

9. REGISTRATION, FEES and DUES

9.1 Registration and Fees

USA Swimming (USAS) and Southern California Swimming (SCS) registration fees are required for each swimmer. New registrants must provide a certified copy of the swimmers birth certificate with the form. For 2019 there are 3 options for USA Swimming (SCS) Registration. **(1) YEAR ROUND Membership: \$70 for unlimited meets per calendar year (2) FLEX Membership: \$20 required registration for a maximum of 2 meets per swimmer, per calendar year. (3) OUTREACH Membership: \$7 (Must be on school lunch program and provide a copy of the letter from the school stating so).**

Registration is held each year beginning on September 1st by STAR AQUATICS. New members pay upon registration before joining the team. Failure to pay these fees will prevent the swimmer from entering sanctioned meets. These fees also cover STAR AQUATICS' liability insurance through USAS so swimmers will not be permitted to participate in practice or club events until these fees are paid.

STAR AQUATICS non-refundable registration fees are required annually starting January 1st. Annual Membership Fee \$130.00

Registration fees help to offset the team's fixed costs such as the USA-S/SCS team membership fee, California Department of Justice registration fee, coach registration fees, website contract, etc. The 2016 total annual registration fees are **\$130.00** per family (see "immediate family member" in section 9.3) and are due to **STAR AQUATICS** on January 1st each year or the first day of practice, which ever occurs first. New registrations are taken any time of the year. Annual fees for the current year will be reduced for new registrations starting after August 31st through December 31st of the current year.

	Annual Fee
July-Aug.	\$ 75.00
Sept.-Oct.	\$ 60.00
Nov.-Dec.	\$ 130.00 (covers next year)

Re-Activation Fee

When a swimmer leaves for more than one month a fee of \$25.00 will be required to re enter the swimmer back into our team roster. There may be exceptions, such as medical reasons are at the discretion of the board.

9.2 New Membership

STAR Aquatics is a year-round (52 week) swim team and accepts swimmers ages 4 to 18 years. Swimmers over the age of 18 are contingent on the specific approval of the Head Coach only. The swimmer must be capable of swimming one full length of the pool, 25 yards, using any stroke. Try-outs are available to prospective members via email. Registrar must be contacted to schedule a tryout appointment. The try-out period is for five consecutive practice sessions. A coach will evaluate the swimmer and place the swimmer in an appropriate swim group. If a swimmer has never been a member of USA Swimming, no fees are required for the try-out period. If a swimmer has previously been a member of USAS and cannot show a valid registration card the USA Swimming registration form and fees must be deposited with STAR Aquatics prior to the try-out, these will be returned if the swimmer declines to continue. At the conclusion of the try-out period the swimmer must pay all fees and dues prior to continuing. Once committed, no refunds will be made of any fees or dues. Forms are available on website.

9.3 Monthly Dues

The following represents the STAR AQUATICS training groups and the associated **monthly** dues schedule (Effective January 1, 2019):

TVHS Groups	Monthly	Quarterly	Family Cap	Qtly Family Cap
Shooting STAR	\$85	\$240	\$205	\$600
Shining STAR	\$95	\$270	\$205	\$600
Rising STAR	\$105	\$300	\$205	\$600
Glowing STAR Group currently not available	\$115	\$330	\$205	\$600
Junior STAR	\$120	\$345	\$205	\$600
Senior STAR	\$125	\$360	\$205	\$600

HHS Group	Monthly	Quarterly	Family Cap	Qtly Fam Cap
Shooting STAR	\$70	\$195	\$180	\$510
Rising STAR	\$75	\$210	\$180	\$510
Glowing STAR	\$85	\$240	\$180	\$510
Senior STAR	\$90	\$255	\$180	\$510

Dues payments are utilized to pay the clubs ongoing operational costs such as local pool rental fees and coach payroll.

STAR AQUATICS provides a dues discount for additional “immediate family members”*, age 18 and younger and a family dues cap. For 2019 the family dues cap is \$220.00. A discount of \$5.00 applies to each additional immediate family members. **Charter Schools Members do not get sibling discount or Family Cap benefits due to the additional work in billing these types of accounts.**

*An “**immediate family member**” is defined for STAR AQUATICS dues and registration purposes as one who is age **18 or younger**, resides at the same address and is a sister, brother, child; including step and foster relationships. “Immediate family member” does not include aunt, uncle, cousin, neighbor or other relative OR any family member over the age of 18.

Dues payments are due on the 1st and late on the 11th of each month. All payments; dues, meet fees, apparel, etc. received after the 10th will incur a \$25.00 late charge.

Payments can be made one of the following three ways only:

- **By Credit Card online (\$2.50 charge per transaction)**
- **Deck payment**
- **Venmo @STAR-Aquatics**
- **Mailed with a postmark prior to the 1st of each month to:**

STAR Aquatics

PO Box 892714

Temecula, CA 92589-2714

Checks returned (bounced) will incur additional charges. STAR AQUATICS must be reimbursed for charges that the club's financial institution levies against the club's account and a \$25.00 late fee will apply if the returned check results in a valid payment received after the 10th of the month. At the discretion of STAR Aquatics, returned checks may be filed with the Riverside County District Attorney's Bad Check Program if not paid promptly.

9.4. Special Program Membership

STAR Aquatics may provide, at STAR Aquatic's sole discretion, a lap swim for swimmers over age 18. The Annual fee and Web hosting fee shown in section 9.1 will not apply to swimmers in these programs if the swimmer is an immediate family member of an existing member and is over the age of 18. A separate dues schedule will be assigned for these programs. These programs are also contingent on available pool space and time as determined by the Head Coach.

9.5 Competition Entry Fees

For the purpose of competition in a swim meet, an athlete shall be a current member of USAS by STAR Aquatic's entry deadline for that meet.

Entry fees are charged by the host team for each swimmer (swimmer surcharge) and each event (event fee) a swimmer enters. Entry fees are set by Southern California Swimming (see the SCS Swim Guide) and vary based on the level of competition of the meet (i.e. B/R/W, Senior, Invitational, Junior Olympics). The fees are posted on the meet entry form posted on the Southern California Swimming web site and on the STAR Aquatics web site under the associated event listing. STAR Aquatics charges an additional fee to help offset the teams coaching expenses for swim meets. The fee is \$5.00 per swimmer per swim meet for Eastern Section swim meets and \$10.00 per swimmer per swim meet for all other meets. The parent or swimmer through the STAR Aquatics web site makes the meet entries. STAR Aquatics submits a single team entry and payment to the host team. All fees are charged to each member's account and are required to be paid to STAR Aquatics within 48 hours after STAR Aquatics' meet entry deadline or the entry will not be processed. Once the entry closes and is submitted to the host team the entry fees will not be refunded by STAR Aquatics or the host team. **There is no penalty for not attending the meet once the entry is submitted but the fees will not be refunded.**

9.6 Team Hosted Meets

Revenue from STAR Aquatics hosted swim meets constitutes a significant part of the operating budget; therefore the team requires the assistance of **all our families** to ensure a meet's success. Families with children on STAR Aquatics are required to volunteer at least two sessions per meet hosted by the team. **This participation in STAR home meets is required even if your swimmer is not competing in the meet.** A volunteer other than the parent (16 or older) may satisfy volunteer obligations, as long as the substitute can competently perform the volunteer task. Each family will be billed \$25.00 **one month** prior to the hosted meet to assist the team in startup expenses for the hosted meet.

9.7 Fund Raisers

As many of you know a big part of a non-profit organization's efforts are to raise funds through corporate contributions, donations and fund raising efforts by its members. These efforts and functions help to keep fees and dues rates as low as possible and to help provide opportunities for those young athletes that would not otherwise be in a position to participate without your help.