



## Green Mountain Aquatics – GMSP, LLC Financial, Registration and Payment Policies

Please make checks payable to:

GMSP, LLC

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### GMSP, LLC - GMA Team Financial Policies

	<b>SC Season Fee</b>	<b>LC Season Fee</b>	<b>Year-Round Fee</b>	<b>Monthly Charge</b>
<b>GMA Prep Group</b> – 2 sessions per week	\$65.00/ 5 weeks	\$65.00/ 5 weeks	NONE	NONE
<b>GMA Prep Group</b> – 3 sessions per week	\$80.00/ 5 weeks	\$80.00/ 5 weeks	NONE	NONE
<b>Fall and Spring Clinic</b>	\$200.00/ 5 weeks	\$200.00/ 5 weeks	NONE	NONE
<b>GMA State Group</b>	\$750.00/ 22 weeks	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>GMA Regional Group</b>	\$800.00/ 22 weeks	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>GMA Age Groups Group</b>	\$1080.00/ 27 weeks	\$880.00/ 22 weeks	\$1800.00/ 49 weeks  \$50.00 SC Deposit  \$875.00 Sept. \$875.00 Jan.	\$172.00 SC + \$50.00 Deposit  \$212.50 LC + \$30.00 Deposit
<b>GMA Senior Group</b>	\$1400.00/ 28 weeks	\$1400.00/ 24 weeks	\$2600.00/ 52 weeks  \$50.00 SC Deposit  \$1275.00 Sept. \$1275.00 Jan.	\$225.00 SC + \$50.00 Deposit  \$342.50 LC + \$30.00 Deposit
<b>GMA Sectional</b>	\$1400.00/	\$1400.00/	\$2600.00/	\$225.00 SC +

<b>Group</b>	28 weeks	24 weeks	52 weeks	\$50.00 Deposit
			\$50.00 SC Deposit	\$342.50 LC + \$30.00 Deposit
			\$1275.00 Sept. \$1275.00 Jan.	
<b>GMA National Group</b>	\$2000.00/ 28 weeks	\$1500.00/ 24 weeks	\$3200.00/ 52 weeks	\$325.00 SC + \$50.00 Deposit
			\$50.00 SC Deposit	\$362.50 SC + \$50.00 Deposit
			\$1575.00 Sept. \$1575.00 Jan.	

- Membership Fees are based on group placement as confirmed by the GMA coaching staff. The first two weeks of each season represents the GMA tryout period. During this time, GMA coaches will assess each of the athletes and finalize the proper training group for each athlete for the season.
- There are **TWO SWIMMING SEASONS** in each fiscal year: Short Course (September-March) and Long Course (March – August).
- There are **FOUR FEE OPTIONS**:
  - The Year-Round Fee for Select Groups (GMA Age Groups Group, GMA Senior, GMA Sectional and GMA National) only is a reduced fee and is paid in two installments due by September 15<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Short Course Developmental Fees (GMA Prep, GMA State and GMA Regional) are paid in one installment due by October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Short Course Select Fees (GMA Age Groups Group, GMA Senior, GMA Sectional and GMA National) are paid in six installments due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Long Course Fees are paid in four installments due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **SWIM MEET FEES**:
  - Meet entry fees are not included in your membership fees. We require an advanced deposit for each swimmer payable at the time of your first online meet registration.
  - The advanced deposit will be credited to your account.
  - GMA Select Groups must deposit \$150.00 per swimmer.
  - GMA Development Groups must deposit \$50.00 per swimmer.
  - Typical meet entry fees range from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per event. Some meets may have a swimmer participation fee ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00. National, Sectional and all Championship meets generally include additional fees.
  - GMA Coaches have total authority over choosing the events in which the athletes are entered and compete.
  - USA Swimming rules do not allow a swimmer to exceed five events per day (excluding relays).
  - You will only be charged for the events in which your athlete is entered.
  - GMA family meet fees include a \$5.00 team travel fee per swimmer per meet to cover the cost of coaching expenses.

- A typical two day meet (10 events plus a coaching fee) is approximately \$45.00 to \$60.00 per swimmer. Typical yearly meet fees can reach as high as \$600.00 per swimmer.
- Once a swimmer enters a meet, the meet fees are due to GMA regardless of meet attendance.
  - No refunds will be granted for meet fees, even in the case of illness or injury, as these funds are not refundable to GMA from the host team.
- **GMA HOME SWIM MEETS:**
  - GMA runs several USA Swimming sanctioned swim meets during the short course season. Running organized and profitable swim meets is the primary fundraiser for the team and the income helps offset the cost of season fees for each swimmer by as much as 10%.
  - Home meets provide our membership with some of the best opportunities for competition.
  - GMA swimmers who race in the GMA home swim meets will be charged a flat fee of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the meet surcharges and sanctioning fees that the team pays to New England Swimming.
  - Our goal is to have 100% volunteer participation, motivated by an appreciation for Green Mountain Aquatics Swim Team and the sport of swimming.
  - Due to the importance of successful fundraising, and to be fair to those who willfully work at meets, GMA parents are expected to fulfill our parent job requirements.
  - Parents can use the GMA online parent job sign-up to choose their meet job assignments.
  - **Parent Job Requirement Policy:**
    - A family member must work **each session** that their swimmer(s) is competing in or a **minimum of three sessions with the maximum of four sessions.**
    - Sign-In: Upon arrival and prior to your departure from a meet, please sign-in on the meet job assignment list located on the pool deck. Failure to sign in or out will result in non-work fine.
    - Unfulfilled volunteer requirements will result in a maximum of \$150.00 fine per session missed.
  - **Food Concessions Assignments:**
    - All GMA families will be assigned to provide a food item for our food concession at each swim meet.
    - Sign-In: When delivering your food concession item to the meet, please sign the item in on the sign-in sheet located in the food concessions room. Failure to sign in will result in non-food fine.
    - Unfulfilled food concession assignments will result in a \$25.00 fine.
- If you are unable to attend a GMA home meet, there are alternative ways to volunteer to support the team. Please contact Laura Matuszak for more information.
- **GMA CHAMPIONSHIP MEET POLICIES:** Green Mountain Aquatics is a highly competitive, nationally renowned swim team. Team success at championship meets is one of our highest priorities. Our expectation is to have 100% participation of qualified swimmers at championship meets. Due to the importance of team performance, GMA swimmers are expected to stay for the entire session at each championship meet they attend in order to swim on relays and support their teammates.
  - GMA will invite the fastest four (or more) swimmers from each age group to participate on relays at each championship meet. Swimmers without qualifying times in individual events will be invited to participate as relay only swimmers.
  - GMA will be assigned parent jobs at each championship meet. All families with children entered in championship meets are required to work at least one session or as many as necessary to fulfill our work obligations.

- GMA TEAM TRAVEL MEETS:** Team travel is arranged for selected meets. For these meets we will travel as a team, stay in a hotel as a team, eat as a team and compete as a team. The fees for GMA Team Travel Meets will include transportation and hotel costs. Typically, swimmers will be responsible for covering their own food expenses. Funds must be collected before the team leaves on a trip. In addition, those with any delinquent team fees will not be eligible to travel with the team until full payment for all team fees is received.
  - To assist in budgeting annual travel costs, consider the following as a guideline for our annual team travel fees:

	USAS SC Nationals (December)	USAS SC Jr. Nationals (December)	New England Senior Champs (December)	Speedo Champs/ Sectionals (LC in March)	Charlotte Grand Prix (May)	Montreal Grand Prix (June or July)	USAS LC Nationals/ USAS US Open/ USAS Olympic or WC Trials (July or August)	USAS LC Junior Nationals (August)	Speedo Champs/ Sectionals (LC in August)
<b>GMA Team Travel Trip FEES</b>	\$600.00-\$1200.00 depending upon airfare (subsidies available from NE Swimming)	\$600.00-\$1200.00 depending upon airfare (subsidies available from NE Swimming)	\$600.00	\$600.00-\$800.00	\$600.00-\$800.00	\$300.00-\$500.00	\$600.00-\$1200.00 depending upon airfare (subsidies available from NE Swimming)	\$600.00-\$1200.00 depending upon airfare (subsidies available from NE Swimming)	\$600.00-\$800.00

- GMA TEAM UNIFORM POLICIES:**
  - GMA Team suits, caps and T-shirts are required at an additional cost. The approximate cost for these team items for females is about \$80.00 and for males is about \$55.00.
  - Training suit, GMA team cap, GMA team shirt, goggles, towel, running shoes & socks, shorts and a water bottle are required at every practice.
  - Senior, Sectional and National team members are required to have an equipment bag with pull buoy, kick board, paddles, fins and a snorkel at every practice. The approximate cost for these team items is about \$150.00.
  - GMA is a TYR sponsored team. As such, all GMA swimmers are required to purchase and wear TYR products. All team gear is available through K & B Sportswear. To register for access to your team page:
    - Go to [www.kbswimandsports.com](http://www.kbswimandsports.com)
    - Click on "Team Log In"
    - Fill in your e-mail address and click on "I am a New Customer", if you have not yet registered.
    - Fill in the necessary fields. Please make sure you specify GMA as your Team Name.
    - If the team name is accepted, you will have immediate access to your team page and can begin ordering.

*Note: Your Team Name must be spelled correctly in order to receive immediate access to your Team Page. If your Team Name is misspelled, this will delay your access to your Team Page and you will receive an e-mail notification from K&B Sportswear, Inc., when your account is active.*

- **GMA BOOSTER CLUB**
  - The GMA Booster Club actively fundraises each year to (1) provide scholarships for GMA families to offset the cost of team fees, (2) to provide partial funding for GMA team activities and (3) to support Saint Michael's College Swimming and Diving Team.
  - All GMA families with swimmers in the Senior, Sectional and/or National Groups are expected to be actively engaged in at least 1 GMA Booster Club fundraising activity each year.
  - **GMA Booster Club Scholarships** are available for families in need of assistance in paying the GMA team fees. Please see the GMA Booster Club section of the GMA team website to complete the GMA Booster Club Scholarship application:  
<http://www.gmaswim.com/TabGeneric.jsp? tabid =18190&team=negma>
- **LEAVING GMA:**
  - The By-Laws of New England Swimming state that in order for an athlete to transfer from one USA Swimming team to another USA Swimming team, all team fees with the prior team must be paid in full.

## **GMSP, LLC - GMA Team Registration and Payment Policies**

- **NEW MEMBERS** – To be registered with Green Mountain Aquatics, New England Swimming, and USA Swimming, new members must complete the GMA online registration including the (1) Financial and Registration Agreement, (2) Online Group Registration, (3) Waiver of Liability and (4) Team Contract and must pay the non-refundable GMA registration fee of \$50.00 per athlete for the short course season and \$30.00 per athlete for the long course season. The registration fee will be applied to the total team fee for the athlete.
  - New swimmers to Green Mountain Aquatics may participate for a maximum of two weeks prior to payment of the registration fee.
- **GMA RETURNING MEMBERS** are required to register online during the registration period. Members must fill out all team agreements annually including the (1) Financial, Registration and Payment Agreement, (2) Online Group Registration, (3) Waiver of Liability and (4) Team Contract and must pay the non-refundable GMA registration fee of \$50.00 per athlete for the short course season and \$30.00 per athlete for the long course season. The registration fee will be applied to the total team fee for the athlete.
- **GMA PAYMENT POLICIES:**
  - Prior season's balance due must be paid in full before swimmer(s) can register for the next season.
  - Should a swimmer decide to discontinue participation in the program with the Green Mountain Aquatics Swim Team, full season team fees, any outstanding meet entry fees and a \$50.00 fee for failure to complete the season are considered an obligation to Green Mountain Aquatics and are payable upon termination of participation.

- Absolutely NO REFUNDS will be paid to swimmers who fail to complete the entire season.
    - Only severe medical conditions or family emergencies will be grounds for considering a refund.
  - No refunds for swimmers suspended by the Green Mountain Aquatics for disciplinary reasons.
  - All team account balances are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
  - A late fee of \$5.00 per month will be assessed for failure to pay account balances.
  - Any checks returned to Green Mountain Aquatics for non-sufficient funds will be subject to a \$30.00 additional handling charge.
  - When a swimmer is moved from one group to another, he or she must pay the season team fee for the new group in which they are participating.
  - No pro-rated fees will be offered for any reason to athletes who choose to begin the season late. Please remember that athletes who are moved to a more advanced group will be responsible for the additional program fees of the more advanced group.
  - Athletes may be refused admittance to practice due to excessively delinquent team fees.
  - Swim Meet escrow accounts must maintain a positive cash balance. We reserve the right to deny entrance to those athletes with negative escrow balances into additional meets until the escrow account has been paid in full.
  - In the event that an athlete is sent home from a travel trip for any reason, the parents agree to cover immediate transportation costs for the athlete.
- **GMA DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS POLICIES** - The purpose of this statement is to formally establish our policy with regards to the handling of delinquent accounts.
  - Members who have outstanding balances inevitably undermine the health and success of our club. We hope that we will always be able to solve any problems regarding a member's payment obligations through communication.
  - Our membership fees are structured so that the club can maintain a viable swimming program. Your timely payments contribute to our overall financial well being and our ability to pay for excellent coaches, desirable pool time and swim meet entries, as well as covering all of the related costs of insurance and taxes.
  - We are more than accommodating and understanding that people will and do fall behind in their payments from time to time but we must adhere to the following established procedures:
    1. A Delinquent Account Notice will be sent to you notifying you of your account status.
    2. After receipt of a Delinquent Account Notice a member will have fifteen days to pay their account in full. In the event of extraordinary circumstances which have been communicated to GMSP, LLC we will work with the delinquent member to establish an acceptable formal payment plan.
    3. If we have not heard from the delinquent member by the end of the fifteen days, or if an acceptable formal payment plan is not established and maintained, the accounts swimmer(s) will no longer be entered in any swimming competitions, and these accounts will bear interest at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum.
    4. Accounts which continue to be delinquent and where no established payment plan is in effect and maintained will be declined for renewal registration for the next season and the accounts swimmer(s) will not be allowed to practice with the team.
    5. All payment plans must be paid in full by the end of each swim year (September-August).

6. Green Mountain Aquatics and GMSP, LLC reserve the right to collect all outstanding balances through legal collection processes, including interest as stated above and legal fees incurred in the collection process.
7. The last thing we want is for an overdue account balance to force us to deny any swimmer from practicing and/or a place on our team. We have every intention of working with our families to avoid plenty's due to delinquencies and assist with acceptable payment programs where they are truly necessary. Communication, however, is the key to our ability to do so.

In signing this agreement, the members state that they have read and understand the GMA financial, registration and payment policies. Electronic signature on this form indicates full understanding and liability for all GMA financial, registration and payment policies and fees.