

1. TTST Financial Policies

➤ *Registration Fee*

There is an annual \$175 registration fee for each TTST swimmers. All new and returning swimmers will be assessed the registration fee above on the date that they join or re-join TTST. Registration fees are good from when you register until the August break annually.

The head coach will maintain USA Swimming registration for all team members. Most of our annual registration fee goes to USA Swimming registration costs. Because of this requirement from USA Swimming, we do not pro-rate registration fees later in the annual swimming year. The swimming year is September 1st – August 31st. Early season is fall, mid-season is winter to early spring, and late season is spring to summer.

➤ *Monthly Dues*

Monthly dues are assessed in a graduated fee structure depending on training group assignment. Fees increase as swimmers advance and require more pool coaching time. Families pay dues monthly during the swim season through our team website www.truckeeswim.com account. Monthly dues can be set to auto charge on the 1st of every month.

Development levels train Monday to Thursday 2 x weekly.

10 Under Novice: \$155 per swimmer per month (2 x weekly for 45 minutes per session)

All Ages Novice-Regional: \$175 per swimmer per month (2 x weekly for 1hr per session)

Competitive levels train Monday to Friday 5 x weekly, Monday to Friday.

Pre-Senior: \$240 per swimmer per month (~ 1.5hr water time per session)

National & Senior: \$295 per swimmer per month (~ 2hr water time per session)

*Training days and times are approximate and are subject to change at the discretion of the head coach. Monthly dues are designed to meet a sustainable operation cost for our non-profit 501c3. Dues are not pro-rated or considered by day / session, or as lessons.

Any concerns can be mentioned during financial reports that are presented during monthly meetings held by the TTST Board of Directors. Open session meetings are open to membership. If you are interested in listening in on a meeting, please email ttstbod@truckeeswim.org that you will be attending the meeting.

Sibling Discounts

Families with more than one swimmer will receive a 10% discount on the less expensive swimmer(s).

➤ *Leave of Absence.*

If you want a month or months off dues simply email Cyrus cyrus@truckeeswim.org that you will be on leave before the 1st of the month the leave will begin. Your status will be changed to free leave.

➤ *Departing Members*

Tell Cyrus by email cyrus@truckeeswim.org that you will be ending your registration with TTST before the 1st of the month. Cyrus will cancel your membership with the team, and you will not receive any more communication. Please be aware that leave of absence keeps your registration active and departing ends your membership.

➤ *Visiting Swimmers*

Out of town vacation swimmers may swim with the team while they are here. They can pay monthly dues or have it prorated weekly for the period of their stay. These visitors must pay in full up to monthly rate while in Tahoe/Truckee. All out of town swimmers must show proof of current USA Swimming membership. Out of town swimmers can swim up to 2 weeks in a calendar year on a complimentary basis. If they want to swim longer than 2 weeks, they need to become a member of TTST and adhere to TTST annual fee and rules. Exceptions to this rule will be evaluated by the TTST Head Coach based on availability in a given swim group. All out of town swimmers must sign and agree to TTST's codes of conduct.

➤ *Returning TTST Swimmers from College*

Any returning TTST swimmer from college will need to complete a registration form and show proof that their USA swimming dues are current to be eligible to swim with the team. Returning College swimmers will be charged a flat fee of \$330 for the summer season.

Any returning swimmers aged 18 and older are required to take the USA Swim MAAPP online training class.

➤ *Injuries*

Any swimmer who is unable to participate in swim training due to a medically documented injury or illness will have the opportunity to temporarily suspend his/her membership. All requests for suspension due to illness or injury will be reviewed and approved by the head coach.

➤ ***TTST Payment Policy***

Prompt payment of fees and dues is essential for TTST to meet its financial obligations. Members who are delinquent (30 days or more) in paying dues may be suspended from practice and/or meet participation until the account is brought current. Your total amount billed by month may vary. Monthly charges include dues for all participating swimmers, swim meets, and team travel fees.

➤ ***Fundraising***

Fundraising is especially important to meet the financial obligations of our team and keep monthly dues down. Fundraising is automatically included in our monthly dues structure. If any member account raises at or more than \$150 annually during our 3 fundraising events, then that member will receive exactly \$150 team credit for each qualifying swimmer on their account. If you feel you have raised at least \$150 for fundraising and haven't seen the credit on your team account, please email cyrus@truckeeswim.com for help getting the credit. We appreciate and encourage participation in our 3 annual fundraising events to raise money for the team. These are listed below:

1. Fall 2022 Fun Fast 50's Meet
2. December Give Back Tahoe
3. June Raffle at 2023 Beat The Freeze Meet June 2-4, 2023

➤ ***TTST Scholarships***

The TTST Board of Directors has set a goal to offer our team some form of scholarship assistance. While the team has a limited budget allotted for scholarships, our Board is actively pursuing grant opportunities to help us increase the availability of scholarships. Additionally, we have allocated 5% of all fundraising dollars raised to scholarships.

Individual scholarships are determined by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis. An email-based letter to ttstbod@truckeeswim.org is required to submit a scholarship application.

All scholarship recipients are required to hold a volunteer position. The Board of Directors will work with each scholarship recipient's family to determine the volunteering requirement and deliverables.

Scholarships cover close to 75% of that individual swimmer's monthly dues.

Development Scholarship Level Dues

10 Under Novice: \$45 per swimmer per month (2 x weekly for ~45 minutes per session)

Novice-Regional: \$50 per swimmer per month (2 x weekly for ~1hr per session)

Competitive Scholarship Level Dues train Monday to Friday 5 x weekly.

Pre-Senior: \$65 per swimmer per month (~1.5hr water time per session)

National / Senior: \$80 per swimmer per month (~2hr water time per session)

Scholarship recipients need to:

- Attend 60% of practices.
- Fulfill volunteer requirements.
- Pay annual registration fee.
- Fulfill annual fundraising obligation.

To apply for a scholarship, please email ttstbod@truckeeswim.org a reason why a scholarship would help.

Scholarship applicant's accounts must be in good standing. Scholarships will not be considered for families who did not meet the terms of a previous scholarship. The Board of Directors will consider each application and the information submitted will be kept strictly confidential. Once the maximum number of annual scholarships has been awarded any remaining applicants will be placed on a waiting list until scholarships are available.

One thing to note is that our team can receive a high number of scholarship applications. Our Board tries to accommodate all requests as we want all swimmers regardless of financial means to have an opportunity. That said, the team does have a maximum scholarship allotment that was pre-determined several years ago. While the Board does approve most applications, it is important to understand that as further scholarship applications are received during the year, the board may need to revisit on existing policies and how scholarships are granted. That could result in a change down the line (especially as it pertains to families who have multiple swimmers on scholarship). I don't anticipate that an awarded scholarship will go away all together. Rather, the scholarship amount may scale back (in order to accommodate more scholarship applicants) or there could be a tiered scholarship approach (i.e. first swimmer within a family @ 75 %, 2nd swimmer @ 50 %, etc.). Should there be any change needed, we will inform any impacted swimmers / families with a 60-day written notice so that you can plan accordingly. Our hope is that will not be needed, and for now, we are happy to accommodate your scholarship request. Please let the TTST Board know if there any questions. ttstbod@truckeeswim.org