



Bath Dolphin Swimming Club Rules

1. New members must participate in a trial before being offered membership. Once membership is offered and accepted, minimum standards are to be met as detailed at Annex A.
2. Age bands (detailed at Annex A) are set to ensure the smooth running of club training sessions and to provide safeguarding protection to all members of the club, both adults and children.
 - 2.1. Any exceptions to the age bands will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Head Coach and Welfare Officer. Exceptions will be rare.
 - 2.2. Membership of each squad is at the discretion of the relevant head coach.
3. Only members of the Club may enter club championships or events or be awarded a club trophy.
 - 3.1. Any member entering club championships must have achieved the minimum attendance rate (Annex A) of training sessions in the twelve months prior to the date of the event (pro-rata).
 - 3.2. Strictly no entries shall be accepted later than fourteen days prior to the date of the event.
 - 3.3. Members who are selected to swim in a competition squad event (i.e. league fixture) will be expected to swim. Any swimmer who does not swim when selected may not be eligible to swim in Club championships.
 - 3.4. A Club Member attending university or due to personal reasons (e.g. family, employment, health) is unable to comply with Rule 3.1, should submit a request to the Head Coach of Bath Dolphin Swimming Club asking for an exception.
 - 3.5. The Head Coach of Bath Dolphin Swimming Club will be empowered to make a decision on requests submitted in accordance with Rule 3.4. All requests and decisions shall be reported to the Swimming Committee for formal recording.
 - 3.6. Club Members that comply with or have been given dispensation to Rule 3.1 will also be eligible to represent Bath Dolphin Swimming Club in a competition.
 - 3.7. No swimmer shall receive any prize, award, or recognition achieved unless all monies due by them to the Club have been paid.
 - 3.8. All trophies are perpetual trophies and shall remain the property of the Club. The winners of each trophy shall return the same to the Club in a clean condition by such time as required for various competitions.
 - 3.9. The Club shall be informed immediately should a trophy be lost, stolen or damaged. In the event of the trophy holder leaving the Club or through termination of membership the trophy shall be returned to the Club upon the trophy holders' departure.
4. Established Club swimming performance records will be reviewed updated and published on a periodic basis. All performance records will be for a 25m pool (conversion from 50m to 25m pool using official conversion tables/software where necessary is permissible). Age will be as at 31 December in the year of competition in single year age bands from 8 to 16 years and Seniors (i.e. 17 years and above).
 - 4.1. Performance records can only be attributed to a member providing:
 - 4.1.1. the conditions of all Rules under 3 have been met.
 - 4.1.2. the performance was undertaken whilst representing and competing for Bath Dolphin Swimming Club.
5. The Committee reserves the right to hold events such as galas on club nights in place of training sessions. All galas shall be held under Swim England rules.
6. The Committee shall have the power to make decisions when the aforementioned rules are not applicable, or do not cover, circumstances and will be made within the framework of the constitution of the club and Swim England regulations.



Bath Dolphin Swimming Club Structure

Junior Squad		
0-12 years		
Required to pass minimum standards at trial before joining. Minimum age is generally 8 years old.	Attendance target is 60%	
Senior Squad		
10-23 years		
Essential lane etiquette and stroke/stamina standards to be met. Minimum age is generally 10 years old. <i>(Minimum Qualifying Standards to be introduced in 2024/25)</i>	Attendance target is 60%	ONE competition/Gala to be entered at least every 2 months
Masters		
16+		
Essential lane etiquette and stroke/stamina standards to be met.	No formal attendance target but head coach discretion will be applied	

