

COACHING FEE POLICY

To ensure our fee structure is both fair and supportive of our athletes' progression, we have established a tiered coaching travel policy. This policy balances the logistical costs of travel with our commitment to making championship-level competition accessible for all families.

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Our standard coaching fee for all sanctioned meets is a **minimum of \$25 per athlete**. This allows our coaching staff to provide consistent, high-level support at every competition and covers deck time and local administrative support. For events requiring travel and overnight stays, fees are adjusted as follows:

- **Block Party Meets:** These introductory events do not incur a coaching fee. Instead, a **flat \$20 event fee** is charged per athlete to cover administrative and facility costs.
- **Standard & In-State Championship Meets:** The **\$25 flat fee** applies to all local meets and all **"In-State" Championship events** (e.g., MRCs or Club State meets). Even if these championship meets require an overnight stay, the club treats them as local events to encourage maximum participation.
- **Regional Ground Travel:** For non-championship meets requiring an overnight stay reached by vehicle, the \$25 minimum applies. However, if the prorated costs of coaches' lodging and per diems exceed that amount, the higher total will be divided among participating athletes.
- **National Air Travel:** For premier meets that include flights and hotel stays, the \$25 minimum is superseded by a prorated share of all travel expenses, including airfare, lodging, and ground transportation, for the coaching staff.

Fee Summary Table

Event Type	Logistics	Total Fee per Athlete
Block Party	Local / Introductory	\$25 (\$5 MN Swimming) Flat Fee
Local & In-State	Standard Sanctioned Meets	\$25 Flat Fee
In-State Championships	e.g., MRCs, Club State	\$25 Flat Fee
Regional Travel	Overnight (Ground)	\$25 Min. (or prorated expenses)
National/Premier	Overnight (Air travel)	\$25 Min. (or prorated expenses)

Note: All travel-related fees exceeding the \$25 minimum will be calculated and invoiced through the team portal upon conclusion of the meet, to ensure accurate expense reporting based on final attendance.