



St. Cloud Thunderbolts Aquatics

Oct 2025 - 2026 Enrollment and Fee Policies

Monthly Membership Fees

Monthly Membership Fees are a requirement to be a member of the Thunderbolts swim team. Monthly Membership Fees are due on the 1st day of each month and will be auto-draft to the card on file with the Thunderbolts. You are required to maintain a card on file for auto-billing at all times. Monthly Membership Fees are calculated based upon the practice group the swimmer is assigned to. Group assignment is subject to change by Head Coach and will be communicated with the parent/legal guardian.

Monthly Rates Effective Oct 2025:

Monthly Membership Fee for 1 hour practice group: \$75 per swimmer

Monthly Membership Fee for 1 hour+ practice groups: \$85 per swimmer

While billing occurs monthly, our expectation is that your commitment will be for a period of a full quarter or more. There is also an expectation for attendance at practice and meets outlined in the practice group requirements.

The Thunderbolts is unable to offer discounts or pro-rating of monthly membership fees for partial month attendance.

Late Fees

For swimmer's accounts that are overdue by 10 days, a \$25 late fee will be charged per invoice. If the account remains delinquent beyond 30 days, the swimmer will be unable to continue to practice until the account is brought current.

Any bounced check fees/insufficient funds fees issued by the bank will be the responsibility of the payer.

USA Swimming Registration

To be a member of St. Cloud Thunderbolts Aquatics, every swimmer must be registered with USA Swimming. USA Swimming registration is paid directly to USA Swimming and costs \$97 annually. This fee is non-refundable. The USA swimming registration provides insurance while on deck or in the pool and allows swimmers to register

for USA swimming competitions nationwide. There is a requirement to renew annually, which is at the athlete's expense.

Swim Meets

The Thunderbolts is a competitive, year-round, swim team and participation in swim meets (competitions) is highly encouraged. Swim meets are an opportunity for swimmers to set goals for themselves and track their progress to those goals over time and is an important part of our swim program.

Swimmers are responsible for paying entry fees for swim meets they attend. For USA Swimming sanctioned meets, there is an individual event fee plus an LSC surcharge per swimmer. Individual event fees vary between \$3.50 to \$8.00 depending upon the type of meet. There will be a nominal Coaches fee added to each swimmer attending a meet to cover some of the coaches' expenses while at the meet. Swim meet fees will be outlined in advance in the meet info file.

If you commit to a meet, you will be invoiced for the meet dues at the time that the meet entries are due. Once the meet entry window is closed and we submit the meet entries, you will be billed. If you have committed to attend a meet, but cannot go for whatever reason, those fees will still be your responsibility. You are also responsible for notifying your Coach with as much notice as possible if you commit to a meet but cannot attend.

Meet fees will be debited via automatic draft to the card you have on file with the Thunderbolts. Please pay attention to the details in the meet sign-up information for costs and deadlines and if you have any questions, please contact the club admin at thunderboltsswim@gmail.com in advance of entering the meet. **The Late Fee policy outlined above also applies to meet entry fees.**

Breaks in Membership:

Extended breaks should be communicated with the Coach in advance. Any requests to pause Monthly Membership billing must be communicated by email at thunderboltsswim@gmail.com **at least 4 days prior to the first of the month** and should include the date that swimmer will return. We will not entertain requests to pause billing for a period of time of less than a quarter. We make no guarantees or hold your space during extended breaks in membership.

Withdrawal or Cancellation of Membership

Any intent to withdraw or cancel membership should be communicated in advance by the parent/legal guardian to the Coach and also sent in writing via email to thunderboltsswim@gmail.com. Notice must be provided in writing **at least 4 days prior to** the first of the month. We will not issue refunds for failure to submit your request in writing prior to the stated deadline.