



## **Terms and Conditions of Club Membership**

Wear Valley Amateur Swimming Club (A.S.C.) aims to develop more and better swimmers from the Wear Valley area.

Swimming, we believe, helps to develop self-disciplined, healthy and confident young people. We seek to encourage our members to achieve their full potential in the sport, to be the best swimmers that they can be.

We are a club that is fully inclusive – welcoming swimmers from all backgrounds, abilities and levels – and that promotes excellence, aiming to achieve successful competitive performance.

We do this by offering a professional yet friendly and enjoyable swimming environment, and by providing high standards of coaching and support.

In pursuing our mission, we offer the following to our members:

- A structured programme of training that is geared to the development of individual swimmers.
- A high standard of coaching from qualified coaches on swimming technique, fitness and motivation.
- The opportunity to take part regularly in appropriate competitive events, including the club's own galas.
- The opportunity to participate in social events to promote a friendly atmosphere as well as to raise funds for the club.
- Easily accessible information on club activities and developments (through the notice board, website etc).

### **Club Rules – A copy of the Club Constitution is available on our website and our noticeboards and is available on request**

1. The annual club membership fee is due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup>. December each year, or upon joining the club. If you join the Wear Valley A.S.C. between September and November, then the membership fee will be collected on 1<sup>st</sup>. December.
2. The annual A.S.A. membership fee is due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup>. December each year, or upon joining the club. If you join the Wear Valley A.S.C. between September and

November, then the membership fee will be collected on 1<sup>st</sup>. December

3. Gala entry is dependant upon the Club Membership fee and the A.S.A. Membership fee having been paid in full.
4. Swimming tuition is payable monthly. Members are encouraged to pay their tuition fees by standing order, as this eases administration. .
5. Members are expected to abide by the following Policies and Procedures:-
  - Wear Valley A.S.C. Constitution
  - Terms and conditions of club membership
  - Anti-bullying Policy
  - Swimmers code of Conduct
  - Parents Code of Conduct
  - Absenteeism – Terms and Conditions

Policies that are not issued with this document can be found on Wear Valley A.S.C. web site at **[www.wvasc.org.uk](http://www.wvasc.org.uk)**

6. Disciplinary matters will be dealt with by Wear Valley A.S.C. Committee, in line with the Policies and Procedures set down by The Amateur Swimming Association (A.S.A.) and as agreed by Wear Valley A.S.C. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
7. Members chosen to represent Wear Valley A.S.C., either as a first choice swimmer or a reserve, are expected to attend the meet. In the event that the chosen swimmer is unable to attend they must inform either the Team Manager or their Coach as soon as possible.
8. It is club Policy that swimmers reaching finals of events, either as an individual or as part of a team, that they should wear Wear Valley A.S.C. club colours.
9. It is Wear Valley A.S.C. Policy that swimmers will be moved into particular groups or squads as considered appropriate by the Coach in charge, based on the swimmers ability. The Coach will inform the swimmer of the proposed move and of the revised time table

for their sessions. The full time table for swimming sessions can be found on Wear Valley A.S.C. web site at [www.wvasc.org.uk](http://www.wvasc.org.uk)

10. Should the swimmer or parents of the swimmer have any issues surrounding the movement of swimmers between the squads they should make appropriate arrangements to speak to the Coach concerned, in line with the Policy contained in the Parental Code of Conduct.
11. It is Wear Valley A.S.C. policy that parents should not leave children under the age of ten years unsupervised at the swimming pool. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that parental supervision or an appointed adult (who is aware of, and accepts club rules) is present at all swimming sessions. The nominated person cannot be poolside or coaching staff.
12. It is Wear Valley A.S.C. Policy that any swimmer no longer wishing to remain a member of Wear Valley A.S.C. will advise the Committee as soon as possible, in writing, and make the necessary arrangements for all outstanding fees to be paid in full, in line with Wear Valley A.S.C. Swimmer Absenteeism Pathway, which can be found at [www.wvasc.org.uk](http://www.wvasc.org.uk)
13. In the event that a swimmer is temporarily unable to swim for medical reasons, i.e. to have an operation, broken arm etc., the club will hold their place open for a reasonable length of time and will suspend payment of swimming subs. **An accompanying letter must be submitted from your GP** and passed to the club secretary in this event.
14. It is club Policy that swimmers are expected to attend ALL sessions indicated, although allowances will be made on morning sessions for younger swimmers. If swimmers are unable to attend ALL sessions indicated, please discuss this with your coach. The full time table for swimming sessions can be found on Wear Valley A.S.C. web site at [www.wvasc.org.uk](http://www.wvasc.org.uk)

**Please complete and return the attached Wear Valley A.S.C. 'Agreement of Terms and Conditions' document as soon as possible.**