

Boldmere Swimming and Water Polo Club Swim England Charges Policy January 2021

The Swim England Charges Policy sets out the detail of the basis upon which members are charged for fees payable to Swim England (SE) which is the governing national body for swimming and water polo club members. The fees pay for some of the Services that Swim England provide to Clubs and the competitive framework. Boldmere is a combined club for swimmers and water polo players.

More information on Swim England can be found at this link <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/>

What are the fees for?

Swim England currently charges fees at:

- £17.20 for Category 1 (non-competitive)
- £35.75 for Category 2 (competitive)
- £10.20 for Category 3 (volunteer)

These fees include fees payable to West Midlands and Warwickshire and all are mandatory payments. Any changes to these fees will be notified to you as soon as the Club is advised.

Boldmere Swimming and Water Polo Club add £1 to this fee towards covering volunteers Swim England membership fees who are essential for running the club.

The most important point to note is that this fee covers the insurance protection premium for the member without payment of which that person cannot be involved in the Club's activities.

The Club has no control over how these charges are decided or set. The whole amount goes to Swim England and the Club does not retain any amount from this charge.

These fees are payable for each period covering from 1 January to 31 December per member.

From 1 January 2021 the Club introduced a new method of collection for these fees. An annual one off charge is taken from Team Unify which represents the applicable Swim England charge for that member. This is then paid over to Swim England on each member's behalf.

Who incurs the SE fee?

Any person who is actively involved with the Club must be a registered member with Swim England. The amount it costs depends on the nature of your involvement in the Club's activities.

The following non exhaustive list covers the most common ways that a person is involved in the Club's activities:

- **Swimmer** - both non-competitive and competitive swimmers whether you are in Learn to Swim or in the Club, Competitive, Performance or the Masters section of swimming activity will pay Category 1 or 2 based on what you take part in
- **Volunteer** – a person who plays an active part in the running of the Club.
- **Friends of Boldmere** – a person who is not currently a member of the Club but for whom the Club holds details to activate when assistance is required.
- **Coach or teacher** – a person qualified to Level 1 or above.
- **Trainee teacher/coach**– a person working towards a Level 1 qualification.
- **Life members** – a person designated by the Club to have entitlement to free SE or membership if they so elect to take part in Club activities.
- **Water Polo** – a person who is learning to play, competes, is training to or teaches or coaches in Water Polo.

Which category am I?

The table below explains which category a member falls within:

Activity	Category	Exceptions
Minnows	Category 1	N/A
Snappers	Category 1	N/A
Sharks	Category 1	Unless member wishes to compete
Junior Club	Category 1	Unless member wishes to compete
Senior Club	Category 1	Unless member wishes to compete
Competitive Bronze	Category 2	N/A
Competitive Silver	Category 2	N/A
Competitive Gold	Category 2	N/A
Performance Bronze	Category 2	N/A
Performance Silver	Category 2	N/A
Performance Gold	Category 2	N/A
Masters	Category 2	Unless member does not wish to compete
Water Polo	Category 1	Unless member competes in National leagues
Volunteer	Category 3	Unless member wishes to compete
Friends of Boldmere	N/A	Unless member wishes to compete
Coach/teacher	Category 3	Unless member wishes to compete
Trainee coach/teacher	Category 3	Unless member wishes to compete
Life members	Variable	At Club's discretion

If a member seeks to be considered for one of the exceptions above they must contact the Club this would include an athlete transferring from another club to ours.

Who pays the fee?

The general rule is that you are responsible for paying your own SE fees whether you are involved in swimming or water polo.

In some instances, the Club agrees to pay the SE fees on your behalf because of your involvement in the Club. The circumstances for the Club agreeing to such payment are as follows:

- You continuously comply with all Club rules and policies; and
- You play an active part in the running of the Club

Member activity	Payable by who/why	Cost¹
Swimmer	Athlete pays for the Cat fee as determined by the events they compete in. If a swimmer changes in a year between Cat 1 and Cat 2 the difference will be charged. Swimmer but if the person falls into one of the agreed definitions the Club pays up to Category 2 rate for the swimmer	Cat 1 or Cat 2
Volunteer	Club pays for those playing an active part in the running of the Club	Cat 3
Friend of Boldmere	Not payable until they move into another definition	n/a
Coach or teacher	Club pays for those playing an active part in the running of the Club	Cat 1 or Cat 2 or Cat 3
Trainee teacher/coach	Club pays the volunteer element of the fee but where Trainee swims and or competes then Trainee pays the additional fee	Cat 3 and Cat 1 or Cat 2
Life members	Club	By discretion
Water Polo	Athlete pays for the Cat fee as determined by the events they compete in. If a swimmer changes in a year between Cat 1 and Cat 2 the difference will be charged.	Cat 1 or Cat 2

Note that Swim England do not give refunds on their membership fee, so unfortunately neither can the Club.

Policy review period

This policy will be reviewed annually to update for any changes to charges and other issues affecting members liability for these fees. If no changes are required then the Club will confirm to members that the policy remains in force.

¹ The Club reserves the right to review these fees payable at the Finance Committees discretion.