Tuition Billing Cycles

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A **Billing Cycle** is defined by how often you bill tuition to your students.

Go to **Tuition Billing Settings** (*Tools* menu > *Edit Settings > Tuition Settings > Tuition Billing Settings > Manage Settings*) to select all the **Billing Cycles** that apply to your organization. **Note:** If you bill **By Total Hours** you are limited to one Billing Cycle.

There are four Billing Cycles to choose from:

- **Weekly** - You can pick the day of the week that the cycle starts.
- **Monthly** - You can pick the day of the month the cycle starts.
- **By Session Dates** - You pick the Session dates, to use this option you must add start and end dates to each session. Session dates are added in the drop-down lists: (*Tools* menu > *Edit Settings > Drop-down Lists*).
- **Custom** - You can post fees using a custom Billing Cycle (for example, every 4 weeks), select *Custom*. Indicate the number of weeks in the Billing Cycle (you can select up to 52) and indicate the start date of the first Custom Billing Cycle.

Assigned to each *Class* record, on the *Summary* tab, Tuition Billing Cycles tell Jackrabbit how often families are billed for tuition for each class and what day/date the Billing Cycle starts. This is the day/date that the class cycle starts and **is not necessarily the date you actually post the tuition fees** For example, you may post fees to families on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month. Your Billing Cycle would be monthly and each cycle would start on the 1st of the month.

Tuition Billing Cycles define the range of days that families are billed for. If you choose to **prorate tuition fees**, you must select a billing cycle.

Select the Right Billing Cycle

Classes Billed by Total Hours

For classes billed **By Total Hours** you can use only one Billing Cycle.

When you select By Total Hours in the Tuition Billing Settings(*Tools > Edit Settings > Tuition Settings*), Jackrabbit assumes you'll want to bill monthly and defaults the Billing Cycle to Monthly in the Update "Total Hours" Discount Settings (*Tools > Edit Settings > Tuition Settings*). All By Total Hours classes are automatically assigned the Monthly Tuition Billing Cycle and that field is disabled on the *Class* record > *Summary* tab.

If you have selected other Billing Cycles (Weekly or By Session Date) in the Tuition Billing Settings, you can opt to use one of those instead of Monthly for your By Total Hours classes. When you update the Billing Cycle selection in the *Update "Total Hours" Discount Settings*, every class assigned a Billing Method = By Total Hours will be reset to the Billing Cycle you selected.

Billing Cycles for Classes Billed by Class Tuition Fee

If you select only one Billing Cycle in the Tuition Billing Settings, Jackrabbit will automatically assign that Billing Cycle to every class and that field is disabled on the *Class* record > *Summary* tab.

It is possible to use more than one Billing Cycle for classes billed **By Class Tuition Fee**. If you select more than one Billing Cycle, you must ensure each class has a correct Billing Cycle saved to the Class Summary tab.

Note: Use *Edit All Classes* from the *Classes* menu, with the search criteria*Class Tuition Billing Method* = **By Class Fee** and *Class Tuition Billing Cycle* = **(No Value)** to locate classes that do not have a Tuition Discount Rule assigned.

Billing Cycle Examples
- You run Post Tuition Fees on the 25th of each month, however, families are being charged for the following month from the 1st through the end of the month. **The Billing Cycle is *Each month* on the 1st.**
- You run Post Tuition Fees every week on Saturday, however, families are being charged for the upcoming week (Monday - Sunday). **The Billing Cycle is *Each week* on Monday.**
- You run Post Tuition Fees once per session on the day the session starts**The Billing Cycle is *By Session Dates*.** Note: If you prorate classes **and** use the By Session Dates Billing Cycle, the prorating is calculated based on the Session dates as defined in *Tools > Edit Settings > Drop-down Lists*; class start and end dates are NOT considered.