

Welcome to...ClubUpdate

Firstly a big thank you to those clubs who sent in their annual return early this is really helpful and enables us to manage more efficiently the renewal process.

In this issue we would like to give you further guidelines on when to complete Medical Declaration Forms and to update you on category two temporary membership

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Category two temporary membership

This is available to any individual who wishes to take part in a specified competition but who is not a member of an ASA affiliated club.

1. Competition promoters must decide if they are willing to permit temporary members to compete in a specified competition. If the competition is scheduled to take place on a number of dates, then the temporary membership will cover all the dates of the specified competition.

2. The competitor must complete the ASA temporary membership application form and submit it to the promoter of the competition, together with the £15 temporary membership fee, in advance of the closing date for entries for the specific competition to which the temporary membership applies. This is in addition to any competition entry fees and competition entry form.

3. The promoter must submit the completed ASA temporary membership form together with the fee to ASA Membership Services .

It must be remembered that such membership is only valid for the specified competition covering the specific dates of that competition and only covers activity in relation to that competition.

It is possible for an individual to register as an ASA temporary member for more than one competition within the same year. However, a completed application form and £15 fee is required to cover each competition.

Do the parents of your swimmers belong to your club?

It is sometimes misunderstood that parents can represent their children at club General Meetings, but all our clubs are "members clubs" and subject to the laws of the land. So the only people who can vote are those who are members of the club in their own right.

Many clubs give parents the option of joining, but some clubs require a parent of those below the voting age at an AGM to be a supporter member of the club.

The obvious downside of this is that there is a cost to parent membership, which would be payable to the ASA (Category 3), the ASA Region and the County as well as any Club fee. Some clubs include this in a family membership and some budget for their outgoings over a whole year and it is part of a monthly membership fee for swimmer and parent.

However this is managed, it can be an advantage to have parents in membership – it ensures that should they be willing to help the club in any way, they are immediately covered by the ASA insurance. An added advantage is that they can be required to adhere to a Code of Conduct, and they will come under the ASA disciplinary process, which is not the case if the parents are not members.



Medical Declaration Forms

We are still having slight problems with the Medical Declaration Forms in that some club secretaries are sending in forms to cover all their members whether they swim in National Events or not.

We only require completed forms if they are representing Great Britain or their Home Country internationally or competing in a British Swimming, ASA, SASA or WASA National Event (all disciplines, excluding Masters).

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