

STAR SWIMMING, INC.
September 2016-August 2017 Registration Participation Form
Terms and Conditions for Participation in STAR Swimming

Introduction

Welcome back or welcome to STAR Swimming. Now is the time to sign up your family's swimmer(s) for the new season. We are excited for another tremendous season as we get ready to build on last year's success!

Registration

Registration is done through Team Unify **along with** a signed agreement. To register, we ask you to:

1. Register online at www.starswimming.org,
2. Mail in the signed waiver and agreement (single page, attached at end), and
3. Optionally, if you elect single-payment billing, mail in your dues/registration check. (See "Payment Options")

Swimmer Dues and Volunteering Credit

Our swimmer dues are structured as follows:

- A dues fee based on the team level your swimmer practices/competes at
- A multi-swimmer per family discount
- A dues credit program that refunds to families a portion of their dues for volunteering at meets

Swimmer Dues

Please take advantage of the volunteer credit system which can significantly reduce your dues for the next season. This year's dues will remain unchanged from last year as follows:

Team	Highest Level Swimmer*	Each Additional Swimmer*
Red	\$605	\$500
Blue	\$910	\$700
Senior Prep	\$1,275	\$985
Senior	\$1,575	\$1,205
College	\$750	\$500

*Single-payment price

Payment Options

We offer two payment options.

- One-Time Payment: Payment of dues in full at the start of the season. ***This payment has to be by check or money order. If paid after 9/30/16 there will be a 3% fee added to your account.***
- Monthly Payment Plan: Installment payment of 10 monthly payments (due October 1 through July 1). These monthly payments may be made online by credit card or ACH transfer. If you choose the monthly payment plan an approximate 3% surcharge will be added to each payment to cover processing fees.

***An invoice will be generated by Team Unify on the 1st of each month. This bill is due upon receipt. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if an outstanding balance exists on the 25th of the month.

Please note that there will be a \$20.00 service charge for all bank returned checks.

**** Any account that is 60 days or more past due will have their child(ren) removed from all future meets until the payment is paid in full.

STAR Finder's Rebate

We are offering any family that is currently with STAR Swimming a \$100.00 rebate for any swimmer they bring to the team that is new. A family can bring as many new swimmers as possible. The rebate is only given when the new family pay's their entire dues commitment for the 2016-2017 year, then the \$100.00 will be credited to the following year's dues. **The new family must also list the family who recommended them on the registration packet.** This does not include new novice swimmers.

USA Swimming Registration

All swimmers at all levels are registered with USA Swimming for insurance purposes. Swimmers who have never been registered with USA Swimming are allowed a two-week trial period before registering. Payment of the \$66.00 Registration fee is due at first practice but, for swimmers new to USA Swimming, it can be post dated to the end of the free two-week trial period.

Outreach program

USA Swimming provides an OUTREACH PROGRAM for those families that can demonstrate financial need. Please check the STAR Website for an application. Approved families will have their USA registration reduced to \$5.00 per child instead of the \$66.00. Along with USA's program, STAR also provides an outreach program. Here our families instead of paying for their swimmer's dues will instead have a set amount of volunteer sessions at our meets. This is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of. Here is the breakdown:

Highest Child's Team	Minimum Volunteer sessions to work
Red	10 sessions
Blue	14 sessions
Senior Prep	18 sessions
Senior	22 sessions

(The STAR Swimming program REQUIRES a family to provide proof of income and then it needs to be approved by the STAR Board of Directors.)

Student-Athlete Social Media Agreement

STAR swimming wants to do everything we can to have your swimmer be as safe as possible. Therefore, we have **every STAR swimmer** sign and date the social media agreement which is located towards the end of this packet.

Volunteering Credit

Our meets are a huge part of our annual budget and require lots of volunteers! As an incentive to volunteer, we are the only club in the area that offers the opportunity to significantly decrease the cost of swimmer dues. The amount of credit offered is based on the number of volunteer credits you and your family members and friends) earn by volunteering at our meets. This year with the credits work out as follows:

Volunteer Credits Earned Previous Year	Team Level							
	Red		Blue		Senior Prep		Senior	
	Credit Percentage	Effective Dues*						
30-55	10%	\$545	6.5%	\$851	4.8%	\$1,214	3.8%	\$1,515
60-95	19%	\$490	12%	\$801	9%	\$1,160	7%	\$1,465
100-145	30%	\$424	20%	\$728	14%	\$1,097	11%	\$1,402
150-205	44%	\$339	29%	\$646	21%	\$1,007	16%	\$1,323
210-255	58%	\$254	38%	\$564	27%	\$931	22%	\$1,229
260-305	71%	\$175	47%	\$482	33%	\$854	27%	\$1,150
310-355	85%	\$91	55%	\$410	39%	\$778	31%	\$1,087
360-405	100%	\$0	64%	\$328	45%	\$701	36%	\$1,008
410-455			73%	\$246	52%	\$612	42%	\$914
460-585			85%	\$137	61%	\$497	49%	\$803
590-665			100%	\$0	73%	\$344	59%	\$646
670-775					86%	\$179	69%	\$488
780+					93%	\$89	75%	\$394

*Effective dues for first swimmer of each family on one time payment plan

Some volunteer positions require more or less effort and those credits are applied appropriately. For example, very long-duration positions such as timer sessions at a Super Sectional meet will earn more credit than the same position at a "typical" meet. Also more credit is given per session to those who volunteer as USA Swim Officials. Others, such as results poster or time trial mini-positions, will be credited with less. Each position's worth will be posted with each meets sign up sheet.

The volunteer credit will be applied to each family's account at the end of each swim season (August). The credit will be applied to the following year's dues or be refunded directly to the family if the swimmer is a graduating high school senior who has completed the season. If a family has more than one swimmer, the credit will be applied to the swimmer signed up as the "first swimmer". If a family volunteers enough to receive more than 100% dues credit, the excess credit will be applied to the second swimmer in the family, if so registered.

***A graduating Senior can remain on account for four consecutive years and have their credit applied to their "College swimmers" dues OR it can be refunded if requested in writing. A family may also opt to waive their graduating senior volunteering refund and donate it to STAR Swimming.

Our college swimmers will use the same chart as the Blue swimmers for the volunteer credits program.

****Participating families:**

Families whose children participate in championship meets (listed below) hosted by STAR Swimming are required to volunteer or provide a volunteer for the required amount of sessions (listed below) even if the family has already met its points requirements. Failure to comply will result in a \$15 fine per session not worked. This applies only if the job postings are not full.

Meet	Sessions of Meet	Sessions required to work
December Invite	7	3
Niagara Championships	7	3
Speedo Championships	7	3
Senior Zone Championships	8	4

****Non participating families:**

Families whose children **DO NOT** participate in championship meets (listed above) hosted by STAR Swimming are required to volunteer or provide a volunteer for at least one session. Failure to do so will result in a \$15 fine if the job postings are not full.

Minimum Volunteer Requirement

In an effort to encourage all families to volunteer, we have a minimum volunteer requirement. This fee is added at the beginning of the season to your account and will be **FULLY** credited by the end of the season. If you have more than one child, it will only be assessed to the highest level.

Team	Min Sessions Required	Extra Assessment If Not Met
Red	8	\$100
Blue	10	\$150
Senior Prep	12	\$200
Senior	14	\$250

Volunteer Signups

Sign-ups for volunteer positions at our meets will continue to be made online.

No Show Penalty

If you have signed up to work, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to find a replacement if unable to work the position. A \$15 fee will be assessed to your account within 7 days of the close of the meet. We prefer that you fulfill your work assignment or find a replacement if you cannot make it. Your time and support are much more valuable to us and we thank you for your service.

Meet Entries

When entered in a meet, there is a meet deck fee and charge per swim for each event and/or relay in which a swimmer participates. Fees vary per meet and are posted on the website in the meet information. All fees will be reflected on your Team Unify Account for your review and will be billed monthly.

The STAR coaches will recommend which events our swimmers should swim at each meet we attend. You will be notified by e-mail from your coach when the event selections have been made. You will then have the opportunity to review the selections and if you wish, remove your child(ren) from individual events.

It is each swimmer's responsibility to check the STAR website, www.starswimming.org, for meet entries. If a swimmer can only attend the meet on certain days, or not at all, then the swimmer must either remove the entry online, *or* request Coach Aronberg **via email** to be removed from that event(s) or that swimmer will be entered in and billed for the meet. A swimmer will be charged for individual and team relay fees if that swimmer fails to attend a swim meet in which that swimmer is entered. Each swim meet has its own specific deadline in which to do all this.

Full-Year Commitment

In order to allow proper planning and budgeting, swimmers and their families are required to make a financial commitment for the entire swim year from September through August. Should you decide to terminate your participation with STAR, the unused portion of the annual dues is nonrefundable and any outstanding dues (including the remainder of monthly dues payments), and entry fees are considered an obligation to STAR and are due upon termination of participation. Our monthly payment plan is for our families' convenience and is not a mechanism for partial year membership.

The one exception to the full-year commitment is for swimmers who are new to STAR. If a swimmer has not swum for STAR before, there is a free two-week tryout period. If the swimmer chooses to join STAR other than in September, the swimmer may, for the first year only, select the monthly payment option, with payments starting in the month he or she joins the team.

Returning swimmers are required to register for the entire year. If a returning swimmer rejoins the team mid-season (for example, if she trains with a high school team exclusively during the fall), the full year's dues are still required.

College Swimmers

We offer a special program for college swimmers. College swimmers who wish to train with STAR outside of the college season are eligible to join STAR on a monthly basis of \$75 per month.

Team Unify

We are confident you will find Team Unify to be easy to use and helpful in providing you a wealth of information. With the TU software platform, you will be able to view your account at any time. Monthly invoice notifications will be sent via e-mail, and payments, including charges for meet entries can be made online.

Group Descriptions for STAR swimming 2016-2017

Novice: This is our most basic program. These swimmers will learn the basics of all strokes. Here freestyle and backstroke are taught as well as strong kicking. They will learn strong safety skills and swim widths of the pool. We ask that these swimmers know how to comfortably swim two widths of the pool. The instructor is NOT in the pool and is teaching from the pool deck. This session will last 5-6 weeks long and there will be 3-4 sessions per year.

Red Team: (Ages 6-12) This is our STROKE INSTRUCTIONAL program. Red swimmers are those that are just coming out of our Novice program (swim lessons). There is a major emphasis on stroke technique, turns, starts, and fun. Swimmers should be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. STAR offers three, 60 minute practices each week from September through July. Approximately eight swim meets are offered throughout the year as this is the beginning to competitive swimming.

Blue Team: (Ages 7-14) This group of swimmers know of all 4 strokes fairly well. Each swimmer must be able to demonstrate the ability to handle regular practice routines. Emphasis is on drills, stroke technique, turns, starts, interval training, and fun. Most Blue swimmers train three or four 1 ½ hour practices each week. Swimmers in this group are encouraged to attend more swim meets and learn to have fun in a competitive environment.

Senior prep Team: (Ages 11-17) This group of swimmers is where refinement of turns, starts and stroke technique are continually taught. Now there is an introduction on pace, race strategies and endurance training which is practiced daily. Senior prep swimmers are dedicated towards achieving goals at the local and Regional levels. Most senior prep swimmers train two hours per day (four or five days per week) and attend several swim meets each year.

Senior Team: (Ages 13-18) At the Head Coach's discretion, swimmers are invited to join the Senior Team where the athletes are training at a very high level. The physiological, psychological, and biomechanical areas of swimming are taught. Senior Team members are dedicated towards achieving goals at the local, Regional and National levels. Senior swimmers train six days per week and attend several swim meets each year. Consistent video-taping is done to help make each swimmer as proficient as possible. These swimmers must have a practice attendance of at least 85% or they can be moved down to the Senior Prep team until that number has been made.

Become a Swim Official

**We are looking for STAR parents to become Swim Officials.

**There is training provided.
**STAR pays for your Registration with USA Swimming.

**Swim Official volunteer sessions count as 150% of a typical volunteer session increasing the amount of volunteer credits available to reduce your family's dues.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity contact
Lynda Blake @ ljblake2000@yahoo.com

WHY WAIT -- GET STARTED -- CONTACT LYNDA TO REGISTER

If you are a returning Official -- print a Non Athlete form for Officials from the STAR Website and mail the form to:

STAR Swimming
PO Box 361, Hamburg, NY 14075

2016-2017 Registration Form and Agreement to Terms and Conditions

Registration for all swimmers is done on line at www.starswimming.org. In addition to the online registration, each family is required to sign and mail in this two-sided form to acknowledge the terms and conditions of the STAR swimming program, and to authorize the releases described below.

This agreement is for the following swimmers (contact Coach Aronberg @ 851-1209 if unsure of team level):

Swimmer's Full Name _____				/ /	
Last	First	Middle		Birthday	Team
Swimmer's Full Name _____				/ /	
Last	First	Middle		Birthday	Team
Swimmer's Full Name _____				/ /	
Last	First	Middle		Birthday	Team
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Last	First	Middle		Birthday	Team

Home/cell Phone number _____ email address _____

**Please list here the current STAR family that recommended STAR Swimming to you if applicable

Dues and USA Swimming registration fees for these swimmers will be paid via (select one):

- Single payment (enclosed)
- Monthly payment (eligible for payment on-line via credit card, includes a credit card processing fee of ~3%)

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AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby give consent for my child/children to participate in the programs administered by STAR Swimming, Inc. In consideration of being permitted to so participate, I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless STAR Swimming, Inc., Erie Community College, and the STAR/ECC Partnership, their coaches, members of the Boards of Directors, volunteers, agents, and employees, together with their successors and assigns, from any and all liability for injuries to property or person suffered as a result of participation as a member of STAR Swimming, Inc. I give the club authorization to apply for USA Swimming memberships for my child/children. I agree that it is the swimmers', their parents and/or guardians', or designated representatives responsibility to provide transportation to and from any activity sponsored or supported by STAR Swimming, Inc. and that any transportation provided by representatives of STAR Swimming, Inc. is not being provided on behalf of STAR Swimming, Inc., and is strictly voluntary on the part of the person providing that transportation.

PHOTO RELEASE:

I hereby consent that STAR Swimming, Inc., Erie Community College, and the STAR/ECC Partnership may use photographs or video in which my child appears in whatever way they may desire. I consent that the above named entities shall have the right to duplicate, reproduce and make use of these photographs and video as they may desire with no claim on my part. I release STAR Swimming, Inc., Erie Community College and the STAR/ECC Partnership, from any liability claims arising out of the use of the photographs or video in accordance with this Release and Authorization.

MEDICAL RELEASE:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the above mentioned child is in good physical condition and has no condition, which would impair participation in this program. In case of injury, I hereby give STAR Swimming, Inc. and its coaching staff permission to act on my behalf in seeking medical treatment from a licensed physician, paramedic, EMT, hospital or clinic for my child. In the event that such treatment is deemed necessary, I give permission to those administering medical treatment to do so using methods necessary. I absolve STAR Swimming, Inc., Erie Community College and the STAR/ECC Partnership and their coaching staff from all liability while acting on my behalf in this regard.

Additional medical history regarding, allergies, drug allergies etc. which may be needed in rendering medical care:

TERMS & CONDITIONS for PARTICIPATION:

Payment is required to be submitted with this form, unless the monthly payment option is selected. Additional charges will be billed separately for meet entry fees.

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I understand and agree to the above TERMS & CONDITIONS for PARTICIPATION, AUTHORIZATION, PHOTO RELEASE and MEDICAL RELEASE of STAR Swimming, Inc. in exchange for the privilege of my child, registered with this form, to participate in the STAR Swimming program. I understand that all these forms constitute a legally binding contract.

Print name of party responsible for payment of financial obligations:

Address of responsible party

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Party responsible for payment of financial obligations / Relationship to Swimmer(s) / Date

Return contract and payment to:

STAR Swimming
P O Box 361
Hamburg, NY 14075