

2017 Blue Wave Aquatics' Membership Payment Policies

Standard monthly rates are remaining the same as 2016. Fund raising events, such as the Last Gasp of Summer and PNA Champs augment dues. Please support BWAQ fund raising events by volunteering and/or participating. 2017 Standard Monthly Rates are:

- \$50 – Swim Team Minimum (1 swim/week)**
- \$68 – Swim Team Basic (2 swims/week)**
- \$80 - Swim Team Unlimited (3+ swims/week)**
- \$62 - Tri Time Lesson - 1 (1 class/week)**
- \$90 –Tri Time Lesson - 2 (2 classes/week)**
- \$15 - Swim Team Drop-in (Punch Card \$65 for 5 swims)**
- \$20 - Tri Time Drop-in (Punch Card \$90 for 5 lessons)**
- \$10 - BWAQ member Tri Time Drop-in**

In 2017, swim team dues may be paid quarterly or annually at a discounted rate:

- \$143 per quarter for Minimum
- \$194 per quarter for Basic
- \$228 per quarter for Unlimited
- \$570 per year for Minimum
- \$770 per year for Basic
- \$900 per year for Unlimited

Quarterly payments must be paid with cash, check or EFT at the beginning of each fiscal quarter (January, April, July and October). **Annual payments must be paid with cash, check or EFT** at the beginning of the year.

New Swimmer Discount of 50% off first month's dues was approved by the Board in 2015.

Payment Options

1. **Recurring credit/debit card.** The monthly transaction will be made on the 1st of each month. If you change credit/debit cards or your card expires, please login to the online Club Assistant account and **Edit Payment Info before the 1st of the month**, so that your transaction will not fail. Failed transactions are very time consuming for the treasurer. If failed transactions not correct by the 15th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be charged.
2. **Cash or check payments.** Payments are due on the 1st of the month. Make checks payable to Blue Wave Aquatics (BWAQ). **You may give your payment to head coach Wendy or Treasurer, Judy Williams. The other coaches are not set up to accept your cash/check payments. If you do not swim with Wendy, please mail checks to: Blue Wave Aquatics, PO Box 24083, Federal Way, WA 98093.**
3. **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT).** New in 2015. EFT is similar to a check, but funds are electronically transferred between banks. Select payment type of check in Club Assistant if you plan to pay with EFT. A service, POPmoney is offered by BECU. Check with your bank to find out what services they offer. The Blue Wave Aquatics checking account information needed for EFT is available from the Treasurer.

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Late Payments

If payment is not received by the 15th, a **\$10 late fee** will be assessed. An invoice will be sent on the 10th of the month if payment has not yet been received. Making your payment on the first of the month, saves the treasurer time and you do not get nagged or risk a late penalty. If full payment is not received by the beginning of the following month, swimming privileges will be **revoked**.

Tri Time

Group swim lessons are offered on a continuous basis. The first lesson is free - [Registration online](#). Tri Time lessons may be paid as a recurring monthly fee or drop-in fee or Punch Card.

- \$62 – Recurring monthly fee for 1 class/week
- \$90 – Recurring monthly fee for 2 classes/week
- \$90 – Punch Card for 5 swim lessons (\$18/lesson)
- \$20 – Drop-in for one class (non-member)

Extra practice, during regularly scheduled swim team practice, is available for an additional \$28 per month. If you want to practice two or more times per week, register for Basic or Unlimited monthly swimming and add \$10/lesson for BWAQ member drop-in.

If you are already a monthly member of Blue Wave Aquatics and need a few tune-up lessons, you may join any Tri Time class for \$10/one hour class.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

NOTIFY Blue Wave Aquatics Treasurer by email Membership@bluewave-aquatics.com to cancel/change your account **BEFORE the end of the month** to change/cancel the following month. For example, notification is required by January 31st to change/cancel February. Otherwise, you will be charged for the next month. This applies to all payment types (credit card/debit card/check/cash/EFT).

Refund of dues for serious injury, illness or family emergency only. Requires approval by the Board. **No refunds on Punch Cards.** Punch Cards are transferable.

Privacy - All information is confidential and on a secured network. We do not share or distribute information.

Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 to help swimmers experiencing financial difficulty pay for swimming. The [scholarship request](#) form is available on the [BWAQ website](#). Normally, the scholarship request is for three months at 50% discount and may be renewed by submitting another request, if needed. The request is confidential with only the Board and coach knowledgeable of the request.

USMS Registration: Each swimmer is responsible for paying Annual Dues to US Master's Swimming (USMS). This provides liability insurance. You must register every year and pay the annual fee (\$54 in 2017). Registration is available on USMS (www.usms.org) or PNA

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(www.swimpna.org) websites. You may also register for USMS when you login to BWAQ Team Registration.

New swimmers are offered a one-week trial at no charge. If they decide to join, they must register with USMS and Blue Wave Aquatics (BWAQ) team online. If a new swimmer joins after the 10th of the month, the first month dues will be pro-rated.

Family Discount is available for two family members (spouse, partner or adult child) living at the same address. The first family member will pay full rate and the 2nd swimmer will pay 75% of normal rate (25% discount). If rates are different for family members, the full rate applies to the swimmer with the highest rate. The family discount rate applies to Tri Time swim classes.

Volunteer work for Blue Wave Aquatics is good way to keep monthly fees from increasing. Consider donating time/food/raffle items to PNA Champs in April, Swim Defiance in June/July and Last Gasp of Summer in September.

Board Members contribute a significant amount of time and effort to keep the team functioning and improving. At the 2009 Annual Meeting, the members voted to offer Board Members one free month of dues each year. The free month will be December, assuming that they have served on the Board the entire calendar year and attended at least 75% of meetings. In addition, the Treasurer, Membership, Communications Board members and the graphic artist receive 50% discount on dues for the considerable time and effort they provide to BWAQ. The newsletter editor receives a 50% reduction in dues each month for the month following a published newsletter. If no newsletter, dues will be full price. Discounted dues for the treasurer, membership and communication Board members are used as an incentive to encourage qualified candidates to run for Board Member positions. If you are interested in being on the Blue Wave Aquatics, you are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to let your interest be known to any Board Member or the Nominating Committee which convenes in October to identify candidates for the following year.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
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