



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

Wear Valley Amateur Swimming Club (WVASC) 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 back grounds, abilities and levels. This 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 & is available on request.**

1. The annual club membership fee is due and payable from 1<sup>st</sup> January – 2<sup>th</sup> February each year, or upon joining the club.

2. The annual Swim England membership fee is due and payable on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year or upon joining the club. If you join the Wear Valley ASC after 1<sup>st</sup> October then the membership fee will be halved for that year.
3. Gala entry is dependent upon the Club Membership fee and the Swim England Membership fee having been paid in full.
4. Swimming fees are payable monthly. Members are encouraged to pay their fees by standing order on the first of the month. Any swimmer wishing to leave must give 4 weeks' notice in writing to the secretary & fees paid up to the leaving date. It is your responsibility to stop payments & more than 2 months over payment will not be reimbursed if you have not followed the procedure.
5. Swimmers in arrears of training or membership fees may not be permitted to enter the pool at training & will not be entered into any competitions at the club. Swims are displayed in advance.
6. Members are expected to abide by the following Policies and Procedures:-
  - Wear Valley ASC 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.wearvalleyasc.co.uk](http://www.wearvalleyasc.co.uk)

7. Complaints or concerns by swimmers should, in the first instance, be discussed with the appropriate Coach or the Head Coach. Complaints in writing should be forwarded to the Club Secretary, for referral to the Committee, who may refer Swim England. Any problem not resolved through internal procedures can be pursued through Swim England Complaints Procedure. A copy of this can be obtained from the Club Secretary or the Chairperson.

8. Members chosen to represent Wear Valley ASC, 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.
9. It is club Policy that swimmers reaching finals of events, either as an individual or as part of a team, that they should wear their club colours.
10. It is Wear Valley ASC 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.wearvalleyasc.co.uk](http://www.wearvalleyasc.co.uk)
11. 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.
12. It is Wear Valley ASC 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.
13. It is Wear Valley ASC Policy that any swimmer no longer wishing to remain a member of the club will advise the Committee as soon as possible. This should be in writing, make the necessary arrangements for all outstanding fees to be paid in full, in line with
14. In the event that a swimmer is temporarily unable to swim for medical reasons then fees must be paid irrespective of attendance. If there is a prolonged absence due to injury or illness then fees will be reduced by half. Medical evidence may be required.
15. 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 ASC website at [www.wearvalleyasc.co.uk](http://www.wearvalleyasc.co.uk)