



The Athens Bulldog Swim Club

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ABSC Practice Group Prices and Financial Policy 2021-2022

| Practice Groups | Group Description | Price | Practices Per week |
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| Gups: Learn the Sport | Serves as an intro to ABSC and intro to club swimming. Focus is on developing basic meet readiness in the four strokes, foundational skills like streamlines, and practice routines. Learn to learn and learn to love the sport! | \$110/mo. 11 mos. | Offered: 3 for 1 hr. ea. Recommended: 2-3. |
| Pups: Learn to Race | Teaches swimmers in grades 3-6 the racing skills to compete across all four competitive strokes in varying distances. Builds upon basic technique taught in the Gups group. | \$120/mo. 11 mos. | Offered: 3 for 1 hr. ea. Recommended: 2-3. |
| Super-pups: Expand and grow | Prepares swimmers in grades 4-8 to compete at the state level. Focus is on stroke efficiency and race strategy, along with beginning to build an aerobic base so that swimmers can add events of all strokes and distances to their event set. | \$170/mo. 9 mos. | Offered: 5 for 1.5 hrs. ea. Recommended: 3-5. |
| Dawgs: Train for success | Designed for swimmers in grades 5-9 to swim at the state and regional level and prepare for Senior 1. Focus is on establishing a strong aerobic base, building strength, and improving technique. | \$200/mo. 9 mos. | Offered: 6 for 1.5 or 2 hrs. ea. Recommended: 4-6 |
| Senior 1: Lead and Achieve | Intended for swimmers in grades 8-12 whose goals are to compete at the top levels of regional and national swimming, and to swim in college. Workouts are challenging and advanced. | \$220/mo. 9 mos. | Offered: 7 for 3 hrs. ea. Recommended: 6-7. |
| Senior 2: Excel and Refine | Intended for swimmers in grades 8-12 who are committed to the sport, and are still working to improve aerobic capacity to prepare them for college swimming and/or the Senior 1 group. | \$200/mo. 9 mos. | Offered: 5 for 1.5-2 hrs. ea. Recommended: 4-5 |
| Senior Flex: Focus and add skill | Intended for swimmers in grades 8-12 who want to be competitive members of their high school/ summer league teams but want a smaller practice commitment than the other senior groups. | \$140/mo. 9 mos. | Offered: 3 for 1.5 hrs. ea. Recommended: 2-3. |
| Masters: Connect to swimming | Masters swimmers are anyone 18&over who love the sport of swimming. We welcome all ages and experience levels. Practice is technique oriented and meets are optional. Come join our community and swim for life! | \$120/mo. 11 mos. | Offered: 3 for 1.5 hrs. ea. Recommended: 2-3. |

****All groups except for the Masters will pay a \$200 startup registration fee****

**** You can also pay by Trimester (Gups/Pups/Masters) or Semester (Supers, Dawgs, Senior Groups) and Save 5% or more!**

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Monthly Calendar

ABSC operates on an 11-month fiscal calendar, and each billing cycle runs from September of a given year, until July of the following year. The month of August is off.

- Within the 11-month calendar year is the short course season (September – March) and the Long Course season (April – July). With our monthly billing setup, you can swim either or both seasons, and can join up any month.

Registration Startup Fee:

Each ABSC swimmer will be charged an annual, non-refundable registration startup fee of \$200. This fee includes ABSC club membership, USA Swimming membership, a team t-shirt and Swim Cap. Families with multiple swimmers will only be charged \$100 for the second swimmer and beyond. On February 1st, each year, this fee will drop to \$100 for the first swimmer for all groups, and \$80 for subsequent swimmers. **Masters don't pay the registration startup fee.**

Monthly Invoices:

- **Superpups, Dawgs, Senior 1, and Senior 2, and Senior Flex** monthly tuition is billed **in 9 monthly instalments (September-May)** or further if membership is suspended or started later). This includes 11 months of membership (we typically take August off). If all monthly fees have been paid from September – May, June and July are free.
- **Gups and Pups: monthly** tuition billed **in 11 monthly installments (September – July)**.
- **Masters:** 3 semesters of payments (September, January, May).

Pay by Semester/Trimester option:

Families will also have the option to pay by semester (Supers and above) or trimester (Gups and Pups) for a 5% discount in fees off each bill. For example, a family with a swimmer in the Dawgs group can pay once in September and again in January and receive 5% off each bill. (Registration fee not included). Note** Trimester 3 is only 3 months, rather than 4.

Billing Dates and Payment Deadlines:

All monthly invoices are created at 12:00am on the 1st day of each month. Each month's invoice must be paid by the 10th of the month.

- Pay by trimester billing dates for Gups/Pups/Masters: Sept 1, Jan 1, May 1.
- Pay by semester billing dates for Supers/Dawgs/Senior groups:

Payments:

Billing invoices can be paid one of three ways:

- Pay with master/discover/visa card. A valid card added to your account can be processed automatically on the 1st day of each month for tuition dues and any meet fees from the previous month (if any).
- Pay with a checking/savings account (ACH Direct Draft). A bank account can be added to your account to be drafted on the first day of each month for tuition dues and any meet fees from the previous month (if any). There is NO convenience fee for this electronic payment method.



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- Pay manually with check. If you chose this method, your balance would appear in your parent portal on the first of each month, but you will not be charged. Payment is due by the 10th day of each month. Please mail payment to; **PO Box 7595, Athens, Ga 30604. Attn. Athens Bulldog Swim Club.** **All payments are due by the 10th day of each month.**

Electronic payment requires being enrolled in the auto-pay system (Visa/MasterCard/Discover Card or ACH Direct Deposit Bank Account). If you would like to pay manually, you must pay by check before the 10th day of each month.

Athens Bulldog Swim Club does not accept partial payments.

Meet Fees:

Families pay for ABSC meets as they register. Once a swimmer is committed online for any swim meet or team event; and the online commitment withdrawal/sign-up deadline has passed, **the account holder of the swimmer is financially responsible and will be billed.** Specifically note: swim meets missed for illness will not be credited for any reason; fees are incurred prior to the meet and cannot be refunded.

Multi Swimmer Discount:

Families with multiple active paying swimmers will receive a discount on the additional swimmer's monthly dues. There is a 10% discount to the 2nd swimmer, a 20% discount to the third swimmer, and the fourth swimmer per family and beyond will receive a 100% discount. Discounts apply to the swimmers paying the lesser amount each month. Multiple swimmers must be registered on the same account and must be living in the same household. The multi-swimmer discount applies to monthly dues only and does not apply to the registration fee, meet fees, or any other fees.

Multi-family registration fee discount: The 2nd swimmer and beyond in each family will be given a discount coupon from the ABSC staff upon registration and can apply it to receive \$100 off their second swimmer and beyond.

Changing Roster Groups:

If your swimmer moves to another roster group mid-season, your monthly rate will be reflected on the following month's invoice. (ex. Henry F moves from the Gups group to the Pups group on October 15th. He will not be charged the Pups group rate until the next billing period on November 1st).

Suspend/Reactivation for Registered Members:

- Swimmers may opt to suspend their memberships for one or more months. **Coach Mike must be notified via EMAIL before the 27th day of the month PRECEDING the month you wish to**



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suspend your swimmer's membership. (ex. If Johnny wishes to not swim in the month of February, Coach Mike must be notified by email before January 27th).

- Account balances must be paid in full to suspend a swimmer's membership. Suspended members may not participate in Athens Bulldog practices or meets.
- Please email Mike at mike@athensbulldogs.com with your swimmer's name as well as the desired month(s) to suspend your registered member. Please also email Mike at if you wish to re-activate a previously suspended swimmer's membership. Your account will be invoiced for the full month's dues for the month your swimmer returns.
- If a swimmer in one of the groups being billed for 9 months (Supers, Dawgs, Senior 1, Senior 2) takes a month off, they will then be billed in June. For example, if you take November off, and therefore only swam 8 out of the 9 months for which we bill, then if you choose to swim in the summer, you will only receive one "free month" (July) and will be billed for June. July would still be free in this scenario. If you miss two or more months, you will be billed in June AND July should you choose to swim. We do not typically swim in August.
- For Pups and Gups, there will be a 50% restart fee for swimmers who suspend membership and rejoin later during the 2021/2022 season. For instance, if Johnny swims September – November, takes December off, and rejoins in January, then he will be billed his January fee +50% upon his return. If the monthly fee is \$120 for Pups, his January fee would be \$120+\$60 = \$180.

Canceling Memberships:

If you wish to cancel your membership for the remainder of the season, please email Mike@athensbulldogs.com with your swimmer's name and statement of cancelation. Your monthly invoices will be discontinued, **effective the following month**. Account balances must be paid in full to cancel a registered swimmer's membership.

Holidays / Breaks:

In March or April, there may be a week vacation for the coaches and staff that aligns with the Spring Break for the major public-school district in the ABSC location's area. Your normal monthly payment would still be due in March/April because the monthly payment for each practice group is based upon the total amount of practice time during the season. In addition, the total practice time for each team is added up for the entire season (all practices for September through July) and divided by monthly payments for your convenience. ABSC takes in consideration Christmas, New Year's, Spring Break, the beginning of the school year break, etc. Monthly rate cannot be adjusted due to individual schedules.

For any further questions, please email Mike Radford at Mike@athensbulldogs.com. You may also reach him at 404-513-2826 and leave a message, or contact our treasurer, Clayton Foggin at Clayton@athensbulldogs.com.