



A Reminder!

2008 Annual return

If payment and data on all members has not been received by the ASA by the 31st March your club will be automatically suspended and members will not be insured. You will also be charged an additional fee amounting to 10% of your club's previous year's membership fees or £50 whichever is the greater. Please note that your club will not be reinstated until such time as your fees, additional fee and data has been received and competitive members belonging to suspended clubs may not participate in competitions.

Other Information

Throughout the year there is a requirement for Clubs to send in details of all new members and upgrades together with a cheque for the fees due. Fees for these members are payable for all those who join up until 30th September each year.

Trial membership Category 1 members only. It has been agreed with the ASA insurance providers that you can offer three free sessions to potential members before sending in the registration form and committing them to full membership of the ASA. For clarification a session is defined as a single normal teaching or training occasion held by your club.

British Swimming Biographical Database - Members now have the opportunity to update their biographical information used at major swimming events by announcers and commentators. This site lists the name, date of birth, current clubs, ranked club and details of a members' swims. Members are able to register and add additional biographical information. We encourage all members who are likely to be at National meets to keep their information up to date. There is also the option to hide the data if the member wishes. For further information visit www.britishswimming.org and click on "Biographical Database"

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Welcome to... ClubUpdate

Welcome to the 3rd issue of ClubUpdate, an occasional newsletter from the ASA Membership System Department. In this issue we'll be reminding you about the time scale for getting your annual return to the ASA, other information including updating you on the new International Permit.

If I or any other member of the team can be of help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Jackie Shields
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International Permit and Clearance Form

ARE you taking part in a competition or training abroad? ... if so you need permission from British Swimming.

Members, groups of members or affiliated clubs wishing to compete, officiate, coach or train in countries outside Great Britain must apply for permission to do so by completing an International Permit and Clearance Form which can be obtained from www.britishswimming.org or from the ASA Customer Services Department 0871 200 0928. **Please remember to apply for an International Permit at least 28 days before leaving the country.**

And if you representing Great Britain or your Home Country internationally or competing in a British Swimming, ASA, SASA or WASA National event then you also need to complete a Medical Declaration Form this requirement does not apply if a Masters event. (See below for further information)

Doping Control... In the past Athletes have been entered into competitions abroad without having sent a current medical declaration form and without notifying the British Swimming Doping Compliance Officer in advance. The reason advance notification is necessary is in order to determine if any Athlete needs a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) as without one an Athlete who is tested runs the risk of receiving a positive doping test. This is of concern as British Swimming has overall responsibility for regulating doping control in all the disciplines of the sport of swimming.

Medical Declaration Form - Anyone representing Great Britain or their Home Country internationally or competing in a British Swimming ASA, SASA or WASA National event (all disciplines, excluding masters) and taking medication whether prescribed by a Doctor or purchased from a pharmacy or other retail outlet is also required to declare these details to British Swimming by completing a Medication Declaration Form. (Please note a new medical declaration form **MUST** be completed annually even if the medication prescribed has not been altered or if no medication is being taken and whenever the medication is changed) This form can be ordered from renewals@swimming.org or by calling 01509 618727.