

## Iowa City Eels Swim Club

### Fees and Financial Responsibility

**Monthly Practice Fees:** ICE operates on a year round basis and monthly fees pay for coaches' salaries and general operating expenses. Fees differ according to the swimmer's practice group. Current monthly fees are as follows (Effective 9/1/25)

| Practice Group                          | Monthly Fees                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Frost 2                                 | \$70                                                                          |
| Frost 1                                 | \$75                                                                          |
| Cubes                                   | \$100                                                                         |
| Waves                                   | \$115                                                                         |
| Morays                                  | \$140                                                                         |
| Senior                                  | \$155                                                                         |
| Masters                                 | \$65                                                                          |
| Summer College Swimmers<br>Senior Level | Charge monthly dues at appropriate group rates<br>or swim as Masters swimmer. |
| Dolphin                                 | \$65                                                                          |
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| Returning Eels Alumni                   | \$50 (Thanksgiving/Winter Break Only)                                         |

**Monthly Practice Fees Multi Swimmer Discount:** \$5 discount for the 2<sup>nd</sup> swimmer and a \$10 discount for each additional swimmer beyond two.

**USA-S registration fees:** ICE is registered through USA Swimming, our national governing body, and Iowa Swimming, our regional governing body. All swimmers must be registered as athlete members with USA-S. **This process will be completed via a link provided yearly by ICE.** For insurance reasons, swimmers cannot practice until the USA swimming registration is complete.

**NOTE:** All Coaches, board members, officials, and meet directors must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming. This is a separate fee from your swimmer and is not included in this registration process.

**Registration Fees:** Registration fees is paid once per year at registration. The fee is \$75 per swimmer with a max of \$200 for a family. Swimmers joining after June 30, 2026 will have their registration fee waived for the 2026-27 season.

**ACH and Credit Card Fees:** ICE will pass through the charges from Captyn for online payments.

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| Payment Type | Per Transaction Fee | % of Transaction Fee |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Credit Card  | \$0.30              | 2.95%                |
| ACH          | N/A                 | N/A                  |

**Fundraising Requirements:** Club fundraising requirements have been suspended at this time.

**Volunteer Requirements:** ICE requires each member family to fulfill volunteer requirements for the meets we host.\* If your volunteer requirements are not met, a financial obligation is imposed at the conclusion of each Short Course and Long Course Season (March and August). Each family is required to volunteer for 2 sessions per hosted meet, whether your swimmer is competing or not. Sessions are approximately 4-5 hours long. A financial penalty of \$100 will be imposed per unfulfilled session. Families are responsible for the full payment of the volunteer fee even if their swimmer withdraws from the club less than 45 days prior to a meet. Families that are just suspending their account and plan to return to the club are also still responsible for fulfilling their volunteer requirement. We will work with you to find ways to meet your obligations if working at a meet is an undue burden. Please send an email to the board ([board@iceels.org](mailto:board@iceels.org)) if you need to find an alternative way to meet your requirement.

\*January 17-18 Irving Weber 2026

\*May 2-3 ICE LC Kickoff 2026

\*June 6-7 Splash Out Hunger 2026

**Meet Entry Fees:** Swimmers must pay entry fees to participate in each meet. The fees are paid to ICE, who enters the swimmers and sends the fees to the host club. There is a \$5 meet fee charge for any non-outreach members. You will be invoiced for each meet your swimmer enters. Meet fees are usually about \$60-80/swimmer/meet. Members will be responsible for paying meet fees if they do not withdraw prior to the registration deadline located under the “Event” in Team Unify.

**Note: Flex Members limited to two (2) meets under the LSC Championship level per registration period (January-December of each year).**

**Payment:** Fees are due by the 15th of each month. **All swimmers, including Masters, are required to set up autopay for monthly billing.** If your bill is not paid in full by the 15th, you will incur a \$25 late fee. Please note that registration is paid by credit card and ACH/Automatic Withdrawal must be reinstated as the primary method of payment after registration should that be the preferred method of payment for your family.

Should you encounter difficulties paying your bill or other unforeseen hardship for your family, please contact ICE Finance ([finance@iceels.org](mailto:finance@iceels.org)) to discuss alternate arrangements.

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Failure to pay the monthly fees for two consecutive months will render that family's swimmer(s) ineligible to practice or compete until the account is brought up to date.

**Withdrawal From ICE:** If your swimmer will be withdrawing from ICE at any time you must notify the head coach and Board of Directors ([board@iceels.org](mailto:board@iceels.org)) **by the 21st of the month** to prevent future billing.\* (Submitting a withdrawal request in Captyn is the easiest way to do this) ICE does not bill partial months. Families will still be responsible for all meet fees incurred prior to the withdrawal. In addition, families are responsible for the full payment of the balance of their volunteer fees even if their swimmer suspends their account before ICE hosted meets. A family must completely withdraw from the club at least 45 days prior to a meet to not be responsible for the volunteer fee for that meet. Emergencies, illnesses, and injuries will be considered when assessing outstanding fees or obligations due at withdrawal.

[\*This does not apply to High School Swimmers who enter a limited participation period during their high school swim season as described below.]

**High School Swimmers:** Club members who will be spending part of the Fall/Winter (Short Course) Season swimming for their high school must notify the head coach and board of directors of their swimmer's intent to participate with their HS team by the 21st of the month prior. ICE does not bill partial months. HS swimmers will be billed at 25% of their regular rate for the months they are swimming with their high school team. During this time of limited participation, swimmers may attend up to 2 ICE practices a week and any USA Swimming meets that ICE attends. Volunteer requirements are unchanged from those listed above.

**Outreach (Scholarship) Athletes** USA Swimming is committed to providing outreach membership for families in need. The goal of offering outreach membership is to provide opportunities in swimming to economically disadvantaged youth in the United States. Qualified Scholarship Athletes may register using the national fee for outreach membership of \$5.00 if both of the following are completed at the time of registration:

- A letter submitted requesting consideration for the USA Swimming Outreach Program.
- Proof of one of the following: a) Reduced/Free School Lunch b) Food Stamps c) Loss or reduction of employment or d) Income level at or below the federal poverty guidelines.

Athletes so qualified are eligible for these benefits from the Iowa LSC:

- A list of current Iowa Swimming, Inc outreach benefits are available here:  
<https://www.teamunify.com/team/lscis/page/custom-page2>

Families of scholarship athletes are still required to meet any and all volunteer requirements. The volunteer requirement does not necessitate out-of-pocket expenditures provided the volunteer requirement is met.

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**College Swimmers** pay all practice fees. Swimmers not already registered with USA-Swimming for the current year must also pay the USA-S registration fees at registration.

**Masters Swimmers** do not have fundraising, volunteer, or USA-Swimming obligations. Masters must register with [US Masters](#) and provide proof of registration each year. Proof of registration should be sent to the ICE Board of Directors ([board@iceels.org](mailto:board@iceels.org)). Masters swimmers must also set up autopay for monthly billing.

**Dolphin --** For swimmers 12 & U who are not quite ready for competition. Register as a USA Swimming Flex member. Must fulfill Volunteer Requirements.

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