

Other Clubs/YMCAs have “extra” costs. Sometimes they are “hidden”, but at the very least they are not freely advertised up front. As a result, **they actually cost more than they advertise and often for less practice time.**

1. Program Registration Fee - they advertise this rate.
2. USA Swimming Member Fee - Required but not included in the registration fee
3. YMCA membership fee - Required but not included in the registration fee
4. Equipment Purchase (mesh bag, fins, kickboards, paddles, snorkel) - Required but not included in the registration fee
5. Activity or required “fundraising” Fee/Surcharge - Required but not included in the registration fee
6. Separate summer team fee not included in other registration fees.
7. They often limit age/ability groups to certain days (EG: 2 days per week or 3 days per week, and they must be on designated days only)

STEP Aquatics - We charge **just the advertised fee** (annual or quarterly). That **fee includes more items in it, more practice days, and much greater flexibility** to meet family schedules.

STEP Aquatics fee includes ALL:

- a. Program Registration Fee
- b. USA Swimming Membership
- c. We provide equipment on deck for all swimmers to use freely (kickboards, paddles, fins)
- d. No activity fee/surcharge
- e. Any fundraising we do is NEVER mandatory, and is ALWAYS optional.
- f. NO LIMIT on practice days. Attend as many times per week you choose, and choose which days you attend each week. You may even change days from week to week with NO notice.
- g. If on GPS & EAC in the summer, it is included in our annual discount. If on another summer team, the \$1200 annual STEP fee is still less than if add quarters 1, 2, 3 separately. Meaning it still costs less to join STEP annually even if your swimmer is on a different summer team.

Qtr 1: Sept - Nov (\$460)

Qtr 2: Dec - Feb (\$460 or \$230 for HS)

Qtr 3: March - end of May (\$400 - two weeks off at the beginning of April)

Qtr 4: Mid-May/June/July (\$120)

- There is some overlap between Qtr 3 & Qtr 4 dates to account for summer only swimmers joining GPS & EAC.
- August will be included in the \$120 for swimmers that qualify for the high level meets held during that month. Most swimmers should take off the full month of August though.

Year Round One Annual Payment	Year Round Quarterly Payments	Semi-Year Round Quarterly
\$1200 one time payment September - August Includes all above, A - G	Participate in all 4 quarters, but pay each one separately: \$1440 <i>Less costly to just purchase the one time annual membership</i>	Choose any 1-2 Fall/Winter/Spring Quarters + Summer: Range Cost: \$400 - \$920 + Summer Qtr: \$120 Total Cost Range: \$520 - \$1040

Fall/Winter/Spring Quarterly Option 1	Fall/Winter/Spring Quarterly Option 2	Fall/Winter/Spring Quarterly Option 3
Participate during any ONE quarter, Cost Range: \$400 - \$460 You choose the quarter	Participate during any TWO quarters, Cost Range: \$860 - \$920 You choose the quarters	Participate in all THREE quarters, but pay each one separately: \$1320 <i>Less costly to just purchase the one time annual membership</i>

High School Semi-Year Round Option 1	High School Semi-Year Round Option 2	High School Fall/Winter/Spring Option 3	High School Year Round Option 4
Qtr 1 + Qtr 2 + Qtr 4 (summer): Cost: \$810	Choose any ONE or TWO Fall/Winter/Spring Quarters: Range Cost: \$230 - \$920 + Summer Qtr: \$120 Total Cost Range: \$350 - \$1040	Participate in all 3 quarters, but NOT summer (Qtr 4): Cost: \$1090	Participate in all 4 quarters, but pay each one separately: \$1210 <i>Less costly to just purchase the one time annual membership</i>