



Ballymoney Amateur Swimming Club

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR NEW MEMBERS

It is club policy that application forms must be signed by a parent/ guardian, (unsigned application forms will not be accepted) and received by the secretary by the closing date 7pm Tuesday 29 May 2018. NO late applications will be accepted.

Important Information

For many years it has been the case that the number of new applications for membership far exceeds the number of places available within the club. In order to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all new membership applications the under-noted criteria is applied.

Membership is open to all children who have reached their 4th birthday (i.e. commencing school in Sept 2018). Children may be accepted later in the year once they reach their 4th birthday.

- It should be noted that the structure of the Club allows for entry at various stages of swimming ability. New members can enter at any level and initially the Club will use the information provided on the application form to estimate current competency level.

The levels are as follows:-

Minor Pool	Main Pool
Level 1 - Non swimmer	Level 4 - Developer
Level 2 – Beginner	Level 5 – Aquasprint squad
Level 3 – Improver	Level 6 – Aquasprint/ PTL squad

Following renewal of existing membership, the Club will estimate the number of available places at each of the above levels.

The Club will sort each completed application received into the estimated current competency level. If the number of applications received for any level exceeds the number of places available the Club will apply the following selection criteria:-

MINOR POOL : Criteria include (in priority order):

- Applicant has brother/ sister who is an existing member of the club
- Applicant resides within Ballymoney Borough Council Area
- JDLC closest pool to home
- Parent/guardian undertakes to assist with club activities e.g. helps coaches on poolside, helps at desk/galas
- Ability, age and availability of spaces

MAIN POOL : only criterion:

- Ability, age and availability of spaces

The final decision is at the discretion of the Management Committee who may reject an application for membership without giving any reason to the applicant.

N.B. It should be noted that all those who assist with the organisation and activities of the club do so on a voluntary basis. It is therefore essential that parents/ guardians of new members play an active role in the running of the club. You must complete the Club Volunteer form and honour the commitment that you make.

Following the application of the selection criteria, contact will be made inviting the applicant to undertake a swimming assessment on **Tuesday 19 June at 5.30pm** (unless complete beginner) to accurately determine the current level of swimming ability. This invitation is not acceptance of membership application. Written notification indicating an available place will be issued after assessment at which time a fee and joining fee will be required to be paid in full before the swimmer becomes a member and will be permitted to participate in their first club session (date TBC)

Club sessions

Level	Night	Time
1	Monday	4 x 30 min sessions commencing at 5.30,6.00,6.30 & 7pm
2	Monday	4 x 30 min sessions commencing at 5.30,6.00,6.30 & 7pm
3	Monday	4 x 30 min sessions commencing at 5.30,6.00,6.30 & 7pm
4	Monday	2 x 45 min sessions commencing at 5.30 & 6.15pm
5	Monday	1 x 90 min session commencing at 5.30pm
6	Tuesday	1 x 2 hour session commencing at 5.30pm

Successful applicants will be informed of the night and time of their session. The Club will, where possible, accommodate requests for a preferred session, but it must be clearly understood that this accommodation will not always be possible and ability sessions must be adhered to.

Saturday morning swimming is also available as additional development time for swimmers at level 3 and above. Numbers are restricted and the swimmer's coach will advise.

Declaration/Parental Consent: This consent is on the application form and we would ask you to be aware of this information

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE AUTHORITY TO ENROL THE CHILD NAMED ABOVE IN BALLYMONEY AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB AND WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ADHERE TO THE RULES, POLICIES AND CODES OF CONDUCT OF THE CLUB AND SWIM ULSTER/IRELAND AND TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN DO LIKEWISE.

I ALSO GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM TO BE HELD ON FILE AND ON SWIM ULSTER / SWIM IRELAND & THE CLUB'S DATABASE. (MEDICAL INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE SHARED WITH THE CLUB SECRETARY AND COACHES AS REQUIRED).

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE CLUB TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MY CHILD/CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR USE WITHIN THE CLUB, INCLUDING THE TAKING OF PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPETITIONS. (In all cases children will be required to be appropriately dressed i.e. wearing T- Shirts).

THE RULES APPLYING TO THE VENUE WILL ALSO BE RESPECTED BY BASC.

I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITIVE HOME & AWAY GALAS IF THEY ARE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE CLUB.

I AM AWARE THAT THE CLUB WILL COMMUNICATE USING THE CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE WHICH IS A CLOSED GROUP WHICH I WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN UPON SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION.

All queries regarding membership should be directed to the Secretary as follows:-

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