# **Evolution Aquatics FAQ's:**

#### **TUITION, FEES, & SCHEDULE**

### What will the practice schedule be in May, June, July & August?

CLICK HERE for <u>Tentative Schedule</u>. If we had no COVID restrictions this is the schedule we would utilize. We are planning on swimming <u>THROUGH August</u> until we must revert to our School Year schedule based on school starting dates when confirmed.

#### What will it cost to swim in May, June, July & August?

If you pay your 2020-21 Registration fee (\$175 or \$125) for September 2020, you will swim for **FREE** in the months of May, June & July. We will charge 1 month tuition on August 1st (the 12 month average rate listed HERE.) On September 1st, we will start on the vanishing tuition/9 payment program.

# Does my family (or my child) have to be a "member" of the facility?

**No**. With your tuition payment you receive a *complimentary* <u>family</u> <u>general</u> <u>facility</u> <u>membership</u>. **New this year,** you will also receive 1 (one) <u>free fitness class</u> per family each month.

#### What are the tuition rates for the School Year?

CLICK HERE to view the vanishing tuition plan payments.

## What is the **Annual Registration Fee?**

This is a non-refundable fee that covers your team registration, meet participation eligibility, and three team t-shirts and 2 swim caps. Stroke Intro and MS/HS Prep swimmers may swim in up to 2 meets; upon entering a 3<sup>rd</sup> meet, the additional \$50 will be drafted.

#### What is Vanishing Tuition?

**The more you swim, the more you save!** After every 3<sup>rd</sup> payment tuition will drop until it is "free" for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> month. Vanishing tuition resets every September. Example: If a swimmer starts in September and makes final payment in May, they pay no tuition for June, July and August. If a swimmer starting in October and makes the 9<sup>th</sup> payment in June, they pay no tuition for July and August.

#### Is a 9 month commitment or contract required for vanishing tuition?

**No**, there is no minimum commitment or contract required for vanishing tuition. The more you swim, the more you save.

#### Can I pay a smaller amount each month instead of using vanishing tuition?

**Yes.** If it works better for your family budget to pay one month at a time, you may request a 12 month payment-plan. However, with this option you must sign a CC/ACH draft agreement to make ALL 12 payments. If you need to cancel or stop participation, the difference between the vanishing tuition payment and the discounted amount paid is due or the residual of the 12 payments (whichever is lower).

#### Which costs more – vanishing tuition or the 12 month payment plan?

They are exactly the same. The monthly average x 12 = (1-3) x 3 + (4-6) x 3 + (7-9) x 3. With vanishing tuition there is no required commitment length or contract – the more you swim, the less you pay per hour of swimming. With the 12 month payment plan there is a 12 month/payment commitment. After 9 (or 12) payments the amount is the same.

#### Is there a termination fee?

**No**. Vanishing tuition - business days advance notice is required to drop you from a group so you are not drafted on the 1<sup>st</sup> (but more notice is always appreciated). There is no fee to return to the team provided there is still space in the group. The 12 month payment plan <u>cannot be cancelled</u>; it can be converted to a vanishing tuition (difference for previous months due) or remaining payments are due. There is no additional "penalty."

## Is consecutive month participation required for vanishing tuition?

No. Vanishing tuition can be paused and restarted. However, it resets in September every year and there is no carryforward of unused "free" months.

#### **TEAM TRANSFERS**

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If you previously swam <u>at another location</u>, will my USA number/registration <u>automatically transfer to</u> **Evolution Aquatics**?

No, you must "opt in" by completing a transfer form (CLICK HERE)

If this is my first time registering for a USA Club team, do I have to register with Evolution Aquatics?

**Yes!** First time team participants complete a new registration form: (CLICK HERE)

Do I have to wait to swim in a competition with Evolution Aquatics?

**No** – you can swim in a swim meet if you have a current/valid USA Swimming registration. If you swam for another team in the last 120 days, you can swim "unattached."

Do I have to wait to represent Evolution Aquatics in a swim meet?

**Maybe.** There is a 120 day waiting period from the last competition in a USA Sanctioned meet before you can "attach" to a new team:

Last USA competition date (any USA Club team):

12/8/2019 - NO

01/26/2020 - Yes, after MAY 27

02/16/2020 - Yes, after JUN 10

02/23/2020 - Yes, after JUN 17

After 02/24/2020 – 120 days from last competition

If I already have a **Team Unify** account with another team, can I use that to access **Evolution Aquatics**?

**No** – you will have to create a new account with Evolution Aquatics and update your credit card details. You can request that your credit card and bank information be removed from your previous account with your previous team.

If I pre-paid my tuition with another team, can I use that with Evolution Aquatics?

**No** - you will need to contact your previous team to request a refund. If your 2019-20 USA membership is paid, it can be transferred to Evolution Aquatics by completing this form: (CLICK HERE)

Will Sailfish Aquatics still be training at the NOMAD location?

No.

If I was an active member of Sailfish Aquatics as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, can I continue to train at the NOMAD facility?

**No.** Only members of **Evolution Aquatics** will be training at the NOMAD facility. Please complete a transfer form: (CLICK HERE)

#### Who are the **Evolution Aquatics** coaches?

Mark Minier, Jessica Berkowitz Minier, Reid Carlson, Valerie Thomas, Jennifer Au will be joining the Evolution Aquatics staff. EVO will be hiring 1 to 2 additional coaches as needed based on registration.

If I previously swam at NOMAD, what group (this summer) will I swim in with Evolution Aquatics?

You will continue with the group in which you last participated. The summer schedule will combine groups and practice times (VIEW HERE) and be similar in schedule to last summer at NOMAD. If you are new to the team or club swimming, we will conduct an assessment to place you in the correct group.

If I previously swam at NOMAD, what group (this fall) will I swim in with Evolution Aquatics?

If you participate over the summer, coaches will be able to assess if you are ready to move to the next group or continue in the group in which you are currently participating. If you return in the fall (VIEW HERE) register for the group in which you last participated. Coaches will contact you if should be moved to the next group based on team registrations and distribution and schedule.

What will be the practice days and times this summer and fall?

May, June, July, August (mid): (VIEW HERE)

August (mid) through May (VIEW HERE)

How long is the Club Season?

School Year: Aug/Sep through April

**Summer:** May through July/Aug

Is my neighborhood team a "club" team?

No. While it is a neighborhood "club recreation" team, it is not considered a USA Swimming Club.

Do I have to buy a new team suit?

For competitions, Yes, you will need a Evolution Aquatics suit. For practices, No, you can wear any suit.

Is my NOMAD general facility membership through Sailfish Aquatics team still valid?

No, if you had a general facility membership through Sailfish Aquatics, it has expired.

# Will I get a NOMAD general facility membership with Evolution Aquatics?

Yes, if you are an <u>active member</u> of **Evolution Aquatics** you will have access to a general facility membership at NOMAD. Activate your facility membership, click this interest form VIEW HERE. To transfer your team membership CLICK HERE. If you are a first time member of a club swim team (your previous participation was swimming lessons or summer league swimming) register HERE and complete your family membership form HERE.