

Terms and Conditions of Club Membership

Chester-le-Street Amateur Swimming Club (Chester-le-Street ASC) aims to develop more and better swimmers from the Chester-le-Street 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 inclusive – welcoming swimmers from all backgrounds and at all 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

1. The annual club membership fee is due and payable by 1 February each year, or upon joining the club. If you join Chester-le-Street ASC between October and January, then the membership fee will be collected on 1 February.
2. The annual A.S.A. membership fee is due and payable on 1 February each year, or upon joining the club. If you join the Chester-le-Street ASC between October and December, then the membership fee will be collected on 1st. February. ASA Membership runs from 1 January to 31 December, therefore you are liable to pay your membership fees if you enter the pool on or after 1 January.
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 in advance by Direct Debit each month. In specific circumstances, members may pay by other methods subject to a manual processing surcharge.
5. Members are expected to abide by the following Policies and Procedures:-
 - Chester-le-Street 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 the Chester-le-Street ASC web site at www.chesterlestreetaasc.co.uk/policies

1. Disciplinary matters will be dealt with by Chester-le-Street ASC Committee, in line with the Policies and Procedures set down by The Amateur Swimming Association (A.S.A.) and as agreed by Chester-le-Street ASC. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
2. Members chosen to represent Chester-le-Street 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.
3. It is club Policy that swimmers reaching finals of events, either as an individual or as part of a team, that they should wear a T-shirt with the Chester-le-Street ASC club name or logo.
4. It is Chester-le-Street ASC Policy that swimmers will be moved into particular groups or squads as considered appropriate by the Coach in charge, based on the swimmer's ability. The Coach will inform the swimmer of the proposed move and of the revised time table for their sessions. The full timetable for swimming sessions can be found on Chester-le-Street ASC web site at www.chesterlestreetaasc.co.uk/squads
5. 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.
6. It is Chester-le-Street ASC policy that parents must not leave children under the age of eleven 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.
7. It is Chester-le-Street ASC Policy that any swimmer no longer wishing to remain a member of Chester-le-Street ASC 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 Chester-le-Street ASC Swimmer Absenteeism Pathway, which can be found at our policies page.
8. 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 subscriptions. An accompanying letter must be submitted from your GP and passed to the club secretary in this event.
9. 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 Chester-le-Street ASC web site at www.chesterlestreetaasc.co.uk/squads

Please complete and return the attached Chester-le-Street ASC 'Agreement of Terms and Conditions' document as soon as possible.