

Tuition & Fees

2026–2027 Season · Swim year September 1 – August 31

SLST's Competition Team is a **year-round program**. Tuition is charged monthly, twice yearly, or annually. All registration and payments are handled online through Captyn at slst-seahorses.captyn.com.

MONTHLY TUITION BY TRAINING GROUP

TRAINING GROUP	MONTHLY	BILLED MONTHLY ¹	HALF-YEAR 5% OFF, EACH	PAY-IN-FULL 10% OFF
Little Waves	\$140	\$145.46	\$798	\$1,512
Prep	\$150	\$155.85	\$855	\$1,620
Prep Plus	\$155	\$161.04	\$884	\$1,674
Junior	\$165	\$171.43	\$941	\$1,782
Junior Plus	\$170	\$176.63	\$969	\$1,836
Senior A	\$190	\$197.41	\$1,083	\$2,052
Senior B	\$190	\$197.41	\$1,083	\$2,052

¹ Monthly billing adds Captyn's 3.9% processing fee. This is the amount charged each month. Half-Year and Pay-in-Full payments are not subject to the fee.

Paying up front saves more than the listed discount. Because the 3.9% processing fee does not apply to Half-Year or Pay-in-Full payments, a Senior family paying annually saves **\$317** against twelve months of billed monthly tuition — closer to 13% than 10%.

PAYMENT OPTIONS & DISCOUNTS

- **Monthly** — standard 12-month billing at the rates above, plus the 3.9% processing fee.
- **Half-Year** — two payments covering six months each, 5% off, no processing fee.
- **Pay-in-Full** — one annual payment, 10% off, no processing fee.
- **Sibling discount** — the second swimmer in a family receives **10% off**, stacking with the payment discount above. A second swimmer paying annually receives 20% off.
- **Third and additional swimmers** — a flat **\$75 per month**, regardless of training group.

PROCESSING FEES

Listed tuition rates **do not include** Captyn's 3.9% processing fee. The fee is added to monthly tuition, meet fees, and additional purchases — including tuition paid by Venmo. Removing it for individual payment types requires accounting time that exceeds the fee itself, so it is applied uniformly. **Half-Year and Pay-in-Full tuition payments are the exceptions** and carry no processing fee.

Billing, Membership & Meet Fees

HOW & WHEN YOU ARE BILLED

- Every account must have a payment method on file. Registered checking and card accounts are charged monthly tuition and any meet fees on the **1st of each month at midnight**.
- Payments not on automatic draft are due by the **5th of the month**. After the 5th, a **\$15 late fee** applies.
- **Card** — auto-drafted through Stripe/Captyn.
- **ACH or check** — a lower processing cost than card.
- **Venmo to @la-slst** — must be sent by the **25th of the month prior**. If tuition or meet fees have to be requested more than two months in a row, this option is discontinued for that family.

Refunds. Auto-drafted and member-submitted payments are not refunded. Where an exception is made, the refund is reduced by a 15% processing fee and a \$25 administrative deduction. There are no refunds on prepaid tuition, USA Swimming fees, or the annual team membership fee.

MEMBERSHIP & ANNUAL FEES

- **Team membership** — **\$210 per year** for the first swimmer, plus **\$50** for each additional competition sibling. Charged each September, or in your first month of payment if you join mid-year. Non-refundable, and reduced for families joining late in the season.
- **USA Swimming membership** — Premium membership required, approximately \$90 per year, paid directly to USA Swimming.
- **AAU membership** — \$20 per year through our affiliate team. Enables additional competition options, insurance, and staff training.
- **Transfer fee** — \$50 one-time, if your swimmer was previously registered with another Louisiana or USA Swimming team. This is in addition to the USA Swimming fee if re-registering.

MEET FEES

Host teams set their own entry fees, which typically run **\$25–\$65 per meet**. On top of the host fee, SLST charges **\$1 per individual entry**, plus a per-swimmer fee based on travel and staffing:

MEET TYPE	NOTES	PER SWIMMER
Local, timed final	Metairie, New Orleans, Mandeville, Slidell	\$5
1–2 hr travel	No overnight accommodations needed	\$10
2–3 hr travel	Accommodations, prelim/final or multiple staffed sessions	\$15
State Championships	\$10 for relay-only swimmers	\$20
Sectional / Age Group Sectional	—	\$50
National level	Futures, Junior and Senior Nationals	\$100

Meets open on Captyn to all invited swimmers, and you choose to opt in or opt out. Once the entry deadline passes, entries are closed and meet fees are charged whether or not your swimmer is able to attend.

Fundraising, On Hold & Cancellation

FUNDRAISING — THE ANNUAL SWIM-A-THON

Our competition team holds one fundraiser each year: a USA Swimming Swim-a-Thon, where swimmers swim up to 200 laps in two hours and collect pledges. We also sell themed apparel and run a 50/50 raffle. Pledges, 50% of raffle tickets sold, and a portion of product sales count toward your family's obligation.

Every competition athlete is expected to **fundraise or opt out**, whether or not they swim the event. Swimmers who opt out may still participate in the event itself.

- **Individual obligation** — \$250 per year.
- **Family obligation** (two or more swimmers) — \$400 per year.

Three ways to meet it

- **Opt out monthly** — \$27.78 individual or \$44.44 family, added to tuition September through May.
- **Two payments** — individual \$125 in January and \$125 in May; family \$200 in January and \$200 in May.
- **Participate and fundraise** — amounts raised count toward your obligation up to \$400. Beyond that, **80% of the overage** is credited to your swim account. An individual needs \$250 to meet the obligation, but must raise more than \$400 to begin earning credit. If the obligation is not met, the difference is charged in June.

PUTTING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON HOLD

Membership may be placed on hold **by request, for extenuating circumstances**, for up to **two months per calendar year**. The on-hold rate is **\$75 per month per swimmer**.

- Notify Coach Kier **in writing** — email, text, or letter — at least one week before the first of the month. Requests made after that take effect the following month.
- On-hold tuition is due by the 5th of the month, or a late fee applies.
- If the on-hold tuition is paid, you may reactivate at any time at no additional cost.
- If it is not paid, returning to practice requires the outstanding on-hold balance, the team membership fee, and one month's tuition applied to your first month back.

CANCELING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- Cancel at any time through your Captyn account. The request must be approved by a staff member before it is binding.
- **Not showing up to practice is not cancellation.** Notice must be given by the **25th of the month**, with no outstanding meet fees, for your account to close at the end of that month.
- Any account change made after the 25th applies to the following month.

Example: Cancel on March 23rd with no outstanding meet fees and tuition stops April 1st. Cancel on March 31st and you are charged for April, with the account closing April 30th. Swim April 1st through 7th, then cancel on April 7th, and you are still responsible for April tuition, with the account closing April 30th.