee

**Team Apparel/Equipment:** For USA-S meets, SwimTulsa athletes are required to wear team suits, ST t-shirt and caps (if a cap is worn). These and other equipment (goggles, practice suits, warm ups, t-shirts, equipment etc.) can be purchased through our online team store. There is a link on the home page of the ST website. ST retains a portion of the sales and is then able to purchase equipment or other items for the team. Equipment such as kick boards, paddles, fins, etc. are the responsibility of the swimmer to have or purchase. See the ST website for more information on what each group is required to have. ST has some suits, caps, goggles etc for sale. Contact a board member to purchase these at practice.

**Meet Entry Fees:** Entry fees for swimming meets vary depending upon the meet. Each meet will state the per event fee as well as a surcharge per swimmer. Relays are formed by the coach and relay entry fees are paid by the team. Costs can be seen under each meet on the website.

**Coaches Travel Expenses:** When SwimTulsa travels as a team to A/B/C or Unclassified meets around the states of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Texas there is a surcharge paid by each swimmer (besides the individual event charge). This surcharge is split between the Oklahoma Swimming Fund in Oklahoma (or whatever state the meet is in) and the team hosting the meet. An additional amount is added by ST to this surcharge to cover relay costs and our coaches travel expenses. When our coaches' travel to these age group meets, SwimTulsa picks up all their expenses since it is a business trip for them. Usually there is a large enough group of swimmers participating that the bulk of the expenses are covered by this surcharge. Meet entry fees + surcharges will be invoiced to each committed swimmers account.

When swimmers qualify for meets such as Region VIII Central Sectionals, Jr. Nationals, Senior Nationals, US Open, Futures, Far Westerns, etc. SwimTulsa coaches travel with these swimmers to coach them at these meets. Coach's expenses usually include mileage or airfare, car rental and food/lodging for sometimes up to 5 – 6 days while out of town. Since these meets are situations where the coach becomes more of a personal coach than a team coach, SwimTulsa has always had the policy of splitting the total coach's expenses for those meets between the swimmers they represent. Each swimmer is additionally charged ¼ of the cost of each relay they are in. Our treasurer invoices each swimmer for their share of the expenses as soon after the meet as possible. There is also swimmer financial assistance from OK Swimming for these higher level meets. These forms can be found on [www.OKS.org](http://www.OKS.org). ST also applies for Coaches Travel Assistance from OKS and these funds are divided as credit between participating swimmers.

**Charitable Contributions:** SwimTulsa is a charitable 501(c) 3 organization to which tax deductible contributions may be made. Registration and monthly fees are not tax deductible. However, voluntary donations to SwimTulsa are tax deductible. Since the expense of the organization are not wholly covered by the fees, additional funds are raised through a variety of fund raising activities, including the hosting of swim meets and the solicitation of charitable contributions.

**Financial Hardship:** One of the primary goals of SwimTulsa is to permit anyone interested in the sport of swimming to participate to the greatest extent possible. Therefore, special arrangements may be made in the event of financial hardship. ST Scholarship Information and Application can be found on the website. Application for OKS Outreach can also be found on the website. This is for a reduced USA-S fee. Donated merchandise is available in the ST Store for a reduced price. Some equipment can be loaned out.