



# The Athens Bulldog Swim Club

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## ABSC Practice Group Prices and Financial Policy 2020/2021

### Pricing Overview

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

Practice Group	Group Description	Price	Prices and Practices Per week
Gups	Serves as an intro to competitive swimming for 10 & Under swimmers. Focus is on foundation level skills for the four competitive strokes and meet readiness.	\$100 per month // 11 months	<b>Offered:</b> 3 per week, for one hour each <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 2 per week.
Pups	Empowers swimmers ages 8-12 to swim a wide range of events and distances by building stroke technique and racing skills. Focus is on developing good habits at practices and meets that will transfer to long term success.	\$110 per month // 11 months	<b>Offered:</b> 3 per week, for one hour each <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 2 per week.
Superpups	Prepares swimmers age 9-13 to compete on the state and regional level. Focus is on the building the aerobic base of and learning advanced competitive technique.	\$160 per month // 9 months	<b>Offered:</b> 5 per week, for 1.5 hours <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 3 per week.
Dawgs	Designed for advanced age-group swimmers whose goal is eventually to swim at the state and regional level. Focus is on aerobic training, building strength, and improving technique.	\$180 per month // 9 months	<b>Offered:</b> 5 per week, for 2 hours <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 4 per week.
Senior 1	Intended for swimmers age 14 and up whose goals are to compete at the top levels of regional and national swimming, and, if desired, to continue to swim in college.	\$200 per month // 9 months	<b>Offered:</b> 7 per week, for 2 or 2.5 hours <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 6 per week.
Senior 2	Designed for swimmers in grades 8-12 who, because of school, sports, or other activities, cannot commit the amount of time required for Senior I.	\$140 per month // 9 months	<b>Offered:</b> 4 per week, for 1.5 hours. <b>Recommended attendance:</b> At least 3 per week.
Masters	Open to swimmers aged 18 & over. Workouts focus on general fitness, stroke technique, and if desired, competition and race strategy.	\$250 per trimester	<b>Offered:</b> 5 per week, for 1 hour <b>Recommended attendance:</b> N/A.



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## **ABSC Financial Policies – 2020/2021**

### Registration Fee:

Each ABSC swimmer will be charged an annual, non-refundable registration fee of \$200. Families with multiple swimmers will only be charged \$100 for the second swimmer and beyond. This fee includes ABSC club membership, USA Swimming membership, a team T-shirt and Swim Cap. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, this fee will drop to \$100 for the first swimmer for all groups, and \$80 for subsequent swimmers.

### Monthly Invoices:

**For Superpups, Dawgs, Senior 1, and Senior 2** monthly tuition is billed in 9 monthly instalments (September-May or further if membership is suspended or started at a later date). This includes 11 months of membership (we typically take August off). So if all monthly fees have been paid from September – May, June and July are free.

**For Gups and Pups** monthly tuition will be billed in 11 monthly installments (September – July). For Masters, there will be 3 semesters of payments (September, January, and May). **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 of 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)**

All monthly invoices are created at 12:00am on the 1st day of each month. The lone exception is September, when your fee will be due on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – the planned first day of practice. Each month's invoice must be paid within 10 days of posting (see below for payment options)

### Payments:

Registration fee must be paid with a Visa/MasterCard/Discover Card or by check. Monthly 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.
- Pay manually with check. If you chose this method, your balance will 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.



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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:

ABSC will now require families to pay for swim meets as they register. For returning members, this means we will no longer be requiring an “escrow fee” to pay for meets.

Once a swimmer is committed online for any swim meet, team trip, or any other event listed in the events page at [athensbulldogs.com](http://athensbulldogs.com) or your parent portal; 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. He will not be charged the Pups group rate until the next billing period on November 1<sup>st</sup>).

## Suspend/Reactivation for Registered Members:

- Registered swimmers may opt to suspend their memberships for one or more months. Coach Mike Radford must be notified via EMAIL before the 27th day of the month PRECEDING the month you wish to 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 27<sup>th</sup> in order for his account to be suspended.).
- Account balances must be paid in full in order to suspend a swimmer’s membership. Suspended members may not participate in Athens Bulldog practices or meets.



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- Please email Mike at [mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto: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 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 (2020 being the exception due to COVID-19).
- For Pups and Gups, there will be a 50% restart fee for swimmers who suspend membership and rejoin later during the 2020/2021 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 \$110 for Pups, his January fee would be  $\$110 + \$55 = \$165$ .

## Canceling Memberships:

If you wish to cancel your membership for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season, please email Mike Radford at [Mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto: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 in order 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 further information and for frequently asked questions, please see our 2020/2021 parent packet located at [athensbulldogs.com](http://athensbulldogs.com)

For any further questions, please email Mike Radford at [Mike@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Mike@athensbulldogs.com). You may also reach him at 404-513-2826 and leave a message, or contact our treasurer, [Ceci@athensbulldogs.com](mailto:Ceci@athensbulldogs.com).