

COMMONWEALTH NORTH FAQs

Can my athlete move from SwimFit to the competitive team?

At the conclusion of the SwimFit session, athletes may schedule a tryout for the group they wish to train with on the competitive team. In many cases, the SwimFit instructor will recommend a move to the competitive team based on progress in SwimFit.

Does my swimmer need to be registered for a USA Swimming membership if they do not plan to compete in meets?

Yes, all members of the competitive team are required to have a USA Swimming membership. This membership covers liability and insurance during meets and practice. All swimmers, except for those in INTRO, are required to compete in meets. If a swimmer is not interested in competing, they may register for SwimFit.

Can my swimmer change groups in the middle of the season?

Coaches may determine an athlete is ready to move during the current season. If the coach decides this is the best option for the athlete, they will contact the parent and team registrar to make the change. Athletes should not change groups without the permission of the coaching staff.

If my swimmer misses a meet deadline, is it possible to get in the meet?

Deadlines are put in place to ensure CS North can secure space in meets, both home and away. On rare occasions, late entries can be handled, but best not to miss the deadline.

How do I know if my athlete qualified for a championship or qualifier meet?

Qualifying times for meets will be posted on the meet event page on the team website. The coaches will also run a report a month prior to the deadline of the meet and post the qualifiers on the event page. Parents should check this information prior to the deadline.

What if my athlete decides to stop swimming during the commitment period?

If an athlete wants to stop prior to the end of the commitment period, they must submit an email to the team registrar with the subject "re: MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION". The athlete's membership will then be terminated and the remaining payments due for the commitment period will be billed. Please note that if the athlete wishes to return, it will result in another annual registration. No refunds for administrative or registration fees will occur.

Does my athlete need to try-out?

New swimmers and divers should request a try-out with the coach/site at which they wish to train. Tryouts can be scheduled by filling out the form on the website or contacting csnorthregistrar@gmail.com. SwimFit does not require any tryouts for the 13-18 group. A tryout is recommended for Preteam.

Can I pause my account at any point in the season?

Only INTRO and WHITE may pause their memberships during the season. All other registered athletes are committed through the conclusion of the commitment period for which they registered. If an athlete suffers an injury or long term illness, or has a hardship in the family that takes them away from training and/or competing, memberships can be paused by contacting csnorthregistrar@gmail.com. No pauses are allowed for other activities, vacations or time away from the pool.

What do I do after the 7-month commitment season?

At the conclusion of the 7-month commitment season, families should submit the CS North Long Course Commitment Form prior to March 31st. This form is found on the website and families can choose to stop the membership or commit to the team through July.

Is my swimmer allowed to practice at any location?

Any registered swimmer on the competitive team may practice at any of our training facilities but should attend their home pool most often. The schedule for all pools can be found on the team website.

Does my athlete need to purchase a team suit?

Yes, all athletes on the competitive team are required to have a team suit and caps. Every athlete will receive two team shirts and caps on Sept 14th. Those registering after Sept 14th will receive these items after they turn in their team waivers.

Where can I buy team caps and apparel?

CS North has two options for purchasing apparel. K&B Swimwear will offer a team fitting on September 14th at which team suits, warmups, shirts, shorts, personalized caps and bags may be purchased. Other Commonwealth apparel will be available on the website and details will be communicated.