



Dear SCSC Swim Families,

Thank you for choosing SCSC as your home for competitive swimming. During the 2020-2021 season, there were exciting developments for the team that are opening up new opportunities and avenues of growth for the program. Partnering with the City of North Charleston, the NCAC facility has given us a foothold in the north and will help us reach more families in a new area. In addition, the facility has enabled us to host large home meets, servicing the southeast region of the United States, and we look forward to hosting many more this coming season. SCSC also hired Head Coach Eric Lane ([Link to Bio](#)) to lead the team to new horizons and help the program actualize its tremendous potential.

With these two developments, some changes have been made to team structure and the registration process. Coach Eric is confident that the structural adaptations will help streamline our multi-site team and yield immediate gains in athlete development and performance at every level.

Please read through this registration information carefully. Completing the online registration is the only way to secure your placement on the competitive team for the 2021-2022 season. Completion of registration indicates your agreement to annual dues, meet and event charges, service requirements, and the fundraising program. It also indicates athlete and parent agreement with team policies and procedures. Payment of the annual registration fee(s) is necessary to complete your registration process.

Thank you for choosing SCSC as your home for competitive swimming, we are looking forward to the upcoming season and having your family be a part of it.

**Whom to contact with registration questions:**

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**To register:**

From the SCSC [website homepage](#): Look for the Mount Pleasant or North Charleston button in the middle of the page and click the appropriate location to start your registration.

**Important dates:**

- August 9-15 Registration is open to currently registered and active families. Annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of the registration process
- August 16: Registration opens for all new members as well as suspended accounts from previous seasons. Annual registration fee(s) will be charged upon completion of the registration process.
- September 1 - May 1: Monthly dues are billed on the 1st of each month
- September 7: First day of SCSC team practices



### **Team Structure:**

SCSC has 4 divisions that the swimmers are placed in. These divisions are primarily based on the competitive age of the athlete at their end of season meet. In some cases, primarily in 8th and 9th grade, athletes may be placed based on their year in school to group athletes that overlap academically and socially. Each division will be led by a Division Lead Coach who will coordinate one or more staff coaches to design and administer practices to fit the needs of the swimmers. This structure allows fluidity and flexibility within a division to ensure each athlete is pushed both in their areas of strengths and weaknesses.

In every division, the development of positive and strong character traits is at the core of everything we do. Swimming is used as a vehicle to teach athletes how to be respectful, accountable, set goals, overcome challenges, and realize the benefits of making good decisions in a long-term process. The byproduct of athletes making strategic and sound decisions is achieving their dreams, whether in the water or out.

### **Mini-Moc Division: FUNdamentals**

<b>Training Group</b>	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Orange</b>
Competition Age	8 and Under	9-10
Practices offered per week	3	3

The mini-moc division's focus is establishing a strong foundation of practice skills and terminology in a fun, structured environment. The curriculum emphasizes the building blocks to each Olympic stroke that the swimmer will build upon throughout their swimming career. The Mini Mocs will focus on being well-rounded swimmers, competing in all four strokes to expand the number of avenues of development and success, and using competition as a way to measure improvement. Every swimmer will be prepared and encouraged to compete in the scheduled competitions.

### **Age Group Division: Learn to practice, Learn to Train**

<b>Training Group</b>	<b>Blue</b>
Competition Age	11-12
Practices offered per week	4

The age group division focuses on expanding the breadth of skills and language around swim training in an engaging environment and encourages long-term participation in swimming. "Learning to Train" is a critical piece to the career of the athlete as it sets swimmers up for a steady, uphill trajectory toward more advanced levels of swimming. Age Group practices will be technique-driven, and swimmers will continue to compete in the 4 Olympic strokes, building their proficiency and competitiveness in the individual medley (IM). Focusing on the IM allows



swimmers the most versatility as they progress through their careers, creating the foundation to achieve their true potential. Athletes will be encouraged to compete in the scheduled competitions as a measurement of improvement and growth as a swimmer.

### Junior Division: Train to Compete

Training Group	Blue	Orange
Competition Age	13-14	13-14
Practices offered per week Sept 7 - Oct 9	5	5
Practices offered per week Oct 9 - July 31	6	7

In the junior division, practice design tests the skills and habits through training sets designed to push the athletes mentally and physically. Training will have a learning focus; however, the athlete's knowledge, self-discipline, and proficiency are tested by the intensity and duration of specific sets. Coaches guide athletes to set both process and outcome goals and use individualized objective data to help each athlete achieve them. Junior division athletes compete at the local, state, regional, and even national levels depending on the swimmer's performance ability. The exposure to higher-level meets enables the swimmers to understand what the spectrum of competition will look like in their future.

### Senior Division: Compete to Excel

Training Group	Blue	Orange	Gold
Competition Age	High School Students	High School Students	High School Students
Practices offered per week Sept 7 - Oct 9	5	6	6
Practices offered per week Oct 9 - July 31	6	7	8

Senior division athletes continue to learn and hone their mental and physical skill sets, while coaches lead athletes to take ownership of their sport. Ownership is a critical piece for athletes to achieve their true potential in and out of the water; it is also the pathway to experiencing fulfillment, achievement, and success. Prioritizing competition at the highest level meet the athlete is qualified for, senior division athletes compete at the local, state, regional, and national level. Swimmers are introduced to collegiate opportunities and guided through the recruitment process.



## 2021-2022 Registration Fees and Monthly Dues

Practice Group	Registration Fee (per swimmer)	Monthly Dues (per swimmer; billed Sept 1 - May1)
Mini Moc Blue	\$350	\$85
Mini Moc Orange	\$350	\$90
Age Group	\$350	\$135
Junior Blue	\$350	\$200
Junior Orange	\$350	\$220
Senior Blue	\$350	\$200
Senior Orange	\$350	\$255
Senior Gold	\$350	\$275

### Discounts and fees:

- Swimmers of active-duty service members qualify for a discounted registration fee with proper military ID. Please contact Robin Adams at [admin@swimscsc.com](mailto:admin@swimscsc.com), if your swimmer qualifies for this discount.
- 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 2021 – 2022 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.
- When registering your child(ren), a valid bank card is required, as the registration platform does not currently accept bank drafts. There will be NO 3% surcharge on fees for registration.

### 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 latex team swim cap, 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 from September 1 through May 1. Although June and July will not have dues charged to accounts, programming will run as scheduled through the end of the Long Course season.
- Additional fees will also be billed the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, such as event participation fees, swim caps, or travel costs, for expenses incurred the previous month.
- For the 2021 - 2022 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. Click here for the [Withdrawal Form](#)**
- 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.

#### **Dues/Payment Policies**

- Parent or guardian agrees to pay the 2021 - 2022 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 the 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 a 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.

#### **Pool Locations are designated as follows:**

##### Mount Pleasant Registrants

PW – Park West Center: 1251 Park West Blvd

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

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



## North Charleston Registrants

NCAC - North Charleston Aquatic Center: 8610 Patriot Blvd

## **Fundraising and Volunteering**

### Fundraising Requirements

The SCSC fundraising program is a way for member families to support critical expenses that are beyond the operational budget of the club. The 2021-2022 fundraising program will support the following expenses:

- Coach education and development.
- Financial Aid and outreach programs.
- Any remaining balance will be used for capital improvements for long term growth.
- 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.
- The main fundraising opportunities include Swim-A-Thon and community/business sponsorships. In addition, member families can bring forward other ideas that they want to lead. If you are excited about an opportunity that can contribute towards fundraising, or have questions, please contact [sponsorship@swimscsc.com](mailto:sponsorship@swimscsc.com)
- Fundraising monies should be raised prior to November 15, 2021. Shortfalls will be billed December 1, 2021.
- If your swimmer leaves the team prior to November 1, 2021 you will not be responsible for the fundraising requirement. If your swimmer leaves the team after November 2, 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.

### 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, 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 2021-2022, SCSC will host at least 10 home meets plus several team events, giving families several opportunities to earn volunteer points. Should the team be unable to hold these events due to variables outside of our control (ie COVID) the board will re-assess the number of required volunteer points.



- **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, 2021, you will be responsible for 1 volunteer point. If your swimmer leaves the team from November 2, 2021 through May 31, 2022 or if you have not completed all volunteer points, your account will be assessed \$75 per unearned point.
- It is SCSC's strong preference that families and members volunteer to earn the required amount of points per account. In cases that all points are not earned, your account will be charged \$75 per unearned 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, each volunteer must be Safe Sport certified. 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)

### **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 May 31, 2022 or pay \$75 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 in writing and approved by the Parent Board.
- 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

I hereby authorize SCSC to use photographs and/or video of me, my child(ren), and/or my property and authorize the club and its assignees, licensees, legal representatives and transferees to use and to publish (with or without my name, child/children name(s), company name, or with a fictitious name) photographs, pictures, portraits or images herein described in any and all forms of media and in all manners including composite images or distorted representations and for the purposes of publicity, illustration, commercial art, advertising, publishing (including publishing in electronic form or internet websites), for any product or services, or other lawful uses as may be determined by SCSC for as long a time period as SCSC determines the usage thereof is necessary. I further waive any and all rights to review or approve any uses of the images, any written copy or finished product.

**If you wish to have your swimmer not photographed for the team website and**





**social media, and you wish not to have their names announced at meets, please contact Laurie Morrin at [scscmanager@swimscsc.com](mailto:scscmanager@swimscsc.com) for additional documentation.**

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.