

## MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE

Services are available to families of all income levels. The priority is to provide financially challenged families access and opportunity to all levels of the program by making services equally affordable for all. The annual membership fee structure is based loosely on the philosophy used by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax brackets. *A Household's Adjusted Gross Income (Line 11 of IRS Form 1040) will determine what bracket a member's fees will be.* The cost of each level in a bracket falls within an established percentile range based on the AGI.

### Membership Fee Table

	<u>LEARN-TO-SWIM</u>	<u>PRE-COMPETITIVE</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>GOLD</u>
<b>Proof of Financial Assistance or current 1040 Tax Form below 200% of Federal Poverty Guideline</b>	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
<b>Threshold- \$75,000.00</b>	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$ 275.00	\$400.00
<b>\$75,000.01-\$100,000.00</b>	\$100.00	\$ 200.00	\$325.00	\$475.00	\$650.00
<b>\$100,000.01-\$125,000.00</b>	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$475.00	\$675.00	\$900.00
<b>\$125,000.01-\$150,000.00</b>	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$625.00	\$875.00	\$1,150.00
<b>\$150,000.01-\$175,000.00</b>	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$775.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,400.00
<b>\$175,000.01-\$200,000.00</b>	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$925.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,650.00
<b>\$200,000.01+</b>	\$350.00	\$700.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,475.00	\$1,900.00
Second Child Discount	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Third Child + Discount	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%

### How to Qualify for Free Services

Children from households whose income is at or below the 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (shown in the chart below) may be eligible for a reduction in membership fees (either free or reduced price).

<u>NUMBER IN FAMILY</u>	<u>ADJUSTED GROSS YEARLY INCOME*</u>
2	\$36,620
3	\$46,060
4	\$55,500
5	\$64,940
6	\$74,380
7	\$83,820
8	\$93,260
Over 8 add for each	\$9,440

\*Niagara Swimming uses the 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Children who are members of households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Aid for Families With Dependent Children (AFDC), Home Energy Assistance Program

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(HEAP), Medicaid, Social Security Disability (SSD), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8, or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) may also be eligible for free or reduced membership fees. Although not required, eligible families are encouraged to apply for a reduction in membership fees. Documented proof of the family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) as indicated on IRS Form 1040 Tax Return or Proof of Financial Assistance is required with your application.

### **Membership Registration and Payment**

Any athlete that changes levels throughout the membership year will not begin payment for the new level until the following membership year.

Annual memberships to the club and USA Swimming expire December 31 each year. Rates will be pro-rated by the month starting with the month of the registration.

Upon registration and payment (if necessary) all swimmers, based on their level, may annually receive:

1. Registration with the organization
2. Swim instruction or coaching
3. One TYR Endurance suit
4. One TYR pair of goggles
5. Swim caps based on designated level
6. One team T-shirt annually
7. Meet entry and splash fees covered (for competitive level swimmers only)