



Procedures to Join X-Cel Swimming

How are swimmers accepted on the team?

The Coaches and the Board of X-Cel have determined that swimmers will be accepted on the team in the following order of priority:

- 1) Current members of the team have first priority.
- 2) Siblings of current members of the team have second priority.
- 3) Non X-Cel swimmers who have demonstrated a high level of age group competency have the third level of priority.
- 4) All other non X-Cel swimmers have the fourth level of priority.

Within each of categories 2, 3, and 4 above, added consideration will be given to those swimmers who have participated in one of X-Cel Swimming's ancillary programs (High School Warm-up or Pre-PASDA). The acceptance of swimmers in categories 2, 3, and 4 above is subject to availability in the X-Cel swimming level in which the swimmer will participate. Currently, X-Cel divides its swimmers into three levels, with Level 3 having the older swimmers of the highest competency. In addition, X-Cel seeks to maintain a balance of swimmers in each of the USA Swimming age groups.

In addition to the competitive swimming program provided for members of the team, X-Cel also offers both a High School Warm-up in the fall, and a Pre-PASDA program in the spring. Participation in the High School Warm-up and Pre-PASDA programs is generally limited only by space considerations.

What differentiates the three levels of swimmers?

Level 1 is the beginning level; Level 2 is the intermediate level; Level 3 is the advanced level. Within Level 2 and Level 3, there are two groups. Swimmers are placed in the appropriate level and group by the coaches based on age and swimming ability.

Who determines the X-Cel swimming level of each prospective swimmer?

Either the Head Coach or one of the coaches he/she appoints determines the level of the prospective swimmer. This is done by a review of the prospective swimmer's application, and a "try-out" swim in front of the Coach, if necessary.

Who determines the number of swimmers at each level?

The Head Coach in conjunction with the Board of X-Cel determines the number of swimmers at each level.

How do I apply to have my son/daughter swim at X-Cel?

You can apply to X-Cel by filling out the Application Form found on the website, and sending back a completed electronic copy via email to xcelswim@xcelswimming.org. Please fill out the application completely, including the swimmer's best times. Upon receipt, the application will be reviewed. Following the review, you will be notified about availability on the team, and the possibility of scheduling a "try-out" swim. Please note that submission of the Application Form does **not** guarantee a position on the team.

What are the fees to swim at X-Cel?

Depending on the season (long course or short course) and the level of the swimmer, fees currently range from about \$500 to about \$1900.

Where can I find out more information about X-Cel?

More information about X-Cel can be obtained from the X-Cel Swimming website. The URL is <http://www.xcelswimming.org>. In addition, you can email specific questions to xcelswim@xcelswimming.org, and someone from the X-Cel management team will respond to your questions. Please be sure to include your phone number if you wish to speak with someone directly.