



## Radcliffe Swimming and Waterpolo Club Announcement – January 2019

### Standing Orders for CL1 and CL2 Swimmers

Dear Members and Parents

During the recent Annual General Meeting the Committee agreed that from the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 all CL1 and CL2 Swimmers will be required to pay for training via Standing Order direct to the Club. This will bring the club in line with our competitors and the majority of other clubs in the North West. Stage Swimmers (Stages1-6) will not be affected and will continue to pay per session attended. This proposal has been discussed for in excess of 2 years and we have had significant lengthy discussions regarding the proposal and delayed the implementation for as long as possible. This now brings the Swimming Section in to line with the Waterpolo Section who have successfully run standing orders for a number of years.

The standing order proposal has been implemented for a number of reasons:

- They promote regular attendance of swimmers to ensure that we can maximise their ability and in turn improve their performance and gala results.
- Increasing difficulty in collecting fees upon entry due to lack of volunteers.
- Regular attendance to ensure that any free space can be used by swimmers ready to be promoted or for the introduction of new members on our waiting list.

The fees agreed are as follows to be paid in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month:

£5/month – Entitles the swimmer to 1 swim per month (this is usually for those who attend squad training) NB in order to be eligible for team selection a member is required to train at least once a month with the Club.

£20/Month – Entitles the swimmer to 2 swims per week.

£25/Month – Entitles the swimmers to 3 swims per week.

All fees are used to cover the cost of the pool hire which once again is to be reviewed by Bury MBC in March and is likely to increase.

The club or coaches will not determine which of the above you will pay, this will be a decision made by yourselves. The attendance of each swimmer will be monitored on a monthly basis to ensure that the correct payments are being made.

As you will note the costs above could potentially result in savings for swimmers who regularly attend and pay the current fee of £3.50/session and as such we believe this offers improved value for money (the current cost for 2 sessions a week each month is circa £28). Regrettably we cannot amend the structure to meet the needs of each individual swimmer as this would provide significant logistical issues.

I can confirm that the fees calculated have included for any potential sessions which may not be available such as galas and as such we cannot offer refunds on this basis. It is worth noting however that the vast majority of our CL1 and CL2 Swimmers do participate in club galas and given the small number of galas held it is unlikely that this would have any significant impact. I am sure you will agree



that the SO for £20/£25/month provides excellent value for money at an average of £2.50/session for 1 hour to 1.30 hours swim session.

As the system is based on a Standing Order you will be free to cancel the order at anytime subject to any outstanding payments being paid.

Further details regarding how to set up the Standing Order will be made available within the next couple of weeks and we will endeavour to promote this via our usual channels as soon as it is available.

Finally I would also confirm that the annual membership is due to be paid by Sunday Feb 3rd and I would kindly ask all members to ensure that the payments are made promptly in order that the Club may register all members with Swim England at the earliest opportunity.

The fees are as follows:

Category 1 – Non competitive Swimmer (internal galas only including team events) -£35.00

Category 2 – Competitive Swimmer (competing in Individual meets and Internal Galas) £50.00.

Should you have any queries regarding your level of membership please do not hesitate to speak to one of the club representatives or teaches who will be in a position to assist further.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the club.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Lord

Chairman

Radcliffe Swimming and Waterpolo Club.