

Guisborough Amateur Swimming Club



The aims of the club shall be to teach, coach and promote the art of swimming at all levels. We are a competitive club and expect all members to compete in galas when selected. All coaches and administrators are volunteers. Members are trained at Guisborough Swimming Baths in different Squads, according to ability.

TRAINING TIMES (Please check which times are applicable to you, with your coach)

| | Start Time | End Time | Squad 3 | Squad 2 | Squad 1 | Casual |
|-----------|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Monday | 5:30 pm | 6:30 pm | X | | | |
| | 6:30 pm | 7:30 pm | | X | X | |
| Wednesday | 7:30 pm | 9:00 pm | | X | X | |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | 8:00 pm | | X | X | |
| | 8:00 pm | 9:00 pm | | | X | X |
| Friday | 5:15 pm | 6:15 pm | X | | | |
| | 6:15 pm | 7:15 pm | | X | X | |
| Saturday | 7:30 am | 8:15 am | X | X | X | |
| | 8:15 am | 9:00 am | X | X | X | |

N.B. – On Thursday evenings the session for Squad 1 swimmers is a two-hour session from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Wednesday is for Squad 2 swimmers by coaches invitation only. Squad 3 members may only swim one Saturday morning session, ask your coach which one you should attend.

Membership Categories- FEES INCREASED & ARRANGEMENTS CHANGED FOR 2009

Full membership - A Full Member is entitled to swim at any session appropriate to their squad. A Full Member is eligible to be selected to represent the Club at galas (e.g. Moors League) and allowed to enter galas within the Club. If a Full Member wishes to compete in any galas (e.g. County, Northumberland & Durham) then the Club will pay £1 towards Gala Entry Fees.

Casual membership – A Casual Member is entitled to swim on those sessions appropriate to their status, on the condition that there is sufficient pool space available. A Casual Member is neither eligible to be selected to represent the Club at galas (e.g. Moors League) or to be allowed to enter galas within the Club. If a Casual Member wishes to compete in any additional galas (e.g. County, Northumberland & Durham) then the Club will NOT pay Gala Entry Fees, these must be paid for by the Member. Swimmers may be ASA registered through the club but the cost of this will be passed to the swimmer.

Full Membership Fees for 2009.

Membership Fees for the complete year are set according to which squad a member is in as of 1st January 2009. These are based on pro rata swim times. (Potential hours of swimming per week). Fees have been increased by approximately 10% in order to address a serious shortfall in the club finances. The yearly ASA registration and club affiliation charges are now spread across the full year, hopefully this will make it easier for members to set up their standing orders correctly.

The new fees are as follows,

| Squad | Monthly (S/O) | Monthly (Cash/cheque) | Pay in advance |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 3 | £22 | £23 | £242 |
| 2 | £23 | £24 | £253 |
| 1 | £23.50 | £24.50 | £258.50 |

Please note that this is an annual fee. If membership is terminated for any reason during the year the member will be required to pay the balance of the annual fee still outstanding.

Fees should be paid by Standing Order by arrangement with your Bank, using the attached Standing Order Mandate, with payments made **no later than the 25th of each month** to ensure that the money reaches the Club account before the end of the month. **Members wishing to pay by cash or cheque may do so but should note that this will now incur an additional £1 fee.** Members whose standing order does not credit the correct amount to the club's account will be treated as if paying by cheque and will also attract the £1 surcharge.

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Trial Membership is chargeable at the appropriate rate for the squad in which the new member swims but during the trial period (3 months maximum) the fees may be paid by cash or cheque without attracting the £1 surcharge.

Any swimmer wishing to pay the full fee at the beginning of the year will receive a discount equivalent to 1 month's membership.

Families with more than two swimmers will receive a discount. The third swimmer will receive a discount of £1 per month, the fourth £2.

Casual Membership Fees

Casual members must purchase blocks of 11 swims in advance at a cost of £35. Casual swimmers will be provided with a payment card which must be presented to a club official at the start of each session.

Notes on Standing Orders

Standing orders can be the source of some frustration to members. There are a couple of points to consider which may give your bank a better chance of success.

- 1) If you have more than one swimmer you do not need to set up separate orders for each one, indeed this can cause some banks to cancel one as they assume it's a duplicate.
- 2) Make sure you put the name of your swimmer (s) in the reference number box, this is particularly important when swimmers have a surname in common with other unrelated swimmers as it can be difficult to identify who is paying

Where does the money go?

Did you know pool hire alone cost the club over £20,000 last year? The following table gives full details of the club's income and expenses.

| Credits | | Debits | |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Category | Amount | Category | Amount |
| Membership | £18,607.70 | Pool Hire | £20,060.05 |
| Gala Fees | £2,088.80 | Gala Entries | £3,709.55 |
| Fund Raising | £1,379.02 | Clothing | £1,281.71 |
| Club Galas | £1,368.02 | Registration | £915.75 |
| Clothing | £1,347.94 | Medals & Trophies | £672.03 |
| Membership (casual) | £770.55 | Presentation Night | £337.00 |
| Interest | £101.72 | Affiliation | £333.75 |
| Sponsorship | £50.00 | Pool Equipment | £276.45 |
| Registration (casual) | £33.50 | Sweets / Water | £261.72 |
| | | Insurance | £203.70 |
| | | Admin | £127.47 |
| | | Swim 21 benefits | £50.00 |
| | | Membership (refunds) | £40.00 |
| | | Lifeguard | £20.00 |

The committee has raised this year's fees to attempt to fill the shortfall in income. The increases assume that fundraising efforts are at least as successful as last year, please support, and participate in, all fund raising activities otherwise the committee will have little alternative but to further increase fees.