



# **Information Packet**

**2023-2024**

*Hard Work Beats Talent When  
Talent Doesn't Work Hard*

## OUR TEAM

The Milford Area Swim Team (MAST) is a year-round competitive swim team that was established in 1990. We swim out of Milford High School. The facility is a beautiful 6 lane, 25-yard pool with a large amount of spectator seating. MAST holds a formal registration in September and April every year but does accept new swimmer registration throughout the year. Our year is broken into two seasons. Winter (Short Course) season begins in September and finishes in February. Summer (Long Course / SOSL) season begins in April and finishes in July.

### By joining MAST, your swimmer will have access to:

- **Experienced coaching staff** – One head coach and three assistant coaches join together to support swimmers of all ages achieve their goals. Over 20 years of coaching experience on deck with MAST.
- **Membership** – All MAST swimmers are registered with USA Swimming.
- **Training equipment** – All swimmers have access to equipment they will need. Only our top groups will have to purchase additional equipment.
- **Swim apparel** – Team suit, team cap, and a team shirt will be provided each season joining MAST
- **Meet entry fees** – Unlike most other club teams, our team has no additional fees for participating in swim meets. Attend as many or as few meets as you like.
- **Online team website** – Any information you need during the season is easily accessed on our team website. This includes all communications, job sign up, bill payment, meet sign up etc.
- **Banquets** – MAST holds two banquets each year. One following the Winter season and one in the summer.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

The following fee information reflects our fee structure. Your swimmer will receive all of the items noted above which includes all of their meet fees, activities and apparel for the season. We know many potential swimmers participate in other activities, but encourage you to start at the beginning of the swim season. Multiple swimmer discounts are available but not listed.

### REGISTRATION AND SWIM FEES:

**Each swimmer must pay a \$150 fee at the time of registration.** The remaining fee can be paid in full or by installments over the course of the season. Monthly installments are shown below for the 2023-2024 season. Pay in full and multi-swimmer discounts are available. [tom@milfordswimming.org](mailto:tom@milfordswimming.org)

#### Monthly Payment After \$150 Registration Fee

|                      |         | 2022-2023 Season    |  |                       |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                      |         | Year Round (SC/LC)  | Winter Only (SC)                                 | Summer Only (LC/SOSL) |
| Group                | Red 1   | \$ 77.50            | \$ 108.33  | \$ 125.00             |
|                      | Red 2   | \$ 107.50           | \$ 137.50  | \$ 158.33             |
|                      | Red 3   | \$ 137.50           | \$ 179.17  | \$ 200.00             |
|                      | Black 1 | \$ 167.50           | \$ 212.50  | \$ 241.67             |
|                      | Black 2 | \$ 197.50           | \$ 254.17  | \$ 283.33             |
|                      | Black 3 | \$ 227.50           | <i>&lt;&lt; Not Offered for Black 3 &gt;&gt;</i> |                       |
| <b># of Payments</b> |         | <b>10</b>           | <b>6</b>   | <b>3</b>              |
| <b>Schedule</b>      |         | <b>Sept. - July</b> | <b>Sept. - Mar.</b>                              | <b>Apr. - July</b>    |

- Members with installment plans will be billed the total number of payments based on the season registered. Payments start in October for Year Round and Winter Only. Payments start in May for Summer Only.
- You are responsible for the Total Fee by the end of the season. Installments are provided to assist in spreading the total cost of the season.
- Year Round includes both Winter (SC) and Summer (LC/SOSL) seasons. You do not need to register separately for each season if choosing to swim Year Round. You will have an opportunity to switch from Winter Only to Year Round in Feb.
- Families with multiple swimmers will receive a \$10 / month discount for the 2<sup>nd</sup> swimmer registered and \$20 / month discount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> swimmer registered.
- A \$50 discount will be given for each swimmer paid in full at the start of the season.

## FINANCIAL POLICIES

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**MAST** offers scholarships to swimmers whose family income falls below 300% of the poverty level. Scholarships cover only a portion of the fees (the swimmer will be responsible for the remainder). If your swimmer qualifies for a Scholarship, you will be informed of the remainder owed by the family. The scholarship application can be found on the MAST website. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact us through the website.

### MEMBER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Hosting meets is an important fundraiser for MAST and we cannot do it without parent help. All MAST families will be required to work shift at our home and some away meets.

**Winter season:** MAST holds two (2) invitational swim meets each winter season. Every family must work two (2) shifts for each of the two (2) home swim meets, for a total of four (4) worker credits. No more than two (2) credits may be earned per meet in order to equally distribute the work.

**Summer season:** The number of shifts required will be announced once the meet schedule is finalized. Worker sessions will be required for both home and away meets during the summer.

Noncompliance with worker requirements results in the family being billed \$100.00 per missing worker shift.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are two payment options available to families;

- 1. Payment in full-** For families who choose to pay in full at registration, a \$50 discount will be given off of the fees for each swimmer registered.
- 2. Installment plan-** Offers a monthly installment plan that is electronically withdrawn from a checking or savings account or billed to a credit card. A small monthly fee applies for credit card use. You can sign up for ACH after registration. **Please note, if you choose the installment plan, and for some reason your swimmer elects not to complete the season, you will still be charged the monthly payment until complete payment for the season is received. This is NOT a pay-as-you-go option.**

## REFUND POLICY

MAST wants to encourage new swimmers to give swimming a try! MAST has adopted the following refund policy. **There are no refunds for the initial registration fee of \$150/swimmer.** If a refund is desired, the family must notify the MAST Treasurer and Coach in writing with the date the swimmer will quit and the reason for quitting.

### Quit during first 2 weeks of practice

All fees refunded less \$150

### Quit during first 4 weeks of practice\*

2/3 of fees refunded less \$150

### Quit during first 6 weeks of practice\*

1/2 of fees refunded less \$150

### Quit after 6 weeks

No refund except for severe medical problem, job loss, or moving. Must be approved by the MAST Board.

Year Round swimmers who quit after the Winter season will be refunded the difference between the Year Round and Winter Only Fees. Refunds for the difference will only be given if notification is given before the start of the Summer season.

**Medical Release:** If a swimmer is quitting for medical reasons the swimmer/parent/guardian needs to provide a letter from a doctor stating that the swimmer is not allowed to participate for the remaining portion of the season. Temporary injuries such as sprains, minor breaks, etc are not eligible for a refund even though the swimmer cannot participate for a period of time.

**Job Loss:** If a swimmer is quitting due to a job loss by a parent or guardian, the parent or guardian should contact the Treasurer prior to quitting to see if payment arrangements can be made or if the swimmer might be eligible for a scholarship. Most of the time these are temporary situations and can be worked out. Proof of job loss will be required if requesting any type of refund.

**Moving/Relocation:** A swimmer whose family is moving a distance greater than 30 miles from Milford High School (MHS) is entitled to a prorated refund. If the move is less than 30 miles, then no refund is due as the swimmer is expected to complete the season. Proof of relocation/moving may be required.

**Club Transfer:** At times a swimmer/family may desire to change clubs. While this is

generally best done at the end of a season, we understand that sometimes this may not be possible. MAST will follow all USA Swimming policies regarding transfers. A swimmer/family is reminded that all financial obligations to MAST must be resolved and are subject to the refund policies as listed above.

**Scholarship Recipients:** Any swimmer that quits who was receiving a scholarship shall first be obligated to pay their entire portion of the fees prior to the scholarship funds being applied. Remaining scholarship funds shall be held by the club in a separate account to be used in the following season.

In any case of the above, a swimmer/family is responsible for payment of all charges up and through the date of the swimmer resignation. Such fees would include late fees and any other charges due to the club. Failure to pay amounts due to MAST will result in MAST pursuing all legal means it so chooses to collect funds due, including hiring of collection agencies or legal action. Any situation not covered in the above will need to be brought before the MAST Board and shall be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## **POOL LOCATION**

MAST practices and host meets at the Milford High School Natatorium. MAST will have access to equipment and locker rooms at the facility. We do abide by any rules and appropriate guidelines given to us by Milford High School and Athletics Department.

Milford High School Natatorium  
1 Eagles Way  
Milford, OH 45150

## **SWIM PRACTICES**

Practice days, times, and durations will vary by group. We strive to offer the most available practice time possible. MAST does balance the use of the Natatorium with MHS Athletics. At times, we have to adjust our schedule to accommodate conflicts. In general, we typically offer practice 3-6 days a week for our groups. Development groups practice 3-5 days between 1-2 hours depending on the group. Competitive groups practice 4-6 days per week 2-2.5 hours. Practice will consist of dry land activities and pool time. Please reference the weekly communications and your age group coach for more information on practices.