

TSC MEMBERSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2018

Membership Basis

The Club Constitution sets out the full terms of membership of Tiverton Swimming Club, together with the by-laws below. A copy of the Club Constitution is available at www.tiverton-swimming.co.uk or on request from the Club Secretary. The Club management committee reserves the right to alter the by-laws and change the membership terms and conditions and the membership fee structure at any time.

Membership Subscription

All members will pay an annual TSC club membership fee which will be collected by direct debit in January, when membership to the Club is renewed, **PLUS** an annual Swim England (SE) membership fee, which is collected by direct debit in February each year. Members will also pay a monthly squad training fee via a Direct Debit mandate. Please note that the monthly squad training fees are collected over 12 identical payments, taking into account pool and seasonal closures i.e. Christmas, Easter and summer holidays.

TSC Annual Club Membership Fees

Each year in December, the management committee will set the fees for the next year's Club membership. This is an annual payment to the Club made by every member when they join or renew membership. This fee supports the administration and other costs of running the Club over a 12 month period from January to December each year. Tiverton Swimming Club's annual membership fees will be collected in full, unless there is only 6 months of the membership year left, and in this situation only half of that year's annual Club fees will be collected.

Swim England (SE) Annual Membership Fees

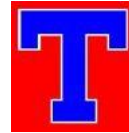
Members joining the Club or renewing their membership are also required to join Swim England. There are three levels of membership, one, two and three. Those swimming within the squad structure (Skill Development, Competitive Development, Competition, P1, P2 squads) and competing at L3, 2 and 1 open meets and arena league team events will pay for category two SE membership. Members swimming within the "learn to swim" section, Club, Friday adult swim and Competitive Swimming Award will pay for SE category one membership. Members swimming in the Endurance and Masters Squads can decide individually which category of SE registration suits their needs. Members can upgrade to category two SE competitive swimming status during the year if they decide to compete in L1, 2 or 3 open meets or the Arena league as appropriate.

Volunteer Workforce Fees

The Club will pay the category three SE membership fees for its volunteer workforce and obtain Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance as appropriate to their role within the Club. Child safeguarding training for volunteers and their poolside uniform will also be paid for by the Club.

Method of Payment

The annualised squad training fee will be divided in to twelve equal payments payable via Direct Debit mandate. Any initial payments required on joining i.e. Club membership, first month's squad fees and Swim England membership fees, can be paid by cheque, cash or BACS. **All cheques are to be made payable to 'Tiverton Swimming Club'**. After the initial trial swim, new members will be



offered TWO free weeks training to settle in, and will then be expected to pay the squad fees for the rest of that month on a pro-rata basis.

Student Membership

This will apply only to students between the ages of 18 and 22 years in full time Higher Education. Members may apply in writing to the Chairman and Membership Secretary for a reduction in monthly squad payments. All applications should be accompanied by a completed membership form and a copy of a valid Students Union Card. Each application will be considered on an individual basis.

Dual ASA Membership Fees

The Club recognises that swimmers may wish to register with a second swimming Club and become dual registered with Swim England. Annual SE membership fees will only be collected for the member's primary named swimming club (listed on the SE membership online register). However, Tiverton Swimming Club's annual membership fees will still be collected in full, unless there is only 6 months of the membership year left, and in this situation only half of the annual TSC Club membership fees will be collected.

Short Term Membership

The Club may offer short-term membership to individuals wishing to train during holiday periods for a fixed short term of 2 months or less. Each applicant will be considered on an individual basis. The Club annual membership fee will be collected as a reduced fee of £6 per member. The new short term members must also pay the monthly training fees for the squad they have been allocated to train in plus their Swim England membership joining fees (if appropriate).

Annual Training Fees Review

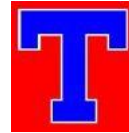
The management committee will review the monthly squad training fees on an annual basis in March/April each year and set the different squad training fees for the year ahead. It should be noted that Mid Devon District Council review the pool hire fees and often increase the pool costs for the Club each year. This increase in pool hire costs will be passed onto the membership as appropriate.

Family Discount Scheme

The Club offers a family discount scheme; this applies to three or more members of the same family swimming in the Club. A 10% discount is applied to **each** of the family member's squad fee payment on a monthly basis. Please note the Club may periodically offer other discounts but only one will apply at a time.

Refunds and Termination of Membership

The major items of Club expenditure are committed on an annual basis and Swim England and TSC annual membership fees are paid for a full year from January to December. Once paid, these Club membership fees are non-refundable. **Members who wish to terminate their membership or amend their squad membership must do so by informing in writing, the Membership Secretary and the Head coach, giving one months' notice of their intention to leave the Club or if they are requesting a change in squad allocation.** In the event of a Direct Debit mandate being stopped or cancelled and non-payment of monthly fees, the member will lose their place in the squad and will have to join the waiting list. If re-joining TSC, the member will then incur a re-joining fee.



Land Training

Land Training is available to members of Performance 1, Performance 2, Competition squad, Competitive Development, Endurance and others by invitation only. The fees for Land Training are built into the squad monthly training fees. Members are expected to comply with the Land Training requirements for their squad. No deductions will be made from the squad training fees for failure to attend the required number of land training sessions. From time to time Land Training opportunities may be restricted by the size of the facilities available to use. The Head Coach will inform members if the room capacity has been reached and they are unable to attend Land Training.

Attendance Policy

Tiverton Swimming Club believes that attendance and punctuality are important aspects in the development of competitive swimmers. It is vital to attend all expected training session and arrive on time. Not only is this expected from the Club but it also demonstrates good discipline and respect for the sport, the Coaches and other swimmers within the Club.

It is important that swimmers attend all their sessions each week. Swimming is a sport that requires regular attendance to ensure that fitness is maintained and individual swimming standards are improved. Warm Up is extremely important to prepare swimmers, both mentally and physically, in achieving the best from the training sessions. It also prevents injury and allows the highest level of performance. For that reason the Coaches expect swimmers to be on poolside at least 10 minutes before their training session is due to start. Swimmers must begin warming up on poolside or in the changing village during this time. If swimmers arrive late to their session they must complete their warm up before entering the pool. Please be aware that attendance and punctuality are monitored on a regular basis. Registers are taken at the beginning of each session and are looked at monthly with attendance taken into account when Coaches are looking at whether a swimmer can progress into the next Squad. **Swimmers must notify the Head Coach if they are absent and likely to be unable to attend their session's long term. ie Holiday, Injury.** Swimmers who persist in missing their sessions will be contacted initially by the Membership Secretary to confirm the reason for their non-attendance and to confirm that they will be returning to the Club soon.

Training Commitment and behaviour

Swimmers who continue to not attend squad training sessions regularly, or who do not display the correct level of commitment or behaviour expected for their squad, will be moved to an alternative training squad as recommended by the coaching team or can lose their space in the Club. The Head Coach has the final decision on which squads members are allocated to train in or whether the space is to be altered or withdrawn.

