Thank you for your interest in joining the WIN Tidal Wave Competitive Swim Team for the 2024-25 year.

Important information to check out in this packet:

* Fees
* Membership Fee Payment Plans and Schedules
* Joining Mid-Season
* Online Payments
* Team Apparel and Training Equipment
* Service Hours and Becoming an Official
* Termination

### FEES:

**USA Swimming Registration Fee:** $85/year Per Swimmer for an annual membership or $35.50 for a seasonal membership.

!IMPORTANT! You are now responsible for registering your child(ren) with USA Swimming and supplying their birth certificate (if your child is a new USA Swimming member). All new swimmers must scan and send a copy of their birth certificate via email to Indiana Swimming at michele@inswimming.org. In order for your child to compete, their birth certificate must be turned in at least 24 hours prior to their first competition.

**Registration Fee:** Short course Season = $50/ family (Billed upon registration to the team). This is a one-time charge each season (Short Course and Long Course) put forth to account for various WIN services we provide you and your children throughout the year (team parties, awards, dryland equipment, hospitality at competitions, etc.) This fee will be automatically billed to your account upon registration to the competitive team.

**Membership Dues:** These fees vary by group and are non-refundable once payment is made. If you would like to terminate your membership with WIN, you may do so by contacting admin@winswimming.com with a formal request via email.

**Credit Card Fees:** Members wishing to use a credit card will be charged a fee of 3% per transaction. If you do not wish to be charged this fee, you are welcome to update your account to pay via ACH. All members must pay their initial payment via credit card but are welcome to switch payment to ACH once they’re registered for the upcoming season. Members who elect to pay the entire season’s dues at once (payment option available in the first month of the season) will only be required to pay for the USA Swimming registration fee as well as the family fee up front. The single payment dues will be charged on September 1 and April 1 so that they have the opportunity to switch payment options to ACH to avoid the CC processing fee.

**Scholarship Program:** WIN offers a scholarship program with reduced fees for families that qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Please contact admin@swimnsc.com if you would like more information.

**Meet Entry & Travel Fees:** Should they choose to compete with the Tidal Wave, swimmers are responsible for paying entry fees to all competitions in which they are entered. Fees are paid in advance of meets, so if a swimmer is unable to attend due to sickness or other commitments, you are obligated to pay the fee. Likewise, host clubs are not required to refund fees for cancellation of meet sessions due to uncontrollable circumstances, e.g., inclement weather. These fees vary depending on the type of competition and the number of events entered. They generally range from $20-$60 per meet. Meet entry fees are calculated by WIN and are automatically applied to your monthly bill. To accommodate the coaches’ travel expenses, an additional $20 per family will be added to your fees for all travel meets.

**National Meet Travel Support:** If capable, WIN offers travel support of up to $300 per family per season for our competitive team athletes that qualify for and attend national caliber competitions such as the NCSA Championships and above. The support will come in the form of a credit applied to the family’s account. To receive funding: 1. The athlete’s family must be in good standing with the club 2. The athlete must compete in all WIN hosted competitions for that season 3. The athlete partakes in 1 speaking engagement with our younger Tidal Wave swimmers agreed upon by the Director of Athlete Development.

**Membership Fee Payment Plans and Schedules**

There is a significant difference in what Boonville was charging and what NSC was charging, and we are going to slowly work on over the next few seasons to bring the pricing in line with each other so that it will be competitive with other teams in the area.

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| **Competitive Team Group** | **Short Course Payment Plan Options and Amounts | Castle** |
| Registration Fee | Single-Season Payment  | Three Installments | Monthly |
| High School Gold & Silver | $100 | $470 |  |  |
| High School Rec |  |  |  |  |
| Middle School Gold & Silver | $100 | $915  | $320 | $145 |
| Middle School Rec | $100 |  |  | $110 |
| Elem. Bronze, Silver, & Gold | $100 | $755 | $265 | $120 |
| Jr Wave Swimmers | $100 |  |  | $100 |

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| **Competitive Team Group** | **Short Course Payment Plan Options and Amounts | Boonville/ Tecumseh** |
| Registration Fee | Single-Season Payment  | Three Installments | Monthly |
| Gold/HPD/HP | $50 | $660 | $235 | $105 |
| Silver | $50 | $600 | $210 | $95 |
| Bronze | $50 | $505 | $175 | $80 |
| Developmental | $50 | N/A | N/A | $80 |

### Joining Mid-Season:

If you join mid-season in the short course season, you will pay the full USA Swimming Annual Registration fee ($83), the membership family fee, and the prorated training fees as they come due.

### Online-Payment

*We require all members to use credit/debit card and/or to enable direct bank processing (ACH) to pay your dues and other expenses (e.g., meet fees).*

Our club manages team membership, including payments to the club, through the Team Unify system. Team Unify runs accounts for each member family, and all club charges are applied to these accounts as they are incurred. On the 1st of each billing month, Team Unify charges the balance of each member account to the credit card or bank account which has been set up in Team Unify’s ‘Auto-Pay’ system.

To change your banking information, simply visit our team website at www.winswimming.com to sign in to your account. Once logged in:

● Click on My Account

● Then select the Payment Setup tab.

● Here you can Add a New Card or Add Bank Account

● Be sure to select both Use for Fees Associated with Your Account and Use for On Demand Payments

● Click on the Save Payment Setup button on the top right of the page. You will receive monthly invoices outlining what your credit card or bank will be paying. You can review your current and past billing histories through the $My Invoices/Payments tab on the left or our team website.

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### Team Apparel and Training Equipment

**Team Apparel – Competition:** WIN requires all swimmers to compete in WIN competitive gear. This includes a black swimsuit, a team-issued cap, and a team-shirt pack which contains a red, blue, and white WIN shirt. These shirts are to be worn on days 1 (red shirt), 2 (blue shirt) and 3 (white shirt). The WIN staff has these items on hand at the pool for you to purchase. Please see a coach to inquire about purchasing a team pack or cap. Suit orders can be made at a variety of sports equipment retailers.

**Team Apparel – Practice:** WIN requires all competitive team swimmers to wear an WIN cap to practice but may wear whatever pair of goggles & suit of their choosing. However, boys are encouraged to wear jammers or briefs, and a one-piece is the recommended suit for girls. Each training group requires its children to have select training gear ready and available at each practice. The list of required training equipment for each group is listed below. All training gear can be purchased from a variety of sports equipment retailers.

**Spirit Wear |** You can go to the Castle Spirit Wear Store at 7899 Bell Oaks Drive in Newburgh for any on-demand spirit wear you might want.

**Spirit Wear Orders |** Every September and March we will host a large group spirit wear order in preparation of the upcoming season. These orders will include different designs from the general Spirit Wear.

**Team Store |** You can go to our Swimsville store to place an order for any of our swimmer items by clicking [HERE](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KWfla4EzUU48PmHnMmmBZoiEfJV2WopQ?usp=sharing).

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| **Training Equipment by Training Group** |
| Jr. Wave Swimmers | Elementary Silver & Bronze  | Elementary Gold | Middle School Gold, Silver & Rec  | High School Gold, Silver, & Rec |
| Mesh Equipment Bag | Mesh Equipment Bag | Mesh Equipment Bag | Mesh Equipment Bag | Mesh Equipment Bag |
| Water Bottle | Water Bottle | Water Bottle | Water Bottle | Water Bottle |
| Goggles + Spare Pair | Goggles + Spare Pair | Goggles + Spare Pair | Goggles + Spare Pair | Goggles + Spare Pair |
| WIN Cap (if worn)  | WIN Cap (if worn)  | WIN Cap (if worn)  | WIN Cap (if worn)  | WIN Cap (if worn)  |
| Speedo Long Blade Fins | Speedo Long Blade Fins | Speedo Long Blade Fins | Speedo Long Blade Fins | Speedo Long Blade Fins |
| Kickboard  | Kickboard  | Kickboard  | Kickboard  | Kickboard  |
|  | Speedo Snorkel | Speedo Snorkel | Speedo Snorkel | Speedo Snorkel |
|  | Nose Clip for snorkel | Nose Clip for snorkel | Nose Clip for snorkel | Nose Clip for snorkel |
|  | Finis Tempo Trainer | Finis Tempo Trainer | Finis Tempo Trainer | Finis Tempo Trainer |
|  |  |  | Paddles | Paddles |
|  |  |  | Pull Buoy | Pull Buoy |

### Service Hour Requirements

Like other non-profit organizations, the WIN Tidal Wave can keep their membership dues affordable because of the

volunteer efforts of its members. Upon joining the competitive team, all members are required to fulfill an allotted

amount of service hours per season (Winter & Summer season). The current requirements are 15 hours per season.

This is per family.

**Opt-Out of Service Hours:** Competitive team members can opt out of their service hours upon registration for a one-

time charge of $700 for the winter and $400 for the summer. If you wish to opt out of your service hours, please send

an email to registrar@winswimming.com and your account will be billed accordingly. This option does not cover

mandatory sessions.

**Mandatory Sessions:** If the Tidal Wave are hosting a state sponsored championship competition such as the Indiana

Swimming Divisional or State Championships, all competitive team members are required to work a minimum of three

(3) sessions at the competition. These three sessions are in addition to the number of hours required for the season.

**Service Hour Opportunities:** The primary source of service hour opportunities for our members comes through our

hosted competitions. Hosting swimming competitions requires a large workforce with a variety of different

responsibilities. You will find a few of these job opportunities below. Don’t be afraid. Many of these jobs require little to

no training! There will also be multiple "workdays" to earn extra service hours. Things like moving blocks, flags,

cleaning locker rooms, etc.

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| **Volunteer Service Hour Jobs Offered at WIN Home Meets** |
| **Position**  | **Description** | **Avg. Hours per Session** |
| Admissions & Volunteer Check-In | Sells wristbands and heat sheets. Checks volunteers in and monitors the pool door to check for wristbands.  | 4.5 |
| Awards  | Either assists in presenting awards at championship competition or places labels on and sort awards | 4 |
| Meet Tear Down & Clean Up | Assists in tearing down any equipment and cleaning up after competition |  4 |
| Meet Set Up  |  Responsible for helping set up necessary equipment | 4 |
| Concessions  | Set up and serve food, drink, and snacks |  5 |
| Safety Marshal  | Watches over pool area and venue, ensuring the safety of swimmers  | 4 |
| Head Timer  | Provide backup times and extra watch in case of watch failure or user error | 4 |
| Timer  | Uses stopwatch (provided by WIN) to time swimmers in their specific lane during competition | 4 |

**Penalties & Fees:** Any unworked service hours will be billed at the end of each season at the rate of $25 / unworked hour. Members failing to participate in the minimum of three (3) mandatory sessions at our hosted state sponsored championship competitions will also be penalized at the equivalent rate of $100 / unworked session.

**Becoming an Official:** One area of service that is always a high need for any club is officials. Different from other sports, swimming relies on volunteers to be the officials. There are various roles and all training is done through the USA Swimming online portal, found [HERE](http://www.usaswimming.org/officials/how-to-become-an-official). For WIN parents who serve at home meets as an official, you receive the following incentives:

* Your $85 USA Swimming registration reimbursed through the form of an account credit.
* One meet entries covered for one meet per season for one of your swimmers. (about $50)
* A front row seat to all the action
* Access to the hospitality room during meets you work as an official.

### Termination & Agreement

Any swimmer (new or returning) may cancel membership at any time for any reason. If at any time I wish to withdraw my swimmer(s) from the team prior to the end of the season that I have committed to, I understand:

● I must make my request in writing to the WIN Director of Operations, Mike Chapman.

● The unused portion of the remaining season’s Membership Fees is not refundable (An exception to this obligation will only be provided when there is a medical issue and a doctor’s note is provided stating that the swimmer is unable to continue participation.)

● Any outstanding fees (e.g. meet entry fees) are considered an obligation to the Newburgh Sea Creatures Swim Club and are payable upon termination of participation.