

Team Bath AS Family Support Fund

Team Bath AS Swimming Club is keen to support our swimmers if they or their family encounter financial hardship through a Family Support Fund.

The Club operates on a non-profit making basis and therefore has limited funds and high overheads, to which it is committed to pay. However the Committee recognises the importance of our swimmers being able to continue to train regularly. Team Bath AS will make financial provision for cases of hardship where the Family Support Fund is necessary.

The following points apply:

- Requests may be made for assistance or flexible payment terms to cover monthly training fees.
- The fund is designed to be of temporary support, to help bridge the gap whilst families explore local Trusts, Charities and other agencies in order to financially support the swimmer's fees.
- To be eligible to apply for funding, swimmers must have been a member of the Team Bath AS for a minimum of six months and demonstrated a commitment to the Club having regularly attended sessions.
- The application would be reviewed after 3 months and the Club has the right to stop any agreements with members at any time they deem necessary.
- An application for funding can only be applied for once per swimmer, with each application considered on a case by case basis.

Applications to the Family Support Fund must be made in writing to the Treasurer or Welfare Officer. Requests for assistance/flexible payment terms should be made by the swimmer (if over 18), parent or guardian immediately or within 60 days of the payment becoming due. The applicant may be asked to complete an application or provide further information, if appropriate. Any change in circumstance should be reported immediately so that an ongoing case can be reviewed. Requests for assistance / flexible payment terms will not be considered after 60 days of the payment becoming due.

All applications will be considered and dealt with confidentially between the Welfare Officer, the Treasurer and one other appointed person from the Team Bath AS committee. Advice may be sought from the Head Coach if appropriate. These Club Officers can approve, without referral to the Committee, an application for funding under the Family Support Fund. The Team Bath AS Committee will be informed that the fund has been accessed but no further details will be disclosed, ensuring confidentiality is maintained.

If approved, the start and finish time of the fund will be agreed and provided in writing to the family.

Swim England recognise that aquatics can be a relatively expensive sport, in particular for top athletes and they may experience funding difficulties. The Region does not provide hardship funding, but encourages clubs, athletes and their families to actively seek external funding.

Examples of Funding for Swimmers

GLL Sport Foundation

To support young people with athletic talent to achieve their full sporting potential by reducing the financial burden of training and competition costs. See <https://www.gllsportfoundation.org/>

Ray Clash Memorial Fund

This discretionary fund is available to athletes who would find it difficult without this financial support for the purpose of providing financial assistance to athletes of all aquatic disciplines, enabling those persons to attend courses to benefit their talent pathway. Details can be found on the Swim England South West website.

Rob George Foundation

Provides financial support to young people who demonstrate exceptional commitment and/or ability in the worlds of sport or the performing arts but may be held back by their financial situation from pursuing their goals Details available at <http://therobgeorgefoundation.co.uk/>