

Florida Elite Aquatics Financial Policy

Effective December 1st, 2023

In consideration of participation in Florida Elite's (FE) Aquatics programs, Parents/Guardians agree to pay associated fees/dues outlined in this document.

Monthly Dues:

- Monthly payment of all fees shall be due and payable on the first day of each month.
- Payment is made for the entire month. (Not based on how many days an athlete attends practice).
- Make-up days due to inclement weather are at the coaches discretion.
- If an athlete is transferred to a different level by the coaching staff any fees for the new level will be invoiced in the next billing cycle.
- If the monthly dues payment is not received in full by the 10th of the month, a late fee of \$25 per month will be assessed to the family's account.

Payment Method:

- FE will only accept credit cards or ACH through the automated process on our website.
- Cash or personal checks are not accepted for monthly dues, annual fees and swim meet fees.
- It is the Parent/Guardian's responsibility to keep their account information current on FE's website.

Ineligible to Participate Due to Non-Payment:

- The billing system will notify Parent/Guardian of payment failure.
- New swimmers will be ineligible to participate with the team if their FE annual registration, any applicable USA Swimming Membership fees, and first dues payment are not completed within ten days of registration.
 - **Note:** If Parent/Guardian becomes delinquent in payment of dues or assessments because of financial hardship, they may apply to the Board of Directors, through the President, for a waiver of late fees and request reinstatement. A waiver may be granted if satisfactory arrangements are made for payment of the delinquent amounts.

Suspending or Canceling an Account:

- Notice must be made in writing by the 20th of the month preceding the start of the change in account status.
- Notice is to be sent to Billing.FloridaElite@gmail.com specifying which month(s) the athlete(s) will be out of practice.
- An athlete's place on the team will not be guaranteed while the account is on hold. If the practice group for that athlete is filled, the athlete will be put on a wait-list to rejoin when a position becomes available.
- It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to update the Aquatics Director of any/all changes.

Additional FE Swimming Fees

Annual FE Swimming Registration Fees:

- All families are responsible for an annual team registration fee of \$100.
- Fee will be charged to your FE account quarterly at \$25.
- This fee will be charged with the monthly billing in August, November, February and May. New families will be charged \$25 at registration and then follow the above cycle.
- The annual registration fee is non-refundable.
- The Team Gear Package (Team Uniform) will be invoiced in August (with the exception of MSC and HSC groups)
 - In odd years the package will include a suit and is typically between \$120-\$160
 - In even years the package will NOT include a suit and is typically between \$50-\$75. If a suit is needed in an even year, it can be purchased a la carte from the team store.
 - All athletes are required to wear the team uniform at meets. This is the team suit, cap and shirts. If an athlete wears a tech suit, they are not required to wear the team suit.
 - Families are responsible for ordering the package at the team fitting or from the team store. The fee is collected in advance so that the Team Dealer can order the suits and shirts ahead of the fitting to be prepared to print and ship quickly.
 - This fee is non-refundable.

USA Swimming Membership:

- In order to swim with FE, all swimmers must register with USA Swimming and maintain an active membership which runs from January through December.
 - Families must do the initial registration through the FE specific USAS link. This is provided at the time of registration. Subsequent registration renewals will be processed by the team.
 - USA Swimming membership is an annual fee which includes athlete insurance, Splash monthly magazine and a USA Swimming Deck Pass account.
 - There are numerous other benefits to membership which can be explored at usaswimming.org.
- For 2024, the annual USA Swimming Membership Fee will be invoiced in October.
 - Beginners, Juniors, Performance, High School Conditioning, High Performance, Senior and Elite athletes will receive the Premium Athlete Membership for \$85.
 - Athletes in the Middle School Conditioning 12 years old and younger will receive the Flex Athlete Membership for \$35, if they are over 12, they will receive the Premium Athlete membership for \$85.
- For existing members, this fee will automatically renew in September and be reflected in your October bill. Historically, there is a modest fee increase yearly. For new members mid season, registrations will be done monthly and invoiced accordingly.
- Membership provides insurance coverage in the unlikely event something were to happen to your athlete while on-deck either at practice or at a swim meet.
- This fee is non-refundable.

Swim Meets:

- Fees vary from meet to meet and normally can be found in the meet letter which are posted under the Events tab on the FE website. There are various fees for a swimmer to participate in a meet.
 - In addition to the fees imposed by the host team and facility, FE may at its discretion, add fees to cover other associated costs for the meet and coach attendance.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for all fees and charges for events they have committed their athlete(s) to once the meet deadline has passed.
- Parents/Guardians give permission to the Coaches to enter their athlete(s) into relay(s) and assume all costs associated with the relay(s).

- Relay assignments may happen during the meet.
- By entering athletes in a meet, the Parent/Guardian assumes responsibility for all costs associated with relay(s) a Coach may assign.
- FE will pay athletes entry fees for **championship meets**. (Ex. FLAGS, Sr Champs, Sectionals and higher).
- **Coaches Cost:**
 - (New) The fee charged to cover coach's pay and travel expenses for all meets will be divided equally across the number of athletes attending the meet. (Example: If the expenses for a meet are \$600 for an and 30 athletes attend...then the parents will be billed \$20 per athlete)
 - FE will pay coaches *travel expenses* for all **championship meets** noted above. Coaches *pay* will be divided across the number of athletes attending the meet by the number of days they participate in the meet.

Additional FE Synchro Fees

Annual FE Synchro Registration Fee:

- All synchro families are responsible for an annual registration fee which will be determined yearly by the head coach.
- The first payment will be made upon registration, and the second and third payments will be invoiced the following two months. This fee includes various items necessary for participation on the synchro team including the team suit, personalized team cap, white cap and team shirts.
- The USA Artistic Swimming Membership is included in the yearly registration fee. Age Group athletes will receive the "Competitive Athlete" membership, and all other athletes will receive the "Athlete" membership.
- This fee is non-refundable.

USA Artistic Swimming Membership:

- See Annual FE Synchro Registration Fee.
- USA Artistic Swimming Membership provides insurance coverage in the unlikely event something were to happen to your swimmer while on-deck whether at practice or at a meet.
- There are numerous other benefits to membership which can be explored at usaartisticsswimming.org

Synchro Meets:

- Novice meets are optional but encouraged. All Intermediate athletes are required to compete in at least 2 meets a season. Age group athletes are required to compete in all meets.
 - Parents must inform coaches 30 days prior to the meet or within 7 days of the meet announcement being sent if they are not going to participate. After the deadline has been reached, accounts will be charged.
- Approximately 3-4 weeks prior to a competition a meet announcement is sent out from the host team. Meet Announcements contain dates, a tentative schedule, hotel information, special events, and other details pertaining to the competition.
- Meet fees vary from meet to meet. Head Coach will handle all registration for meets. Parents are responsible for paying for all meet fees. Athletes with more routines will pay more in meet fees. You will be given your amount for the meet when the meet announcement is sent out.
 - Parents/Guardians are responsible for all fees and charges for events they have committed their athlete(s) to once the meet deadline has passed. There are absolutely no refunds.