

Fees and Deposits Policies – 2011 / 2012

The fees and deposits consist of **Registration Fees** (a combination of Swim Fees and a Fundraising portion), a deposit to the **Meet Fee Account**, an **SNC / SO Registration Fee** and a **Family Participation Deposit**.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Swim fees cover pool rental, coaching fees and related costs for the swim year, commencing in September 2011 and continuing through to mid June 2012 following the Central Region Long Course Championships (or alternate meet). Swimmers meeting Provincial, Age Group Championship and/or National time standards can continue to train for competitions for which they qualify, usually scheduled in July.

Camps: The swim fees for the Winter and Spring Break Camps (when offered) are included in the Fees for all groups except Intro and Bronze 4, as the camps are considered part of the swim training.

Subscription to Swim News: A subscription to Swim News is included in the Annual Fees for each of the National, Gold 1, Gold 2 and Silver 1 groups.

Additional Costs: Swimmers are responsible for the costs of transportation, accommodation and living expenses for meets, regardless of location, and any out of town training camps. Out of town costs also include a share of the costs for the coaches and chaperones, and this will be applied to team travel events, even in cases where swimmers are not travelling and/or staying with the team.

Fundraising A portion of the registration fees is designated as the fundraising component, as this is the maximum amount that can be recouped through various fundraising programs throughout the year. For more details about fundraising and the fundraising portion of fees per group, please refer to the Fundraising Column under the Parent's Page Tab. Amounts raised in excess of the fundraising commitment of the swimmer will be retained by the Toronto Swim Club.

MEET FEES AND MEET FEE DEPOSIT:

Swimmers are entered in meets during the swim year in accordance with their group and qualifying times. Each club hosting a meet charges entry fees, which are usually between \$6 and \$9 per individual event. For some meets (usually regional or provincial level meets) there is also a surcharge of \$10. In addition, the Club levies a fixed fee of \$7.50 per swimmer to cover administrative costs and participation in relays. **These meet fee costs are the responsibility of the swimmer's family and you will be charged in accordance with the entries specific to your swimmer.** A meet fee deposit, specific to the group, is payable at registration to cover the estimated cost of entry into swim meets attended throughout the year. However, any positive balance in the meet fee account from the previous season will be rolled over and debited from the deposit required for the current swim season.

Additional Deposits, Negative Balance: The swimmer's family will be notified when the balance in the account is low, and asked for an additional deposit to cover future meets. If the balance in a swimmer's account becomes negative, the swimmer cannot be entered into meets until the debt is cleared and the Club receives an additional deposit to cover future meets.

Non attendance: You are responsible for the meet fees for which your child is entered. Notification of the tentative meet schedule can be found on the website (which will be updated as changes are made). Additionally, the entries will be accessible on the Club website. **It is your responsibility to provide written notice if your swimmer is unable to attend a meet scheduled for their group.** A "Scratch Form" is provided for this purpose and can be found under the Meet Schedule tab on the website. The form should be emailed to the Club at info@torontoswimclub.com and **must be received at least 14 days before the meet**, otherwise, your account will be billed for the entries. Any request for an exception to this must be made as an appeal to the Board and will only be considered for medical reasons.

Positive Balance: At the end of the swim year, any positive balance in a swimmer's Meet Fee Account will be credited to the following year's account. A positive balance will be refunded to families on withdrawal or graduation from the Club.

Negative Balance: At the end of the swim year, a small negative balance in a swimmer's Meet Fee Account will be rolled over to the following year's account and added to the deposit required specific to the group. A negative balance of greater than \$20 must be cleared before a swimmer will be permitted to re-register the following season.