

Fundraising Fee Policy

Fundraising is a key component to our ability at RMSC to provide the best swimming experience for all our athletes. Not only is it key to the funding of the operations of the club, it also helps us to minimize your swimmers training fees each season. Ridge Meadows Swim Club, as a non-profit organization, relies on and encourages all of our family members to participate in all fundraising campaigns in order to keep the total cost of operating the Club to a minimum.

The club is committed to organizing 2 fundraisers throughout the year. For the 2023/24 season, we will be running a **Christmas Cash Raffle** in the fall, and our **RMSC Swim-A-Thon** in the spring. For the Swim-A-Thon, each swimmer will create a fundraising landing page through the Raise-A-Thon website, and collect pledges and support from their own community. The Fundraising Fee charged each season will act as a goal amount for each swimmer to raise during the RMSC Swim-A-Thon, but each swimmer will also have a chance to complete their fundraising commitment with the other fundraisers that will be offered through the season. **The Fundraising Fee for each swimmer is determined based on the swimmer's group placement at the start of the season.**

Please note the following important information in regards to the RMSC Fundraising Fee:

1. 50% of the fees listed below will be charged to your family's account on September 30th of each new season.
2. The fundraising fee will be reconciled after **May 15th of each year**, where each family will be charged the remaining fee depending on how much money is raised during the seasons Swim-A-Thon and other fundraisers. If your swimmer raises the full amount of the fee listed below, or goes above and beyond, they will receive a credit on their account for the remaining 50% of the fundraising fee.

Example 1: A family with a swimmer in Provincial Development (\$300.00) will be charged \$150.00 at the time of registration. If they raise \$300.00 or more during the RMSC Swim-A-Thon, they will receive a credit of \$150.00 on their account by May 15th.

Example 2: A family with a swimmer in Regional Development (\$200.00) raises \$50.00 during the RMSC Swim-A-Thon. They have been charged \$100.00 at the beginning of the season, so will be charged another \$50.00 to their account by May 15th to complete their Fundraising Fee commitment.

3. *If your swimmer withdraws from the program before the RMSC Swim-A-Thon or main fundraiser, the Fundraising Fee is prorated and assessed to the length of time your swimmer is in the program, and the amount fundraising that has been completed on your swimmers account.*

Each groups Fundraising Fee each season can be found in the chart below:

Ridge Meadows Swim Club

Group Name	Fundraising Fee
National Development	\$400
Provincial Development	\$300
Divisional Development	\$300
Regional Development	\$200
Tiny Titans 3	\$150
Tiny Titans 2	\$100
Tiny Titans 1	\$100
Masters	0
Highschool/HS Fitness	0

Another avenue for our families to complete their fundraising obligation each season is to bring in a corporate or community sponsor throughout the season.

1. If your family is able to help establish a sponsorship donation towards RMSC, the amount that is donated to the club can be used towards your fundraising fee each season.
2. Any amount that is brought in by your family above and beyond your fundraising fee, the club will put a credit of 25% of the total amount (up to \$1,000.00) of the donation on your account.

For Example: A swimmer from National Development secures a sponsorship donation of \$1,000.00. With their Fundraising Fee being \$400.00, they will receive a credit of \$400.00 on their account, as well as a credit of 25% of \$600.00, the amount of the donation above and beyond their Fundraising Fee.