

Long Course Meet Surcharge

Policies & FAQ:

What does the meet surcharge cover?

The meet surcharge covers a portion of the cost of coaching at meets.

How will I be charged?

Meet surcharge fees will be charged to your escrow accounts when you register for a meet just like event entry fees.

Why do we have a meet surcharge?

By charging a per meet surcharge you are better able to control the costs of your summer swimming. By pulling part of the meet coaching fees out we were able to reduce the overall long course cost by \$40 per swimmer. This is a portion of the fee that would normally be budgeted for coaching expenses. Instead of forcing everyone to pay that \$40 up front whether they can attend every meet or not, we are only charging you if you attend the meet. For most swimmers this means a savings, because the vast majority of our team either can't, or chooses not to attend every single meet on the schedule. If you are one of few who just can't get enough swimming and go to every meet, you will spend \$44.00 as opposed to the \$40.00 that would have normally been charged up front. We believe that by doing the fee structure this way it makes things more equitable because the people who are using the service are the ones paying for it.

Why are some meets more expensive than others?

The meet fee is based on the number of swimmers that traditionally attend the meet, and how much it costs to staff the meet with coaches. We looked at the coaching costs and the number of swimmers who have attended the meet in the past and calculated the per swimmer cost. The fewer swimmers that go, the fewer people there are to share the cost of the coach, so the cost goes up. So for example, a meet with time cuts will likely be less attended than a meet with no time cuts. So, a meet like Long Course Champs or Busby will be more expensive than a meet like CCS. Again, like meet entry fees, we believe those who are using the service should be the ones to pay for it. It is certainly not fair to ask a swimmer who can't swim at Busby to pay for a coach to be there, anymore that we would expect the Jones family to pay for the Smith family's meet entry fees.

Do I get a refund if my swimmer gets sick or decides not to attend the meet for some other reason?

Like meet entry fees, the meet surcharge is non-refundable once the entry deadline has passed, because we base the number of coaches we send to a meet on the number of entries we send in.

What if I liked paying up front so I didn't have to worry about it later in the season?

No problem, you are welcome to deposit as much into your escrow account as you like up front. If you plan to attend every single meet currently on the schedule and want to pay it up front then include an extra \$44 with your registration fees. On the bright side, if you later decide not to sign-up for every single meet, or your swimmers ends up not qualifying for a meet, you are still only charged for the meets you actually sign-up for. You will also want to deposit money into your account to cover event entry fees.

What if I only attend one day of a 3 day meet?

The meet surcharge is a flat fee based on attending the meet, not on the number of days or the number of events you swim. Due to budgeting and book keeping concerns we are not able to break it down by day or event. Still it is better than the old way of paying for all the meets up front whether you attend or not.

What if no Coach was there on the only day I swam?

This typically should not be an issue. However if there is a rare occurrence that the only day you are swimming there was no coach present, then you will not be charged the meet surcharge.

Do I get charged if I deck enter?

Yes, if you deck enter and a CFYN coach is present you will be charged the fee through your escrow account. If you deck enter a meet where no CFYN coach is present then you will not be charged the fee.

What if I don't want my swimmer to be coached at a meet?

If a CFYN coach is present at the meet, you will be charged the meet surcharge. Coaching is an essential part of being a part of the Tigershark swim team, and it is not something you can opt out of.

What if the coach does not coach my swimmer at the meet?

Just like in short course, swimmers are expected to find their coach after each event...they can also seek coaching before events, during warm-up etc... If you have questions or concerns talk to the coach, they are always happy to help.

2013 Meet Surcharge Schedule:

Start Date	Meet	Cost Per Swimmer
5/11/13	Youngstown	\$5.00
6/1/13	CCS	\$5.00
6/8/13	Solon Swimfest	\$5.00
6/21/13	Busby	\$11.00
7/5/13	Freelander	\$5.00
7/14/13	Parkview Sizzler	\$5.00
7/26/13	Long Course Championships	\$8.00