



Membership and Fees

Southampton Dolphins is run as a non profit making club, monthly fees cover the cost of pool hire, coaches, administration and equipment. The Christmas closure and bank holiday closures are built into the monthly fees so there is no need to try and make up sessions missed during this time.

Other clubs charge an annual membership fee for being a member of their club. There are no additional fees to pay in Dolphins. The only membership fee you need to pay is one to the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association) the governing Body of swimming in the UK.

This covers swimmers under the ASA umbrella insurance to be able to compete and train. The majority of swimmers in Talent and Academy Squads will be Category 1 members which costs £13.70 for 2016. Swimmers in County and Performance Squads who compete in Licensed Open Meets need to be Category 2 registered which cost £30.50 for 2016. Coaches, officials and volunteers will be Category 3 members which costs £6.50 for 2016. All volunteer memberships will be paid by the club for 2016.

ASA membership fees will be taken in the **March direct debit payment** along with your normal fees. This is to save time and cost on administration and to make sure every member is affiliated. All new members will need to fill out the ASA registration forms which are available from Chris or in PDF format on the website. For existing members you don't need to do anything your membership will

automatically renewed. If you want to change your ASA category please inform Chris before the 15th February 2016.

The ASA insurance policy is below for your reference.

ASA Insurance Policy in Brief

ASA affiliated clubs and club members receive insurance cover which includes Civil Liability Cover, Employers Liability Insurance, Personal Accident Insurance (for under 75yrs, limited insurance for 70-80yrs) and Legal Expenses Insurance.

For Civil Liability the indemnity is set at £20,000,000 per any one occurrence; Employers Liability - £10,000,000 any one occurrence but limited to 5,000,000 in respect of terrorism; Legal Expenses £50,000 per claim, there is no policy excess.

Cover is provided for all Club members, including volunteers/casual helper. Indemnity extends to:*

- *Club activities, including training for competitive swimming, as well as social, fund raising and administrative activities.*
- *A club member who causes injury, damage, or financial loss to a fellow member.*
- *A Club which borrows, rents, or leases a premises for sporting or social purposes and is held liable for damage to the facility.*

** The ASA/IOS encourages all clubs and swim schools to have qualified teachers and coaches covering all sessions but also recognises that from time to time both clubs and swim schools may*

have difficulty in finding volunteers with the appropriate qualifications (especially in the smaller disciplines) and therefore providing the sessions are operated with in the standard safety framework and in line with the procedures laid down by the pool operator the insurance policy is valid.