

DOUGLAS DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

FUNDRAISING POLICY

(Revised January, 2017)

The goals of our fundraising policy are to:

1. Make our programs accessible to as many families as possible, by keeping our monthly dues near the low end of the spectrum for similar swim clubs in the region,
2. Give families flexibility to cover part or all of their fundraising obligation themselves, if outside fundraising is not an option for them,
3. Keep it fair by establishing a minimum fundraising obligation for each family, so that we don't rely on a few families to carry most of the burden,
4. Keep the overall financial obligations of DDST membership as simple and transparent as possible, and
5. Involve the broader community in supporting our youth in the wonderful sport of swimming,

- The annual Fundraising obligation for ALL DDST members is \$200 per swimmer, up to a maximum of \$400 per family.
- Your family's minimum annual fundraising obligation will be posted to your account each March, (except retroactive in 2013 to January).
- Amounts will be prorated at 50% of the annual obligation for swimmers leaving the team before September 1st, or first joining the team on or after September 1st.
- Summer-season only swimmers are exempt from this fundraising policy, but are still strongly encouraged to participate in team fundraising.
- By law fundraising credits cannot be refunded to individual members or used to offset dues.
- The team will provide at least two major fundraising opportunities each year, a Swim-a-Thon and a Sponsorship Drive/Ad Campaign, and may provide additional opportunities as needed.
- Any outstanding fundraising obligation as of the end of February (starting February 2014) will be added to your March invoice. If your family leaves DDST earlier, any outstanding fundraising obligation will be added to your final invoice and must be paid on the same terms as any other outstanding debts to DDST.
- You are strongly encouraged to participate in outside fundraising, as this is how DDST involves the larger community to support and build awareness of our programs. This also helps your family save money! (Note: the Swim-a-Thon is also part of our swimming program, and your swimmer's coach will strongly encourage participation in the swim, regardless of fundraising.)
- Alternately, you may voluntarily donate part or all of your fundraising balance at any time(s) during the year. Fundraising donations in any amount (unlike amounts charged to your monthly invoices) are tax-deductible.

Please know that the Board always stands ready to work with individual family circumstances. The team has a small number of need-based scholarships available to help swimmers cover all or a portion of their monthly dues and/or other expenses. Note that these scholarships do require participation in team activities, including fundraising and hosting swim meets.