**Member Forms Checklist**

- Membership Application
- Aquatic Waiver and Release of Liability
- Parent Volunteer Form
- USA Swimming Form (New Members Only)

**Membership Information**

**Monthly swim dues are the primary source of income for GATO.** Monthly dues are paid electronically on the 1st of the month via PerfectMind, the Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation department’s registration software. Your swimmers first month dues can be prorated. All other monthly dues must be paid in full even if your swimmer(s) swims with GATO just once during the month. GATO does not pro-rate fees for partial months.

**GATO Swimmer Registration and Apparel Fee $250:** Swimmers joining the Orange through Senior Groups will be charged a per swimmer Registration Fee. The fee covers your first (2) GATO Team Caps or (1) Silicon Team Cap, Cinch Bag, T-shirt and program operations. The fee for swimmers joining GATO in June or later of every year will apply for the upcoming season. Fee is non-refundable.

- 2nd Swimmer $100
- Pre – Orange Registration Fee $50

**USA Swimming Registration Fee is $73.** Annual USA Swimming Membership is required for all swimmers joining GATO. Registration fees are per calendar year. This fee will be due annually in July to swimmers returning to GATO. For new swimmers this fee is billed when you join and every July thereafter. The USA Swimming Registration Fee is non-refundable.

**GATO Swimmer Registration Fee and USA Swimming Fee will be paid by check payable to: SBAC**

**Inactive Fee:** If your swimmer plans to not practice or participate in meets for a month or more, GATO offers an inactive fee. The inactive fee is $75 per month, paid in lieu of monthly dues. The Inactive status will allow your swimmer to return to his/her original practice group and bypass any waitlist that may be in effect due to practice group size. If payment is delinquent, swimmer(s) will be removed from the active roster.

**GATO is an ongoing swim program: Membership will continue until we receive an intent to quit email to PolarBearsofLG@gmail.com. A 30–day written/typed notice is required to end your financial obligation upon leaving the team. Please email PolarBearsofLG@gmail.com for all swim team communications; this is the new shared email between the coaching staff and Rigo Amador.**
Membership Registration Steps:

1. Complete USA Swimming Registration form & Member Information form including a check made payable to SBAC for:
   a. 1st Swimmer $323
   b. 1st and 2nd Swimmers $496

   **REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME YOU WISH TO START**

   Turn in completed forms to GATO Coaching Staff or Rigo Amador, Recreation Coordinator of LGS Recreation (can be found in pool office during practice hours).

2. Contact the Polar Bears at PolarBearsofLG@gmail.com to set up your Polar Bears group membership. All swimmers must have a PerfectMind account through the LGS Recreation Department website: www.lgsrecreation.org. Click “Login” on the top right to create an account.

3. GATO reserves the right to terminate the membership of any member whose actions are considered detrimental to GATO.

   **At the end of your trial week, turn in the following items to GATO COACHING STAFF OR RIGO AMADOR.**

   - Membership Application
   - Aquatic Waiver and Release of Liability
   - Parent Volunteer Form
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   ***All membership forms and fees must be received before the first day of practice.***
**Parent Volunteer Form**

Supporting your child in swimming is a fun and very rewarding experience. Parents’ participation is needed for timing at swim meets, helping at fundraisers, organizing social events, and becoming a USA Swimming Certified Official. Whatever your role may be, your child’s GATO experience has a lot to do with positive family support.

Please initial each requirement and turn in the sheet with your packet:

_____ Polar Bears of Los Gatos hosted swim meets

GATO may choose to run a swim meet or swim meets during the year. These meets are a substantial portion of our fundraising efforts each year. They are also part of our responsibility to support the sport, and our USA Swimming Zone I South. Each family will be given a required number of shifts to work at Polar Bear hosted meets. If you do not sign up for an event or make other arrangements to volunteer, bring in a $100.00 check to offset costs. There will be a $100.00 charge added to your account and due prior to the next season that you swim with GATO. New members to our club will be exempt from the obligation to help. A new member is a family that is swimming with GATO for the first season, but if you are inclined, this would be appreciated. If you swim in the Summer, you will be asked to help.

_____ Timing at meets

Each swimmer that attends a meet is expected to provide timers. Each family is expected to time at least one shift during the meet. Parents can sign-up online at losgatospolarbears.org. Just go to the event and click on the Job Sign-up tab. New members to our club will be exempt from the obligation to time. A new member is a family that is swimming with GATO for the first season. If you swim in the Summer, you will be asked to help.

_____ Fundraising events

Each family is expected to participate in fundraising event(s) during the course of the year. Families not participating in fundraising will be charged $100.00. This will be due prior to the next season with GATO.

I have read and agree to the general and written policies above.

DATE: __________________________ PRINT NAME: ________________________________

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _______________________________________________
MEMBER INFORMATION

Swimmer Name (Last, First & Middle):___________________________________________________________

Birthday: ___________________________ Age: _____ Gender M/F: ______ T-shirt size: ______ Group Level: ________________

Swimmer Name (Last, First & Middle):_____________________________________________________________

Birthday: ___________________________ Age: _____ Gender M/F: ______ T-shirt size: ______ Group Level: ________________

Father’s Name: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________ Cell # ___________________

Mother’s Name: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________ Cell # ___________________

Mailing Address:__________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________________________ Zip code: __________________________ Home Phone # _____________

Emergency Contact: ___________________________________________ Phone # ___________________

Any Medical Information we may need to know? ______________________________________________________

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Insurance Carrier: _____________________________ Policy # _____________________________

Doctor’s Name: _____________________________ Phone # _____________________________

MEMBERSHIP

In consideration of the privilege of membership to the Polar Bears of Los Gatos, we the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above swimmer(s) hereby hold Polar Bears of Los Gatos, its parents, and employees, free and harmless from any liability for injuries or damages they, or our swimmer(s) may incur as a result of our swimmer(s) participation in team events and activities, including practice sessions, and we assume the team’s responsibility for the same. Also, as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above swimmer(s) we agree to payment of swim team fees, and club fee as described above or as amended by the Polar Bears of Los Gatos.

Parent Name and Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: _________________

EMERGENCY

In case of emergency, I understand every attempt will be made to reach our family physician. If he/she is not available, I give my permission to use the closest medical facility. I also authorize the appointed team representative to approve medical or dental treatment for my child in my absence.
**INITIAL PAYMENT**

The monthly dues are paid electronically on the 1st of the month via PerfectMind, the Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation department’s registration software.

$124.00 Orange Group Swimmer        $139.00 Blue Group Swimmer  
$149.00 Junior Group Swimmer          $160.00 Junior Plus Group Swimmer  
$149.00 Varsity Group Swimmer         $175.00 Senior Group Swimmer  
$201.00 Senior II Group Swimmer       $120.00 Pre - Orange  

$73.00 USA Swimming Fee

**$250.00 New and Returning Swimmer Fee / Second Swimmer $100.** Registration Fees are per calendar year. Swimmers fees for joining in the last quarter of the season will be applied to the upcoming season. Pre – Orange Swimmer Fee $50.

Total: $______________  

***GATO Annual Fee and USA Swimming Fee will be paid by check to: SBAC***

**Polar Bears of Los Gatos – WAIVER / RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I,__________________________________, the enrolled participant and/or parent/guardian of the participant agree and understand that swimming is a hazardous activity. I recognize that there are risks inherent in the sport of swimming, including but not limited to, paralyzing injuries and death. The named participant agrees to participate with Polar Bears of Los Gatos and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Polar Bears of Los Gatos, its coaches, officers, directors, agents, and employees against any liability resulting from any injury while participating in aquatic programming with Polar Bears of Los Gatos. The participant also agrees to indemnify Polar Bears of Los Gatos for any damages incurred from any claims, demand, action or cause of action by the participant.

The participant authorizes any representative of Polar Bears of Los Gatos to have the participant treated in any medical emergency during their participation with Polar Bears of Los Gatos. Further, the participant and/or parent/guardian agree to pay all costs associated with medical care and transportation for the participant.

I have noted on this form any medical/health problems of which the staff should be aware. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE AND SIGNED IT WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS CONTENTS AND SIGNIFICANCE.

Signature:__________________________________________  
Date:____________________________________