

## Meet Fees

Swimmers attending meets will be billed for meet fees within a week of the meet. Fees may be billed and “rolled up” with your next invoice. **LCSC is not able to refund swim meet entry fees as the hosting team will not refund LCSC once the swim meet commitment is made by the swimmer via the meet registration process.**

Meet fees are established by the hosting team and typically include a fee per individual event, relay events, facility fee, and/or athlete surcharges that include a fee from Michigan Swimming or other LSC. The specific fees can be found in the corresponding Meet Packet.

The LCSC BOD approved a Coach on Deck Fee in addition to the fees charged by the meet hosting team, beginning with the 2025-2026 season. This fee is as follows:

- **\$5: Local/Metro Detroit area meets within 50 miles of the Livonia Kirksey Recreation Center**
- **\$10: Michigan meets more than 50 miles away from the Livonia Kirksey Recreation Center**
- **\$15-\$25: Ohio / Indiana Meets (ie: Indianapolis, Carmel, Columbus)**

The exact fee will be listed on the information page of the meet in Commit and is subject to change based on the number of swimmers expected to be attending that meet, exact mileage, and whether overnight lodging is required for the coach(es).

### January 2026 Update:

As we continue to grow and support swimmers competing at the highest levels of the sport, we want to clearly communicate a new policy approved by our Board of Directors in January 2026 regarding elite-level travel and coaching support.

### **Coaching Support for Elite-Level Meets**

To ensure the club can continue to provide high-quality coaching at major meets while maintaining financial sustainability, LCSC will begin assessing a portion of coaching expenses for swimmers who qualify for and attend the following meets:

- **USA Swimming Winter or Summer Junior Nationals**
- **USA Swimming Winter or Summer Nationals**
- **TYR Pro Series Meets**
- **U.S. Olympic Trials**

This policy is consistent with what many top programs around the country have implemented and reflects both our ambition and the realities of meet support at the national level.

## **Expenses to Be Shared by Qualifying Swimmers' Families**

Beginning immediately, families of swimmers attending the above meets will be responsible for the following coach-related travel costs:

- **Per Diem:** \$65 per day
- **Lodging:** Up to \$150 per night
- **Transportation:** Mileage reimbursement or reasonable airfare, rental car, and parking fees

**These costs will be split proportionally among the families of all LCSC swimmers attending the same meet.**

## **Why This Policy Matters**

This approach ensures we can continue to provide elite-level meet support without compromising the resources needed for the broader team. It allows us to plan responsibly while continuing to foster and celebrate the success of our top athletes. We remain deeply committed to helping every LCSC swimmer reach their full potential. Thank you for your continued trust and support.