2025-26 ASL Local Racing Squad Information

The following document contains LOTS of important information pertaining to our Local Racing Squad program and important related policies. PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH REGISTRATION!

Questions? Email membership@swim-asl.com

Local Racing Squad Structure:

The goal of the Local Racing Squad is to allow multiple offerings for athletes to continue to participate in swimming beyond summer league without having to make a commitment to year-round participation, and to teach all new ASL athletes the lingo, drills and skills necessary to move on to the ASL Travel Squad. The program will be offered for swimmers from 5-18 and will have 5 training group levels based on age, experience, and ability. The 2025-26 ASL Local Racing Squad (LRS) will offer six distinct sessions. Three of the sessions are 6 weeks in length and three of them are 5 weeks in length. The session lengths are being varied this year for more flexibility, especially around holidays. Swimmers may register for any or all sessions based on their preferences and other activities. Each 6-week session will feature two intrasquad swim meets and each 5-week session will feature one intrasquad meet. The meets are short (~ 2 hours) and fun (all have themes) and are designed to allow participants to gain competitive experience and track their progress in a less intimidating environment than typical "year-round" meets. Even better...the LRS meets are free, and don't have a parent volunteer requirement!

Evaluations:

Prior to registering, <u>all new swimmers</u> must schedule an evaluation. This can be done by clicking on one of the following links:

Augusta Evaluations - https://swimeval.com/f/Augusta

Aiken Evaluations - https://swimeval.com/f/Aiken\

These evaluations allow coaching staff to determine the swimmer's skill level, ensure they are ready for program participation, and assign them to the proper training group.

LRS Registration on Captyn:

ASL is transitioning to a new team management software called Captyn beginning with the 2025-26 season. Links to the available LRS programming can be found here:

https://www.swim-asl.captynsites.com/local-racing-squad

When a parent clicks on a LRS group registration link at the bottom of this website for the first time, they will be taken to a Log-in page for the Captyn platform. If you are a NEW ASL member, you will enter your email address and then press "Create Your Account". If you are a RETURNING ASL member, you will enter THE SAME email you used to previously log in to your old Team Unify account and then press "Continue". You will then be prompted to create a new password. Once this is done, you will be taken to your account homepage where your

swimmer's data should already have been transferred from TeamUnify. If you make a mistake and create an account using a different email and your swimmer is not there, don't panic! We can easily merge accounts to add swimmers to whatever account you set up.

Once you're active on Captyn, you can update your account and swimmer information, sign required agreements, choose your LRS sessions, enter your credit card information, and pay. Fortunately, Captyn appears to be very intuitive AND works best on a mobile device like a phone or tablet.

When registering, parents will have group options to choose from at both Aiken and Augusta. Parents may choose to sign their athlete up at either location 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.

If you have problems with Captyn, please contact Coach Shannon at <u>membership@swimasl.com</u> for help.

Waitlists:

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.

Billing Policy:

During registration, each family is required to electronically agree to the <u>ASL Billing Policy</u>. 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.

Local Racing Squad Session Dues:

ASL charges Session Dues for each LRS session. Session Dues amounts for each training group can be found on the ASL website.

Session Dues will be charged to the account by Captyn 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). Returning LRS swimmers should sign up for the LRS group they were assigned to for their most recently completed LRS session, unless they were told by coaches they were cleared to advance to the next level. New LRS swimmers will be informed of which group to sign their swimmer up for after their evaluation is complete. Questions about LRS Group assignments can be directed to Coach Evan at coachevan@swim-asl.com

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.

USA Swimming/Georgia Swimming Memberships:

All ASL athletes are required to be USA Swimming and Georgia Swimming members. This is because the club's liability insurance is provided through USA Swimming. When an athlete joins USA Swimming any time after September 1st, their membership is valid through December 31st of the following year.

<u>Returning Local Racing Squad swimmers</u> – ASL will renew all returning athletes who have registered for LRS Sessions with USA Swimming/Georgia Swimming and directly pay their annual membership fees.

<u>New Local Racing Squad swimmers</u> – Unfortunately, USA Swimming requires all new members to directly register with them when they sign up for the first time.

When a new swimmer has completed their ASL evaluation and registers for their first LRS Session(s) on the ASL website, the Membership Administrator will send them an ASL-specific link to register with USA Swimming/Georgia Swimming through the USA Swimming Online Member Registration system. (Note: The link for the 2025-26 season will not be available until 9/1/25, so all athletes who sign up on the ASL website before the start of the Fall 1 Session will not receive their USA Swimming registration link until the beginning of September.) At the end of the USA Swimming registration process, parents will be asked to select one of the following membership types for their athlete(s):

12 & Under Swimmers: Choose Flex Athlete Membership 13& Over Swimmers: Choose Premium Athlete Membership

They will then be prompted to pay the bundled USA Swimming/GA Swimming dues. When this is completed, parents should send their payment receipt to the ASL Membership Administrator at membership@swim-asl.com to request a refund for the cost of their USA/GA Swimming registrations. This will also allow the Membership Administrator to confirm that the swimmer is properly registered with USA Swimming and cleared to participate in ASL team activities. The refund will typically be processed within two weeks of the request.

Note: As USA Swimming members, 12&Under Flex Athletes are entitled to participate in 2 full scale, multi-day, sanctioned swim meets per year, in addition to the standard LRS intrasquad mini-meets that are part of each session. 13&Over Premium Athlete members can participate in unlimited sanctioned swim meets. Additional fees may be incurred by participating in these sanctioned meets, but they're a great opportunity to "test the waters" of ASL Travel Squad as your swimmer becomes more comfortable in the sport.

Required Swim Gear:

The required swim gear list for each training group can be found on the <u>ASL website</u>. All Local Race Squad athletes will also receive 2 latex ASL swim caps with their registration.

Local Racing Squad Session Dates:

LRS Session dates can be found on the ASL website.

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 Program 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 2025-26 ASL Outreach Membership Policy for details on eligibility and the process for registering under this program.

Account Management:

During registration, one Captyn 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 fees. See the ASL Billing Policy for details.

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 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.