



Greetings Returning and Prospective Swimmers,

The Minnesota Short Course season will be starting on September 8th. Once again we will be offering an online process for registration and payment. Online registration will be available starting on August 17th. The following is a brief summary of the season:

Full Season: September 8, 2009 through March 6, 2010

Fall Session: September 8, 2009 through November 28, 2009

Winter Session: November 30, 2009 through March 6, 2010

Also offered are sessions designed to accommodate athletes that participate in other Fall sports.

The Fall and Winter practice schedules will be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized, along with the competition calendar containing dates and times of all the meets in which the team will be participating this season.

The fee schedule for the Fall/Winter season can be found on the last page of this letter.

M3F is chartered by USA Swimming and all program participants are required to be Athlete members of that organization. This must be done prior to beginning practice.

All participants must register as an Athlete member of USA Swimming. We begin the renewal process for calendar 2010 during Fall registration, and the \$54 charge will be automatically added during the online registration.

For those swimmers transferring from another USA Swimming program, please be sure to complete the Athlete Transfer Form (must be signed by a parent) and turn it in to our club registrar. This form can be found on our web site under the "Registration and Accounts" tab. Without this form your eligibility to participate in swimming meets could be significantly limited. If you have any questions regarding transfers contact our club registrar, Chuck Gannon, at chucknjules@msn.com.

New swimmers age 12 or under should plan to attend one of the Evaluation Nights offered during the first week of Fall practice. The dates are September 8th, 9th and 10th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. New swimmers 13 or over should attend the first practice and speak to Coach Tim Daly regarding which group is best for you. A two-week trial is offered for new swimmers at no charge. However the \$54 USA Swimming registration is payable during registration and is non-refundable.

For swimmers that qualify for, and elect to participate in, the Minnesota State Championship meets, the season is slightly extended. Those meets are as follows:

Age Group State – March 12, 2010

Senior State – March 18, 2010

Extra practices prior to these meets will be provided to swimmers at no additional charge. This includes Boys High School swimmers returning after the High School State Meet. For those swimmers qualifying for Central Zones, information regarding practices will be made available by your coach at a later date.

M3F Level Descriptions can be found on the web site under the "About M3F" tab. General questions pertaining to levels or registration should be directed to Lisette Chapman at 763-473-0030 or chapman.lisette@gmail.net.

Fees and Payment

Before a swimmer is allowed to practice and participate with the Mach 3 Flyers Swim Team s/he **MUST** be registered with USA Swimming. The 2010 annual Athlete USA Swimming Registration fee is \$54.00 and must be renewed each year. We renew this during Fall/Winter registration, and this charge is in addition to the fee schedule shown below.

The club's expenses remain the same if a swimmer chooses to swim the entire session or swim just a portion of the session. Except in the case of new swimmers, dues will not be prorated once a season begins.



Group	Session	Start date	End date	Weeks	Total Dues	Due at Reg.	Due Oct 31	Due Dec 31
Green I	Fall/Winter	09/08/09	03/06/10	26	\$470	\$246	\$112	\$112
	Fall Only	09/08/09	11/28/09	12	\$236	\$182	\$54	
	Winter Only	11/30/09	03/06/10	14	\$254	\$195		\$59
Green II	Fall/Winter	09/08/09	03/06/10	26	\$595	\$307	\$144	\$144
	Fall Only	09/08/09	11/28/09	12	\$296	\$227	\$69	
	Winter Only	11/30/09	03/06/10	14	\$319	\$244		\$75
Blue	Fall/Winter	09/08/09	03/06/10	26	\$820	\$420	\$200	\$200
	Fall Only	09/08/09	11/28/09	12	\$404	\$308	\$96	
	Winter Only	11/30/09	03/06/10	14	\$436	\$332		\$104
	Fall Sports 1	11/02/09	11/28/09	4	\$148	\$148		
	Fall Sports 2	11/02/09	03/06/10	18	\$564	\$292		\$272
Red	Fall/Winter	09/08/09	03/06/10	26	\$970	\$496	\$237	\$237
	Fall Only	09/08/09	11/28/09	12	\$476	\$362	\$114	
	Winter Only	11/30/09	03/06/10	14	\$514	\$390		\$124
	Fall Sports 1	11/02/09	11/28/09	4	\$172	\$172		
	Fall Sports 2	11/02/09	03/06/10	18	\$666	\$343		\$323

Other Fees:

USA Swimming Athlete Membership -- \$54.00 (Calendar Year) and is *non-refundable*.
 Swim Meets -- Typically \$15 - \$40 per meet and, once entered, is *non-refundable*.

RETURNING SWIMMERS MUST PAY ANY PREVIOUS ACCOUNT BALANCE PRIOR TO BEGINNING PRACTICE.

Online Registration and Payments

Click the blue Online Registration link on the website to begin your registration. It is preferred that you use the credit card or echeck methods for your payments during online registration. However checks are also accepted and should be mailed to the P.O. Box shown on the website. Please do not give checks to the coaches. The USA Swimming registration fee must be paid immediately and is NOT refundable. The membership dues can be paid immediately online or deferred for two weeks. If within 2 weeks a new swimmer decides to discontinue our program your tuition check will be destroyed or the payment refunded (minus any processing fees).

You may choose to make payment in full during online registration or follow the payment schedule shown above. Swim meet fees will be added to your online account, and are payable at the time of the meet. To manage your account online, click the red Account Login to check your balance or make payments. If you have questions about or problems with the online registration, send an email to keith_m3f@yahoo.com.

Membership Dues Refunds

Membership Dues refunds will be considered by the board for the following reasons:

- First season swimming with the team and decide to stop swimming.
- A debilitating medical injury or condition where the swimmer is unable to swim for a period of at least 3 weeks or more; physician verification may be required.
- Family relocation before the end of the season.

The Board of Directors has sole authority to grant or deny refund request. All decisions are final.