

Sebastopol Sea Serpents

Year-Round Team Policies

Registration, Billing, Service Hours & Swim Meets

2026–2027 Swim Year



These policies apply to swimmers enrolled in the Sebastopol Sea Serpents Year-Round Swim Team. Seasonal programs (Fall Serpents, Spring Serpents, and Summer Serpents) have separate registration and participation requirements.

REGISTRATION & MEMBERSHIP

Swimmers may begin practice only after completing all required team registration, except during a coach-authorized trial period. Returning swimmers must complete online registration by September 30, 2026 or upon returning to the team. New swimmers must complete registration immediately following the coach-authorized trial period. USA Swimming registration is required for all year-round athletes. Registration fees are non-refundable.

SSS REGISTRATION FEE		REGISTRATION DATE	USA SWIMMING REGISTRATION FEE
Returning Athletes	\$235	9/1/2026–8/30/2027	INCLUDED
New Athletes	\$160	Upon completion of coach tryout period	\$100 Premier Athlete (through 12/31/2027) ...or \$62 Individual Season Athlete (up to 150 days)

MONTHLY SWIM TEAM DUES

The following monthly dues apply to the Year-Round Swim Team. Families with more than one swimmer enrolled in the Year-Round Swim Team receive a \$5 monthly discount for each additional swimmer.

PRACTICE GROUP	MONTHLY DUES	REQUIRED MEETS
Pre-Team	\$125	NONE
JUNIOR SERPENTS	\$135	All Year-Round practice groups, except Pre-Team , are expected to participate in the required Sebastopol Sea Serpents meets listed under Required Home Meets / Trimester Schedule .
GROUP 1	\$155	
GROUP 2	\$165	
GROUP 3	\$175	
VARSITY PREP*	\$175	
PRE-SENIORS	\$185	
SENIORS	\$205	* Varsity Prep is a part-time Year-Round practice group with a modified training schedule.

BILLING & MEMBERSHIP

MONTHLY DUES

Monthly dues are billed on the 1st of each month and become delinquent after the 10th. A \$20 late fee will be assessed to accounts not paid by the 10th. Accounts that remain delinquent for more than 30 days may not participate in practice until all outstanding dues, fees, and late charges have been paid in full.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance, including USA Swimming Outreach enrollment for eligible families, may be available based on program guidelines and available funding. To learn more, review eligibility requirements, or submit an application, visit the [Financial Assistance](#) page on the SSS website.

PAYMENTS & BILLING

All payments are processed electronically through the team's automatic billing system. Credit card payments include a 3% processing fee. ACH (e-check) payments include a 1% processing fee. Cash and checks are not accepted.

QuickBooks invoices and payment reminders are sent automatically by email. Families may also opt in during registration to receive invoice and payment reminder notifications by text message.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE / WITHDRAWAL

Families wishing to withdraw from the Year-Round Swim Team must submit the online Withdrawal Form no later than the **21st of the month** to avoid charges for the following month. In cases of prolonged illness or injury, contact the team billing administrator to discuss possible adjustments.

TEAM SERVICE

Year-Round Swim Team families are required to complete **10 service hours each trimester**. Service hours are earned by completing approved team service assignments, including hosted meets and other designated team activities. Unfulfilled service hours are billed at \$30/hour. Service hours may be carried through August 31.

Families participating only in Fall Serpents, Spring Serpents, or Summer Serpents are not required to complete service hours or attend required home meets. As a nonprofit organization, we are always grateful for families who choose to support Sebastopol Sea Serpents through service, donations, or other contributions.

REQUIRED HOME MEETS / TRIMESTERS

TRIMESTER	START	REQUIRED MEETS	SERVICE HOURS
Fall	9/1/2026	October 24–25, 2026	10
Winter	12/1/2026	January 23–24, 2027	10
Spring/Summer	4/1/2027	April 3–4, 2027 and REAL Championships (August 6–8, 2027)	10

SELECTING SERVICE JOBS

During Year-Round Team registration, families are required to select service jobs totaling their annual service hour requirement (30 hours). Service jobs are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration provides the greatest selection of available opportunities.

CHANGING SERVICE JOBS

To change or select additional service jobs, log in to your account on the [team website](#), open the [Schedule](#) page, select the appropriate team event, and click *Job Sign-Up* (subject to availability).

TRACKING SERVICE HOURS

Service hours are tracked through Job Sign-Ups on the [team website](#). Families can view completed and remaining service hours by logging into their account on the [team website](#) and selecting **My Account**. If service is completed outside of a Job Sign-Up, hours may be submitted using the online [Service Hours](#) form on the SSS website.

MEET ENTRIES

Meets typically close several weeks in advance. Sign up for meets by visiting the SSS website [Schedule](#) page. Just click on “Meet Entry”. Sign up by changing your swimmers’ status from “undeclared” to “attending” and click “save.”

SWIM MEET FEES

Swim meet entry fees are billed separately from monthly dues and vary by meet. Fees are determined by the host team and may include event entry fees, splash fees, facility fees, and other meet-specific charges. Championship meets and travel meets may have additional costs.

Families should expect local swim meets to average approximately \$50 per day, depending on the number of events entered and the fees established by the host team. Championship and travel meets may have additional costs. Estimated meet fees are published on the SSS website with each meet sheet/announcement.