



RIO CLUB POLICY

COMPETITIVE TEAM

Swim Meet Entry Procedure and Fees

The coaches will electronically enter your child in every meet. Each member will receive an email stating a deadline by which you must notify your coach AND the club entry chairperson (Melissa Ripley melissa@rioswimteam.org) of any special requests in regards to your entry. Special requests (including your absence from the meet) must be submitted in writing via email by the deadline.

In order to avoid paying the meet entry fees you must notify us of your absence by the deadline. If your request is not made by the deadline you will not be entitled to refund considerations. Otherwise, a swimmer will be entered, expected to swim, and required to pay the entry fees regardless of whether or not that swimmer attends the meet.

Season Breaks

Our coaches and athletes take four weeks off per year. Two weeks off at the end of our spring season and two weeks off at the end of our summer season. We do not pro-rate for these breaks which enables us to give our coaches some time off yet still operate our club on a year-round basis.

Swim Meet Assessments

Our club is mainly funded in two ways. First, we collect monthly membership dues. Secondly, we host swim meets. In these two ways we are able to fund the needs of our club.

Without swim meets your monthly dues would be significantly higher. As a result, each family of the Competitive Team is responsible to assist in running our swim meets. Those that cannot or do not wish to volunteer can pay an **assessment fee per meet session**. In this manner each family of the team is held equally responsible for helping our club raise the additional funds needed to operate.

Each Competitive Team family (regardless of the number of swimmers in their family) is responsible to provide one volunteer for each meet session held during the year. This volunteer does not have to be a member of your family but all volunteers must work the entire meet session. Families that cannot volunteer will be assessed a charge per session not worked. This applies to all families for each meet session regardless of your child's attendance at a particular meet. Assessments to families that do not volunteer will be applied to the next invoice following the meet's completion.

Each family will also receive two (2) free meet session credits that can be applied to any meet session throughout the year. This means you will not be charged a "meet session assessment" for any two meet sessions that you choose not to volunteer. Please login at www.RioSwimTeam.org for additional information about which meets our club will be hosting and other ways to earn even more free meet session credits throughout the year.

Fundraising

The East Valley Swim organization is a supporter of our swim team. Club members may take advantage of their 501(c)(3) nonprofit status by securing tax deductible donations from outside sources or by participating in fundraisers. Funds of this nature can be earmarked for your child's swimming expenses. This money becomes the possession of the East Valley Swim organization; however it can be donated on your behalf to help reduce the cost of training and competition. All earmarked funds attached to an inactive member account will be returned to the East Valley Swim general fund December 31st of each year.

Additionally, any member that sells club advertising or a sponsorship package (as advertised on www.RioSwimTeam.org) will have 50% of the proceeds applied as a credit towards their monthly dues.