



# The Athens Bulldog Swim Club

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## ABSC Financial Policy 2023-2024 Season

### Monthly Calendar

ABSC operates on an 11-month fiscal calendar running from September of a given year through 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 start or stop your billing any month.

### Annual Registration Fee(s):

**ABSC Annual Reg. Fee.** Each ABSC swimmer will receive a non-refundable Annual Registration Fee of **\$125** for ABSC. Team t-shirt and Swim Cap are included.

- Families with multiple swimmers will only be charged a \$40 ABSC Annual Registration Fee for the second swimmer and beyond.
- On February 1<sup>st</sup>, each year, this fee will drop to \$80 for the first swimmer for all groups, and \$20 for subsequent swimmers. **Masters do not pay the Annual Registration Fee.**

**USA Swimming Annual Reg Fee.** You will also pay an \$89 USA Swimming Annual Registration Fee, which you will complete independently through the USA Swimming registration link we send you on Sept. 1, 2023.

### Practice Group Pricing

Practice Group	Monthly Fee	Semester/Trimester Fee
Gups	\$125/mo. 11-month** schedule.	\$460/ Trimester**
Pups	\$140/mo. 11-month** schedule.	\$485/ Trimester**
Superpups	\$175/mo. 9-month schedule.	\$750/ Semester
Dawgs 2	\$190/mo. 9-month schedule	\$810/ Semester
Dawgs 1	\$220/mo. 9-month schedule	\$940/ Semester
Senior & Dawgs Flex	\$160/mo. 9-month schedule	\$685/ Semester
Senior 2	\$220/mo. 9-month schedule	\$940/ Semester
Senior 1	\$245/mo. 9-month schedule	\$1045/ Semester
Masters	\$130/mo. 11-month schedule**	\$380/ Trimester**



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<b>Junior Home School</b>	\$130/mo. 9-month schedule	\$600/ Semester
<b>Senior Home School</b>	\$175 mo. 9-month schedule	\$750/ Semester

**\*\* Most ABSC Groups operate on a 9-month billing schedule. The Gups, Pups, and Masters operate on an 11-month billing schedule. Therefore, their discounted option is a “Trimester” option rather than a “Semester” option.**

### Monthly Invoices:

- Monthly tuition for **Superpups, Dawgs 1, Dawgs 2, Senior 1, and Senior 2, Senior & Dawg Flex, and Home School** billed **in nine monthly installments (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. If one month was missed, then only July is free.
- **Gups, Pups, and Masters: monthly** tuition billed **in eleven monthly installments (Sept. – July).**

### Pay by Semester/Trimester option:

Families will also have the option to pay by semester (Supers and above) or trimester (Gups, Pups, & Masters) for a 5% discount in fees off each bill. (note\*\* Masters is larger than a 5% discount for pay by trimester).

- 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).

### Billing Dates and Payment Deadlines:

All monthly invoices are created at 12:00am on the first day of each month. Each month’s invoice must be paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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: Sept 1, Jan 1.

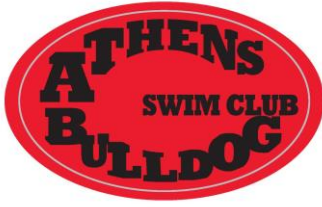
### Payments:

Billing invoices can be paid one of two ways:

- Pay with MasterCard/Discover/Visa card. A valid card added to your account can be processed automatically on the first 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.

Electronic payment requires enrollment in the Auto-Pay system (Visa/MasterCard/Discover Card or ACH Direct Deposit Bank Account).

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## 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 second 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 meet fees or any miscellaneous fees.

## Meet Fees:

Families will be auto-billed all meet fees once registration closes. 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.*

## Changing Roster Groups:

If your swimmer moves to another roster group mid-season, your new monthly rate will be reflected on the following month's invoice. (ex. Henry F moved from the Gups group to the Pups group on October 15<sup>th</sup>. His Pups group rate will first appear on the next billing period, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>).

## Suspend/Reactivation for Registered Members:

- Swimmers may opt to suspend their memberships for one or more months. **Team treasurer Clayton Foggin must be notified via EMAIL ([Clayton@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Clayton@athensbulldogs.com)) before the 27<sup>th</sup> day of the month PRECEDING the month you wish to suspend your swimmer's membership.** (ex. If Johnny wishes not to swim in the month of February because he is taking a month off to play basketball, Clayton must be notified by email before January 27<sup>th</sup>).
  - **Note: Those who fail to notify by the 27<sup>th</sup> will owe a 5% "refund fee."**
- 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 [Clayton@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Clayton@athensbulldogs.com) with your and your swimmer's full name as well as the desired month(s) to suspend your registered member. Please also email her before the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month 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.

## Canceling Memberships:

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



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## 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 holiday breaks into consideration, and the monthly rate cannot be adjusted due to individual schedules.

For any further questions, please email Clayton Foggin at [Clayton@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Clayton@athensbulldogs.com). You may also reach her at 706-255-0533 and leave a message or contact Coach Mike Radford at [Mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Mike@athensbulldogs.com).