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## **Registration Fees**

Please refer to the club website for current fee schedule: <u>huronhurricanes.ca</u>

Fees are set based on the level at which your swimmer trains – the more hours of training per week, the higher the fees. However, please note these fees do not correspond to a fixed number of hours, or practices per week/season. Some practice times will change depending on pool availability, meets and coaching availability.

Fees may be paid in full at registration, or 7 monthly installments dated October 15 through April 15 with the first month paid at registration.

All registrants swimming at the Goderich-Huron YMCA must hold an active membership. This includes swimmers on the swim team and swimmers who participate in the Masters swim program. Swimmers must be enrolled under one of the following tiers: Child Y-enhanced, Y-Everything (individual or household), or Household Y-Enhanced. Financial assistance is available through the YMCA for families or individuals facing financial barriers.

## Financial Adjustments: Mid-Season Changes

HHAC registration fees, fundraising amounts and volunteer time for swimmers joining later in the season will be determined on a prorated basis, depending on the number of months remaining in the season. Swim Ontario fees are payable in full, at time of registration. Swim Ontario + Swim Canada registration fees are not prorated and are non-refundable no matter when a swimmer joins.

**Moving program levels:** If your swimmer's swim program level changes mid-season by the recommendation of the head coach, the parent will be emailed or spoken to on deck about the possibility of the change. The change will only happen if it is agreed upon by the parent or guardian. The registration fees will be adjusted and prorated based on the number of months remaining to the end of the season.

Leave of absence for medical reasons: If your child has suffered an injury and cannot



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participate in swimming, you may request a leave of absence. If the leave of absence is for a period of greater than six weeks, you will be entitled to a registration fee rebate. Your registration fees will be prorated for the period the swimmer is absent from club activities. The non-refundable Swim Ontario fees, fundraising amount, and volunteer hours will not be factored into the rebate figure.

Injuries incurred after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be ineligible for any rebate.

A leave of absence for any reason other than medical will not be considered for rebate.

HHAC recommends that a parent/guardian discusses the athlete's physical condition with the Head Coach if the injury has resulted in a recovery time of greater than twelve weeks. If the extended leave of absence results in the swimmer leaving the club, you must inform the club, in writing, of your decision (see below).

All rebates and adjustments will be issued after the athlete resumes club activities.

**Leaving the club** If your swimmer chooses to leave the club before the end of the season, you must advise your Coach and the Executive in writing and dually e-mail to: <a href="mailto:hhacswim25@gmail.com">hhacswim25@gmail.com</a> AND hhacheadccoach@gmail.com

The resignation will take effect as of the month-end following the month that notification was received. For example, if a resignation notification was received any day in January, the resignation effective date will be February 28. Applicable refunds will be calculated as the resignation effective date. Refunds will NOT be retroactive to the date of the last swim practice attended unless the decision to leave is related to a leave of absence due to medical reasons (see above).

Swimmers are welcome to attend all practices until the resignation effective date if desired.

After the resignation effective date, registration fees paid in advance (in full) will qualify for an equivalent refund. The non-refundable Swim Canada, Swim Ontario fees will not be factored into the refund.

If your swimmer begins or leaves in the middle of a season, your volunteer points will be prorated to the month the swimmer begins or leaves the club. For example: if a swimmer gives notice in January that they are leaving the club, the member will be charged half of any



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outstanding allotted points. Eg. 6 points required for category swimmers only 3points would be required if leaving the club. If points are outstanding then the member will be charged for the remaining points. If the member has already accumulated points, the member will receive a refund 1 point = \$25.00 for every point accumulated Eg. 6 points required, 3 points required because of leaving the club, accumulated 4 points, \$25.00 will be refunded. If notice is given of a swimmer leaving after April 1 there is no prorated fee or return of fees. This transaction would happen on June 15 of the season.

After receiving written notification of the swimmer(s) request of leaving HHAC, The club Treasurer will inform the family by email following the next scheduled Executive meeting of any outstanding balance owing to HHAC, or if applicable you will be issued a refund from the club (less a \$10 administration charge).

There will be no refunds after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If your swimmer transfers to another club in Ontario: It is the new club's responsibility to first register the swimmer with Swimming Canada electronically. This process triggers a request to HHAC for a transfer authorization. Authorization will be granted only once it has been ascertained that no fees are owing to Huron Hurricanes Aquatic Club. Note: According to Swimming Canada's national transfer policy — each transferring swimmer will be deemed "unattached" for a 30-day period once the transfer authorization has been granted. After the 30-day period, the transferring swimmer will officially be registered with the new club. If you fail to meet your financial obligations, action will be taken to collect all fees owing on approval of the Executive.

## **Fundraising**

Fundraising can help make swimming better and more affordable for everyone. Revenue raised from outside sources can be used toward non-budgeted expenses such as additional club equipment, team travel, swim meets and events etc. Each family is responsible for raising \$100 in profit through a cash raffle (\$100 due at registration). There may be other fundraisers during the swim season that will help raise funds for the club.

Note: Swim-A-Thon is NOT part of HHAC's fundraisers. Swim-A-Thon is a Swim Canada event in which HHAC receives funds back as a grant.