



Dear SCSC Swim Families,

Thank you for choosing SCSC as your home for competitive swimming! Planning is well underway for the 2020-2021 season, and there are many exciting developments.

- We have restructured our groups to create a simpler process and to better take advantage of our lane space.
- We have merged with the NC MOCs to provide better opportunities for all our athletes.
- The goals for our student athletes remain the same. We want our swimmers to learn competitive swimming skills that *promote lifelong enjoyment* and *provide a pathway to excellence* in the sport of swimming. We want to shape your young athletes into healthy, exceptional young adults who are also excellent swimmers...even some of the best swimmers one day.

Please read carefully through this entire letter so you are familiar with all the information.

**Important administrative dates:**

August 6-15	Registration is open for currently registered families. Annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of the registration process.
August 16	Registration opens for suspended accounts (swimmers) from 2017-2019 season and new members. Annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of the registration process.
September 1	Monthly billing begins for 2020-21 active swimmers.

**Whom to contact with registration questions:**

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**To begin registration: Click System>Start Registration in the right-side banner on the homepage of the website.**

**Team Structure for 2020 - 2021**

Based on feedback over the last few years, SCSC restructured to better take advantage of lane space and to eliminate some of the challenges surrounding the large number of groups. The information below reviews the 2020 -2021 structure of the SCSC competitive program, the purpose of each division, and the role of the coaches who lead those divisions. The SCSC competitive program has recently been restructured down to four Divisions: Mini (age 10 & under); Age Group (age 8 - 12); Junior (ages 12 - 15); Senior (age Freshmen & over). Each division has a specific purpose and an assigned division leader.

• **Mini Division Purpose: Active Start & FUNdamentals**

The Mini division’s focus is to establish a strong foundation of skills and techniques in a fun environment that encourages continued participation in the sport. Athletes and parents are introduced to competitive meets with a family-friendly atmosphere. Our Mini Gators will be led towards the IM Tough events (IM Tough is a program established by the SC LSC that encourages participation in all strokes).

• **Age Group Division Purpose: Build on FUNdamentals & Learn to practice**

The Age Group division’s focus is building on the strong foundation of skills and techniques taught in the Mini Division while maintaining a fun environment that encourages long term participation. As swimmers move through the Age Group Division, they will build on the fundamental skills and techniques taught in order to progress to an advanced level of learning that requires implementing specific skills in practice sets. Establishing good habits in a practice-setting translates to better performances at meets, as well as long-term development in the sport of swimming. Athletes and parents continue to participate in competitive meets with a family-friendly atmosphere. Age Group division athletes will be led toward IMR events (the IMX program established by USA Swimming to promote and reward versatility in age group swimming). Swimmers may have opportunities to qualify for state or sectional level competitions.



**Junior Division Purpose: Learn to Practice & Train to Compete**

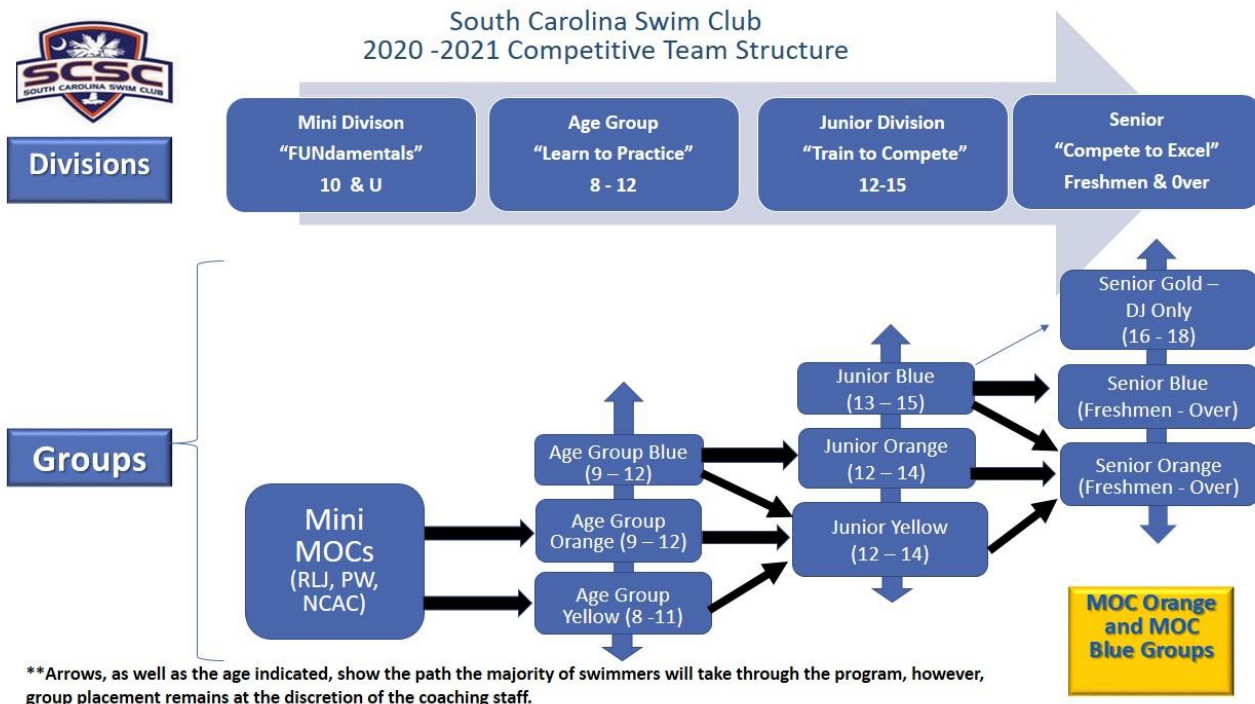
In the Junior division, SCSC athletes' focus broadens substantially. Swimmers learn about the effect their decisions and behavior outside of the pool has on their performance in the pool. Athletes continue to build on good practice habits with progressive skills, drills, and a variety of techniques, working to challenge themselves and prepare for the senior level. Junior division swimmers compete at the local, state, regional, and possibly national level. They begin to see a glimpse of their future swimming experiences by competing at the highest level meet for which they qualify.

**Senior Division Purpose: Compete to excel**

In the Senior division, SCSC athletes continue to learn and be taught progressively, but emphasis is placed on taking ownership of their individual goals and the path to achievement. Senior division swimmers compete at the local, state, regional, and possibly national level. Competing at the highest level meet for which they are qualified is a priority. Swimmers will be introduced to collegiate opportunities, mentored through goal-setting, and encouraged to be positive role models for the younger age group swimmers.

**MOC Groups: Flexibility to pursue other activities & sports but remain competitive in swimming**

The MOC groups are designed to provide a flexible alternative for children who are participating in multiple sports or activities but wish to remain competitive in the sport of swimming. Those who register will have more flexibility and a lower cost option. Swimmers may register for the Flex membership option if they plan to participate in 2 non-championship meets or less. If they plan to participate in more than 2 meets or if they plan to participate in a championship meet then they will need to do a full registration. If your swimmer is 12 years and younger, they have the opportunity to move from their current group into a MOC Group during the season that his or her sport or activity is in play to take advantage of the more flexible schedule and the lower cost option. Once that season ends and he/she can make a higher number of practices, they can resume with their assigned group.



An explanation regarding the levels within each Division:

At SCSC we believe in encouraging each swimmer's long-term development by providing an opportunity to develop their abilities across the physical, technical, tactical, and mental realms, for the competitive level appropriate to their age and



*"Igniting student-athletes to grow, to live with passion and to lead through discipline, effort and positive attitudes"*

skill. The levels within each division allow for every swimmer, regardless of current ability, to find a spot to be challenged and grow as a swimmer.

**2020 - 2021 Registration Fees and Monthly Dues**

Practice Group	Registration Fee* (per swimmer)	Monthly Dues* (per swimmer)
Mini MOCs (all locations)	\$350	\$70
Age Group Yellow	\$350	\$80
Age Group Orange	\$350	\$90
Age Group Blue	\$350	\$110
Junior Yellow	\$350	\$110
Junior Orange	\$350	\$165
Junior Blue	\$350	\$180
Senior Orange	\$350	\$165
Senior Blue	\$350	\$210
Senior Gold	\$350	\$225
<b>Multi-sport Group Options</b>		
MOC Orange (11&U)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$350 for full membership if swimmer plans to compete in 3 or more meets.</li> <li>\$150 for Flex membership if swimmer plans to compete in 2 or less meets.</li> </ul>	\$45
MOC Blue (12&O)		\$50
<p>Discounts and fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers of active-duty service members qualify for a discounted registration fee with proper military ID. Please contact Robin Adams at <a href="mailto:admin@swimscsc.com">admin@swimscsc.com</a>, if your swimmer qualifies for this discount.</li> <li>In an effort to mitigate bankcard processing fees which were in excess of \$20,000 in previous seasons, SCSC encourages all families to set up payment through a secure direct draft of a valid checking or savings account, via the Automated Clearing House (ACH). For the 2020 – 2021 season, all bankcard payments (credit and debit cards) for monthly dues and fees will be subject to a 3% processing fee. There are no fees or surcharges associated with ACH payments.</li> <li>When registering your child(ren), a valid bankcard is required, as the registration platform does not currently accept bank drafts. There will be NO 3% surcharge on fees for registration. **</li> </ul>		

**What does the annual registration fee pay for?**

- The annual registration fee includes USA Swimming and South Carolina Swimming (LSC) annual membership, 3 team T-shirts, a team swim cap, required insurance coverage for your swimmer, programming and administrative fees.
- Our Gator Group swimmers are eligible for Flex membership. Those Gator Group Swimmers who chose Flex membership can only compete in 2 or less meets during the year and will receive 1 team T-shirt and a team cap. In addition, the Flex registration fee also includes required insurance coverage for your swimmer, programming and administrative fees.
- The annual registration fee is not refundable.



### What do the monthly dues pay for?

- The monthly dues pay for expenses incurred by the competitive team, including coaches' salaries, pool rental and maintenance fees, lifeguards, and safety equipment. Monthly dues do not include fees for meets and events, practice equipment, or other related charges for participating in SCSC member activities.

### When do payments begin?

- Monthly dues will be charged to active accounts on the first of each month beginning September 1.
- Additional fees will also be billed the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, such as event participation fees, additional costs for practice equipment, or travel costs, for expenses incurred the previous month.
- For the 2020 - 2021 season, all bankcard payments for monthly dues and fees will be subject to a 3% processing fee. SCSC encourages all families to set up payment through ACH or bank draft, directly from a checking or savings account, to avoid this surcharge.

### What if my swimmer withdraws from the program?

- You must notify both your swimmer's coach and accounting at [admin@swimscsc.com](mailto:admin@swimscsc.com) that you are withdrawing. **A 30-day written notice is required before billing will be suspended.**
- Additional fees and obligations may be incurred. Please review requirements for fundraising and volunteering.
- Please be aware that suspending membership may result in loss of roster position.

### Pool Locations are designated as follows:

#### Mount Pleasant Pools

PW – Park West Center on 1251 Park West Blvd

RLJ – R. L. Jones Center on 391 Egypt Road

#### North Charleston Pool

DJ – Danny Jones on 1455 Monitor Street, North Charleston near Park Circle

### Fundraising and Volunteering

#### Fundraising Requirements

- There is a \$100 yearly fundraising requirement per swimmer for all Age Group, Junior and Senior Division swimmers. There is a \$50 yearly fundraising requirement per swimmer for all Mini Division swimmers. For example, if a family has one active swimmer in the Age Group, Junior or Senior Division, the fundraising requirement is \$100. Families with two active swimmers in the Age Group, Junior and Senior Divisions are required to raise \$200, and so on.
- Fundraising monies should be raised prior to March 31, 2021. Shortfalls will be billed April 1, 2021.
- If your swimmer leaves the team prior to November 1, 2020 you will be responsible for the fundraising requirement. If your swimmer leaves the team between November 2, 2020 through March 31, 2021 or if you have not completed all fundraising requirements, your account will be assessed the unearned amount upon withdrawal. All unearned fundraising monies must be paid before your swimmer(s) will be allowed to re-register for the new swim season. The Parent Board will consider extenuating circumstances prior to assessing any shortfalls.
- The Fundraising Committee will offer several opportunities and events throughout the year to help swimmers reach the required minimum. These events will be announced beforehand and will include an announcement regarding specific items that will be purchased with fundraising dollars and how these items benefit swimmers and the future of the program.
- The Fundraising Committee will offer additional opportunities throughout the year, such as corporate sponsorships, in order to help swimmers raise the required minimum.

#### Volunteer Requirements

- SCSC is a volunteer-driven organization, and volunteers are critical to the success of our team. Families of Age Group, Junior, and Senior level swimmers are required to participate through a minimum level of volunteer points.



The commitment for each Age Group, Junior, and Senior family is to earn a minimum of 5 volunteer points during the short course season.

- Volunteer points can be earned by actively participating in SCSC-sanctioned events, including but not limited to meets, concessions, holiday training activities, team fundraisers, group team parent, committee participation, etc. One volunteer session typically equals one volunteer point and typically represents 3-4 hours of service. Other activities may qualify for volunteer points throughout the season. Opportunities will be posted on the website or communicated by email.
- For 2020-21, SCSC will host at least 5 home meets plus several fundraising events, giving families several opportunities to earn volunteer points. Should the team be unable to hold these events due to Covid-19, the board will re-assess the number of required volunteer points.
- **New for 2020-21: In order to volunteer and earn volunteer points, you must have completed the Safe Sport for Parents Requirement. [Click here](#) to read more about Safe Sport and [click here](#) to take the short Safe Sport for Parent's course (register as a non-member).** Any questions on Safe Sport, please contact Laurie Morrin at [SCSCmanager@swimscsc.com](mailto:SCSCmanager@swimscsc.com).
- If your swimmer leaves the team prior to prior to November 1, 2020, you will be responsible for 1 volunteer point. If your swimmer leaves the team from November 2, 2020 through March 31, 2021 or if you have not completed all volunteer points, your account will be assessed \$50/uneared point. All unearned volunteer points must be paid before your swimmer(s) will be allowed to re-register for the new swim season. The Parent Board will consider extenuating circumstances prior to assessing any fees for unearned points.

#### Safe Sport Requirement

South Carolina Swim Club is proud to be a USA Swimming recognized Safe Sport Team. SCSC, together with USA Swimming, is committed to raising awareness about prevention of abuse in the sport. We believe that all swimmers should enjoy a fun, healthy, safe environment in the sport of swimming. USA Swimming has developed a program called Safe Sport which helps to educate swimmers and parents to:

- Understand the scope and effects of abuse in sport
- Recognize the signs of grooming behavior and boundary violations
- Understand how to establish boundaries and protect against false allegations
- Know how to react and report when you suspect abuse

This is an important topic and one that SCSC believes all benefit from learning about. With this in mind, SCSC is requiring all parents to participate in the Safe Sport Training for Parents. In addition, in order to volunteer to earn your volunteer points, you must be Safe Sport certified. You can learn more about the Safe Sport program by [clicking here](#). To participate in the short, 30 minute course, please [click here](#) (register as a non-member). If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Morrin at [scscmanager@swimscsc.com](mailto:scscmanager@swimscsc.com)

#### Dues/Payment Policies

- Parent or guardian agrees to pay the 2020 - 2021 monthly dues pertaining to each swimmer's practice level.
- Monthly payment is due on the first day of each month and is paid through Team Unify's online autopay system. Monthly dues are payable in advance.
- If the monthly dues payment is not received in full by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, a late fee of \$25 per month will be assessed to the family's account. Accounts with payments past 30 days due will not be able to participate in competitions. Accounts past 60 days due will not be able to participate in practices until account is brought up to date.
- Families must have an active checking or savings account or a valid Visa, MasterCard or Discover on file in the Team Unify system. Failure to maintain valid payment information can result in failed payments and late fees.
- All bankcard payments will be subject to 3% processing fee. There are no fees or surcharges associated with ACH payments.
- If a swimmer is transferred to a different practice group by the coaching staff, the monthly dues shall be adjusted to that of the swimmer's new group. The coaching staff determines all group placements at SCSC.
- Monthly dues do not include event participation fees, additional costs for practice equipment, or travel costs. These are invoiced during the month in which the event or purchase takes place and billed the first of the following month.



## **Team Policies and Agreements**

### Volunteer Requirement Agreement

- As a parent of a SCSC member, I agree to complete the required number of volunteer points for the short course season by March 31, 2021 or pay \$50 per unearned volunteer point which will be assessed to my account.
- I acknowledge that in order to volunteer and earn my volunteer points, I must complete the [Safe Sport for Parents course](#).
- I acknowledge that any exceptions to the above requirements must be submitted and approved by the Parent Board.
- I agree to pay the assessments of \$50 per unearned volunteer point for failure to participate as listed above.
- I agree that I am subject to pay any and all outstanding assessments in order to rejoin SCSC after an absence from the team.

### Team Policies

- As a parent of a SCSC member I agree to and I agree both athlete & parent have read and understand the following policies & waivers, available at [www.swimscsc.com](http://www.swimscsc.com) in the documents section:
  - [SCSC Code of Conduct / Team Travel Policies](#)
  - [Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policies](#)
  - [SCSC Parent Code of Conduct](#)
  - [SCSC Anti-bullying Policies](#)
  - [SCSC Safe Sport Policies](#)
- Violations of team policies posted on the website may result in suspension or termination of membership at SCSC. These policies and releases have been created to ensure the safety of SCSC members and staff and promote the betterment of SCSC as an organization.

### Liability, Medical Release, Team Travel Waiver

- I hereby acknowledge that my child(ren) is/are physically fit and capable of participation in all swim team activities.
- I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for my child(ren). I hereby give my permission for any employee, coach, director, parent chaperone, and volunteer associated with the SCSC to seek and give appropriate medical attention for my child(ren) in the event of accident, injury, or illness. I will be responsible for any and all costs associated with any necessary medical attention and/or treatment. Permission is hereby granted for the attending physician and/or hospital at the discretion of the coaches or chaperones of SCSC to perform whatever care is necessary for the welfare of my child until such time as you are able to reach me personally.
- I hereby waive, release and forever discharge SCSC and any employee, coach, director, parent chaperone, and volunteer from all rights and claims for damages, injury, loss to person or property which may be sustained or occur during participation in SCSC activities, including training sessions and/or team travel activities, whether or not damages or loss is due to negligence.
- I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned organizations and/or individuals, their agents and/or employees, against any and all liability for personal injury, including injuries resulting in death to me, my child(ren) and/or other family members, or damage to my property, the property to my child(ren) and/or other family members, or both, while I (or my child(ren) or family members) participating in the SCSC.

### SCSC Photography Policies:

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sports. While the great majority of images are appropriate and are taken in good faith, it is a fact that images can be misused and children can be put at risk if common-sense procedures are not observed.

The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions ("publication") will only be done with parents' consent. A parent or guardian has a right of refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of



refusal cannot be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Therefore, any photo that may go to press or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should receive parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. **A consent form will be sent out to all registered swimmers and families during the first week of practice.**

In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in your meet information. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. Their right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention.

All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots will be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualized image in a sporting context.
- Action shots will not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimsuit.
- Photographs will not be taken from behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit a child climbing out of the swimming pool.
- Photographs will not be taken in locker-rooms or bathrooms.