

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the cost per child swimming?** Our CAT USA pricing is \$60/month for Bronze, \$70/month for Silver B, \$90/month for Silver, and \$110/month for Gold. There is also a one time per year USA Swimming/CAT registration fee of \$110 renewing each August. For non-competitive swimmers, the USA Swimming/CAT registration fee is \$56 renewing each August. See [Swim Groups](#) for additional information on the different groups. We do offer a multi-child discount for 3 or more siblings. The discount is taken off your monthly fees automatically.
2. **What are the USA swim seasons?** Practice for short course season starts in August and runs through February. Practices for long course season start immediately following short course season and runs through July.
3. **Do parents need to stay during practice?** Most experienced swimmers are just dropped off but you are welcome to stay and watch practice. We ask that if you do watch practice, please do not interrupt the coach during practice.
4. **Can my swimmer miss swim practices for another sport or activity, such as church?** Of course! Come every day you can. Please also attend and enjoy every meet you can. It's fun for all.
5. **Is there a team swimsuit?** Yes. We have arranged special pricing for the team suits and it can be purchased online [here](#). This suit can also be worn for the summer team. Team swim caps can be purchased from the Team Rep. Contact the Team Rep using the Remind App.

6. **What equipment is needed for practice?** Each practice group has their own equipment requirements. Please see the [Equipment list](#) for these requirements.
7. **How many meets are there?** We generally choose one meet per month to attend during the short course and long course seasons. Some meets are local in Chattanooga but sometimes travel is required to locations within about a three hour radius of Cleveland. We would like every swimmer to attend at least two meets per season.
8. **How long are the meets?** Meets are generally 2-3 days long. Each day that your child swims during a meet requires around a 3-4 hour time commitment depending on the size of the meet and number of events that your child is swimming.
9. **How much does it cost to swim at the meets?** Cost will vary per meet but typically a meet costs about \$5/event plus a \$15 per swimmer fee. The fees can be automatically charged to your card on file at our secure website. The away meets will also require travel costs such as hotel stay.
10. **What do we take to meets?** Swimmers will need their team suit, cap, and goggles. It is recommended to bring several towels and warm clothes to wear between events. Most bring healthy snacks and water. Sometimes bringing your own chairs is also recommended.
11. **What is the inclement weather policy?** It is rare to cancel practice. Lightening/thunder may delay practice or meets occasionally. Sometimes snow/ice will cause practice to be canceled particularly if the local schools are closed early with after school



activities also canceled. Cancellations and delays are generally announced via text and the Remind App.

12. ***How do I sign up for the text alerts?*** Text one of the following codes to 81010 or download the Remind App: **@bronzeca** for the Bronze group, **@bsilverc** for the Silver B group, **@amypoo** for the Silver group and **@amypool** for the Gold group. The summer swim code is **@catswim18**

13. For answers to your CAT Summer Swim questions, please see the [FAQ at cat.swimtopia.com](http://cat.swimtopia.com).