

Thank you for your interest in joining EARC!

As you may be aware, EARC has reached capacity for the 2022 summer season.

You are now added to the EARC wait-list. Additions to it are in order of your email contact with us and the wait-list rolls over year to year and operates as a true first come first serve (no favoritism) waitlist.

We don't collect a deposit or any other information than a contact name and email until later when a membership spot is offered via email.

You are in position #218 on our waitlist for upcoming seasons.

It is expected the waitlist will grow by at least another 200 to exceed 400 total by Spring 2023.

How the waitlist works:

Current members from the most recent past summer season are given first opportunities to renew for the upcoming summer (normally a mid-March deadline). After this initial period, open spots are offered in groupings to persons off the wait-list (each time the group is given a few days to respond and confirm before moving down the list).

In addition to being emailed, any updates to the renewal process for people on the wait-list will be posted on our website as well - <https://www.earcpool.com/membership/>

What Does My Number Mean / What are my chances for next year?

That cannot be answered for sure as every year is slightly different and there has been increased fluctuations in the recent past both due to COVID concerns and new this year a greater uncertainty and impact from inflation/economic effects.

What we can provide is insight into the past couple of years:

Following our sending out our initial February 28th, 2022 email covering the waitlist process for Spring 2022, EARC went through **194** waitlist spots in order to fill what was **64 openings** in our membership base for the 2022 season.

These 64 openings reflect 16% of our total membership. In a "normal" year we're closer to a 20% turnover rate which would have been ~79 spots opening. However in 2021, EARC had closer to a 40% turnover rate following a year of remaining closed during the first summer of COVID so there is some question as to what is the 'new normal' turnover rate.

In a "normal year" we also usually go through only a 1/3rd more waitlist names to fill empty spots but (as you see from above) this year we used over 3 times more names to fill the 64 openings. Feedback we received indicated this was due to inflation costs cutting into many people's finances necessitating them to skip over their opportunity to join.

My Best Guess (as that's what everyone wants to know, but again nothing is 100% certain):

If your number is under 90 you have a great chance of joining in 2023.

If your number is 91 to 160 you still have a chance in 2023 (but 2024 may be the year)

If your number is above 161, then 2024 and later is your best bet

Again, these are 'guesstimates' but everyone deserves some idea of where they stand going forward.

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