



Florida Elite Aquatics Financial Policy Effective August 1, 2025

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 a 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 Team Administrator 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.
- TheTeamGearPackage (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 2025, the annual USA Swimming Membership Fee will be invoiced in October.
 - Beginners, Juniors, Performance, Conditioning, High Performance, Senior and Elite athletes will receive the Premium Athlete Membership for \$97.
- 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:
 - The fee charged to cover coaches' 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 and 30 athletes attend...then the parents will be billed \$20 per athlete)

oFE 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.

Overdue accounts:

It is expected that members of the team keep up-to-date with their financial obligations.

Statements are sent via email on the first of each month to all actively registered families.

Fees are considered overdue if not received by the fifth of each month regardless of whether or not an invoice has been received. If dues have not been received by the 10th of the month, a late fee of \$25 will be charged. After 60 days past due, swimmers will not be allowed to participate until fees are current or financial arrangements have been made.

Collections:

- If an account has a balance that is 30 days overdue, a written notice will be given to the family.
- If an account is 60 days overdue, a second written notice will be given with notice of impending collections and the swimmer(s) will not be able to practice or attend meets. The account must be made current or a payment plan must be arranged between the member family and the Florida Elite Board of Directors prior to reinstatement. If the family does not adopt or adhere to one of these options, Florida Elite will issue a claim for team charges, and Florida Elite membership will be terminated.

In cases of financial hardship, families are encouraged to *proactively* discuss their circumstances and payment arrangements with the Treasurer or Board member. The Board may then review any extenuating circumstance and render a decision regarding payment plans and participation of swimmers. It is the philosophy of the Florida Elite Swim Team that each family, regardless of financial circumstances, contribute some amount as a good-faith gesture toward the financial operation of the team.