



Fees

Over the past 3 years the cost of pool hire to the club has increased by £25,000. This has been caused in the main by a large increase in the amount of pool time acquired by the club and also an increase in the hourly cost of hiring the pool. Whilst the additional pool time is a must for a club like ours it obviously brings with it the need to increase our income. Our fees have not kept pace with the increase and over the past 2 years we have been relying on both reserves and grants to cover the cost. During the 2010/2011 financial year the club ran at a loss of £9,000 and we are now in a position where we have used our savings and grants are few and far between. In order to cover our costs the committee have decided on the following increases in fees for 2012 taking effect from the beginning of February 2012:-

- 1) Teaching: from £16 per month to £18
- 2) Pre MDS: from £16 per month to £20
- 3) MDS: from £22 per month to £26
- 4) Sprint Squad: from £28 per month to £30
- 5) A Squad: from £35 per month to £42 (this includes land training costs)
- 6) B Squad: from £31 per month to £35
- 7) C Squad: from £26 per month to £28
- 8) Performance Squad: from £80 per month to £84
- 9) Water Polo Junior: from £15 per month to £17
- 10) Water Polo Senior: from £20 per month to £22 per month

As in previous years, a family with three children swimming within the squads and learn to swim will pay 50% of the lowest fee for the third child. Children who are paying squad fees and also participating in Water Polo will pay 50% of the Water Polo fee. NB: Any additional pool time obtained will have to be covered by an increase in fees for whichever squad it affects.

In setting the increases outlined above, the committee have researched local and national clubs' pricing, reviewed our outgoings for 2012, worked hard with the council to set our pool hire fees and looked at numerous funding streams. Despite the increases, which have been kept to a minimum and will be used to cover pool hire, coaching and training costs, we are one of the cheapest clubs in the area and nationally. The coaching, teaching and assistance our swimmers receive is far higher than at other clubs and I believe is great value for money.

The above cost increase has not been affected by our merger with Gallica. The £25,000 increase in pool hire costs and £9,000 operating loss was arrived at prior to our merger.

Membership Fees

Membership fees for 2012/13 will remain the same. Each member must pay the ASA, Regional and area membership fees. The fees are set by the three committees and we have to pay them. In addition we as a club have to pay membership fees to register the club. The individual

membership fee within PSC cover the club fees and the coaches/teachers fees as they are volunteers and give up their time free to teach your children. The fees for 2012 are shown below:-
Category 1: £24 - In the main covers swimmers in Teaching
Category 2: £34 - Squad swimmers and water polo players
Category 3: £17 - Non swimmers