



# Tornadoes Swim Team

## Member Agreement Renewal 2017-2018

The Tornadoes Swim Team is excited to begin another year of working with you and your swimmer(s) on the team. This document is provided to you as a way to remind you of our team rules and requirements and your responsibilities as a parent on the team.

**Practice Schedule:**

Please refer to our website: [www.tornadoesswim.org](http://www.tornadoesswim.org) for the most up to date practice schedule.

**Parent responsibilities:**

- **Parents’ Club** – Parents are required to be actively involved with the Parents’ Club through participation in a volunteer position. This enables us to all share our time and areas of expertise to help benefit our swimmers. If you are unable to participate in this requirement, you can pay the buyout of \$175 for short course season (September-March) and \$100 for long course season (April – August). The parent volunteer positions available are located on our website. New parents have a 30 day reprieve from Parents’ Club and fundraising obligations.
- **Fundraising** – Families are required to participate in at least two fundraisers per year on the team. The funds we raise help to keep monthly dues reasonable by filling the gap between income and expenses. All team members benefit from fundraising events. The two mandatory fundraisers are 1) Swim-a-thon in March 2018 and 2) TBD in second half of 2018. All swimmers are required to raise \$150 for Swim-a-Thon (1st swimmer, additional swimmers per family are \$75). There is a \$250 buyout option if families do not wish to participate.
- **Mandatory Biannual Parent Meetings** (September and April) - At least one parent of each swim team family is required to attend each meeting. There is a \$50.00 no show fee for missing the meeting. New parents have a 30 day reprieve from Parents’ Club and fundraising obligations but need to attend the parent meetings.
- **Changes in Membership Status** - Parents must give 30-days advance written notice if their swimmer(s) will take a leave of absence or resign from the team. Complete the Leave of Absence/Membership Discontinuation form (log in to the team website and go to >Parents>Forms) and send it via email to the Head Coach and Treasurer (email addresses on the form). Leave of absence may be as long as 3 months. If the leave of absence is longer than 3 months, a reactivation fee of \$35 will be charged when returning to the team. There will be no refunds for dues paid in advance if the swimmer does not attend practices until the end of the 30 day notice period. **Families on Leave of Absence from the team are still responsible for fulfilling Parent Club duties, fundraising requirements and attending the biannual parent meetings. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the buyout fees being charged.**

**Dues/Fees:**

Annual membership fee	\$150.00 (includes USA Swimming Registration Fee)			
Reactivation Fee	\$35 (if swimmer is on leave longer than 3 months)			
Monthly or Quarterly payments (Jan-Mar, Apr- June, July- Sept, Oct-Dec)  <i>We offer a reduced fee for families that have 3+ competitive swimmers on the team (3<sup>rd</sup>+ swimmers \$45 each per month.)</i>	Group:	Monthly:	Quarterly:	Equipment:
	F1	\$65	\$180	Fins, kick board, water bottle
	F2	\$90	\$255	Fins, kick board, snorkel, water bottle, hand paddles, pull buoy
	F3	\$90	\$255	Fins, kick board, snorkel, water bottle, hand paddles, pull buoy
	F4	\$110	\$315	Fins, kick board, snorkel, water bottle, hand paddles, pull buoy
	F5	\$115	\$330	Fins, kick board, snorkel, water bottle, hand paddles, pull buoy

- Dues are payable at the beginning of the month/quarter. A late fee of \$15 will be added if received after the 27th of the month.
- Dues WILL NOT be refunded for swimmers who leave the Tornadoes Swim Team.
- When billed in advance meet fees are to be paid in full prior to the meet, otherwise swimmers will be held out of the next swim meet.

- Please write checks payable to the **Tornadoes Swim Team** and mailed to P.O. Box 61607, Vancouver, WA 98666. Checks can be mailed in or placed in the drop box at the YMCA. You can also set up a credit/debit card or ACH payment on your account by logging in to the website and going to >My Account>Set up auto pay.
- If a swim account becomes more than 90 days past due your swimmer(s) will not be allowed to participate in swim meets until your account balance is paid or a payment plan is set up.
- YMCA membership is required for swimmer(s). The rate is \$10 per month per swimmer billed by Clark County Family YMCA (Family rate is \$67/month and there is no sign up fee). The rate is only valid for current team swimmer(s). All YMCA policies apply to swimmer(s) and family.

**Swim meets:**

- The team participates, on average, in 2 swim meets monthly. Meets are not mandatory but highly encouraged for all.
- The team does not have an automatic sign up policy. You will need to log in and declare if your swimmer would like to attend a meet. While signing up please make note if the swimmer can only do certain days of the meet or you have a special request for the coaches. This needs to be completed prior to the announced meet sign-up deadline.
- Meet fees are determined by the hosting team. Meet information will be posted on our website as soon as it is available and will contain information on the meet fees they charge. The Tornadoes will charge an additional \$10 per family for all local swim meets and \$20 per family for all travel swim meets (travel meets are those more than 2 hours away). These fees help offset the cost of travel expenses for coaches (mileage, food, hotel costs).
- Absences at meets due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. funerals, last minute illnesses, etc.) will be considered excused absences only if the swimmer’s family contacts the Coach via cell phone prior to the start of the meet. Coach Sophia’s cell phone # is: (360)609-1030, Coach Megan’s cell phone (503)504-4062. If you do not notify a coach that your swimmer will not be there, a \$10 fee will be charged to your account in addition to the meet fee. If your swimmer’s absence causes a scratch of a relay, you will be responsible for the meet fees charged to the other swimmers for that relay.

**Communication/Resources:**

- Team communication occurs primarily through e-mail. Please make sure you are receiving emails and read them to get important information.
- For other up to date information, please check the team’s website at [www.tornadoesswim.org](http://www.tornadoesswim.org). Each account has a user login that will allow you into the special “members section.” In this area, you will find detailed information about being a member on the Tornadoes Swim Team.

**My signature acknowledges that I have read and agree to adhere to the rules and requirements in this agreement while my swimmer is a member of the Tornadoes Swim Team.**

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Signature

Print Name

Date

Print Swimmer(s) Names:

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*\*An electronic copy of this agreement can be found on the Tornadoes Website at [www.tornadoesswim.org](http://www.tornadoesswim.org)*