

2024-2025 ASL Local Race Squad Information

Questions? Email membership@swim-asl.com

Local Squad Structure:

The 2024-25 ASL Local Race Squad (LRS) will offer six distinct 6-week sessions. The goal is to allow maximum flexibility for athletes to continue to participate in swimming without having to make a commitment to year-round participation. The program will be offered for swimmers from 5-18 and will have 5 distinct training groups based on age, experience, and ability. Swimmers may register for any or all sessions based on their preferences and other activities. Each session will feature two intrasquad swim meets to allow participants to gain competitive experience and track their progress.

Online Registration, Evaluations, and Waitlists:

Online registration is the only available method of signing up for the ASL Local Race Squad. ASL registration for the 2024-25 season and sign up for the LRS sessions will open in early July 2024 for returning swimmers and one week later for new swimmers. They will continue throughout the year if space remains available.

Prior to registering, **new** swimmers must schedule an evaluation through the ASL website. This will allow coaching staff to determine the swimmer's skill level and assign them to the proper training group.

At registration, parents will choose a primary site for their swimmers training after considering lane space, traffic patterns and practice times. North Augusta and/or Martinez swimmers with quick access to I-20 or Highway 78 should strongly consider Aiken as their primary site as it generally has more lane space.

Each LRS training group, session and site has a limited capacity. Once a specific training group, session, or site is maxed out, ASL will establish a wait list and will contact swimmers as space becomes available.

Local Race Squad Registration Fees and Session Dues Structure:

The primary costs associated with participation on the ASL Local Race Squads include, but may not be limited to, Registration Fees and Session Dues.

During registration, each family is required to electronically agree to the ASL Billing Policy. A copy of this policy is also available on the team website. You are responsible for reading and understanding the provisions of the ASL Billing Policy.

Registration Fees:

ASL collects an annual **non-refundable** Registration Fee. **The Registration Fee for the 2024-25 swim season is \$150.** This will directly cover the cost of registration with the club, Georgia

Swimming and USA Swimming, but how it is processed will differ for new and returning Local Race Squad swimmers.

Returning Local Race Squad swimmers – ASL will “bulk renew” all returning athletes with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming and directly pay their annual registration fees in early September.

New Local Race Squad swimmers – New swimmers must register directly with USA Swimming. When a new swimmer completes their evaluation, is assigned to a Local Race Squad group, and completes their ASL registration on our website, they will pay the full \$150 Registration Fee at that time. The Membership Administrator will then send them an ASL-specific link to register with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming through the USA Swimming Online Member Registration system. At the end of this process, parents will select one of the following membership types for each athlete:

12 & Under: Flex Membership

13& Over: Premium Membership

They will then pay the associated USA Swimming and GA Swimming dues. When this is completed, they should contact the ASL Membership Administrator (membership@swim-asl.com) to request a refund coupon for the cost of their USA/GA Swimming registrations. This will allow the Membership Administrator to confirm that the swimmer is properly registered and cleared to participate in ASL team activities. The refund coupon will typically be processed within two weeks of the request.

Being a current, registered member of USA Swimming is mandatory for participation in ASL team activities as our Liability Insurance is provided through USA Swimming. Therefore, swimmers will not be allowed to attend any ASL team activities until they are confirmed to have been registered with USA Swimming by the Membership Administrator.

All Local Race Squad athletes will also receive 2 latex ASL swim caps with their registration.

Session Dues:

In addition to the one-time Registration Fee, ASL charges Session Dues for each LRS session a swimmer signs up for. This is typically done at the time of their initial registration, but additional sessions can be added and paid for at a later date, if there is capacity in those later sessions.

Session Dues will be charged to their account immediately at the time of sign-up. Parents must be careful to sign their swimmer up for the correct LRS Group (e.g. Development, Marlin, High School). Group assignments will be shared by email for returning swimmers and **all new swimmers will be required to complete an evaluation prior to registering in order to be assigned to a group.**

Remember, each session and each training group will have a limited capacity to allow for proper swimmer/coach ratios and due to lane space limitations. Signing up early may give you a better chance of getting the sessions you prefer. However, once a swimmer is signed up for a session and the Session Dues have been charged to their account, those dues are **non-refundable**. Please do not sign up for sessions that your athlete is not firmly committed to participating in. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Also, because initial evaluations and USA Swimming registration can take some time, it is advised that all swimmers begin their registration process at least 10 days before their desired session. The earlier a new swimmer evaluation is completed...the better.

If a swimmer has pre-paid for multiple sessions (e.g. Fall 1 and Winter 2 Dolphin Group), but is considered to be ready to be advanced to a higher level group (e.g. Marlin) before the start of the second session, their account will have a one-time charge for the difference in Session Dues for the higher group.

Local Race Squad Session Dates:

Fall Session 1- August 12 thru September 21st, Meet 1- 9/7, Meet 2- 9/21

Fall Session 2- September 23 thru November 2, Meet 1- 10/19, Meet 2- 11/2

Winter Session 1- November 4 thru December 14, Meet 1- 11/23, Meet 2- 12/14

Winter Session 2- January 6 thru February 15, Meet 1- 2/1, Meet 2- 2/15

Spring Session 1- February 17 thru March 28, Meet 1- 3/15, Meet 2- 3/29

Spring Session 2- April 14 thru May 24, Meet 1- 5/10, Meet 2- 5/24

Local Race Squad Training Groups and Session Dues:

Development \$200/session- ages 5-8, 3 practices offered per week (Tue/Thu/Sat), for 60min.

Dolphin \$210/session- ages 7-10, 4 practices offered per week (Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat), for 60min.

Marlin \$220/session- ages 9-12, 6 practices offered per week (Mon-Sat), for 75min.

Shark \$240/session- ages 11-14, 6 practices offered per week (Mon-Sat), for 90min.

High School \$250/session- ages 14-18, 6 practices offered per week (Mon-Sat), for 90min.

Outreach Memberships:

ASL, along with USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming, is committed to making the sport of swimming accessible and welcoming to families with limited means. To that end, ASL has created an Outreach Membership Policy to allow for low-cost memberships to eligible families. The eligibility standards set by USA swimming are primarily based on qualification for other forms of public assistance. Please see the ASL Outreach Membership Policy for details on eligibility and the process for registering under this program.

Account Management:

During registration, one Team Unify account will be established for each family. Multiple family members can be enrolled under this family account. Communication, committing for meets or other ASL Events, and all invoicing and payments will be handled through this account. Account holders are provided a password and may access their accounts at any time. It is important that members keep the information in their account (especially credit card numbers and expiration dates) current. Expired or incorrect credit/debit card information, or insufficient debit account

funds, may result in a “Failed Transaction Fee” from Team Unify. This will be charged to the member.

You are responsible for managing your account information and managing the financial commitment associated with the ASL program.

Pool Closures and Availability:

All pools have periodic maintenance/chemistry issues which may result in a closure. Weather conditions or public health emergencies can also cause a pool closure. ASL will not issue refunds of Session Dues because of pool closures. In addition, ASL reserves the right to adjust practice times and locations in order to best utilize the lane space available to the club. In the event of a long-term closure of one of our facilities, we will work to acquire lane space/time to provide adequate training opportunities. This may require significant adjustments to the schedule.

By acknowledging this document at the time of registration, I certify that I have read it in its entirety, understand all provisions, and agree to abide by the stipulations noted above.