



Accrington Swimming Club Member Newsletter, December 2021

We've some changes at the start of 2022 that will impact all our members and we thought a printed newsletter would be the best way to update everyone. If you haven't already, please join our private Facebook page and regularly check our website www.accringtonswimmingclub.co.uk for news and changes.

Change to Swimming Days

Our last swimming day before the Christmas holidays will be Monday 20th December and we return on Wednesday 5th January 2022 with new days and times for your swimming sessions. The new times and days will be Monday and Wednesday only as follows:

- 7.00 to 7.45pm for beginners (stages 1 to 7 including learn to swim)
- 7.45 to 8.30pm for intermediate swimmers beyond stage 7
- 8.30 to 9.30pm for advanced swimmers and Masters

Our last Saturday swim will be 18th December and we've made the decision to change because Saturday attendance has been consistently low, low availability of teachers and helpers on Saturdays and Hyndburn Leisure now have pool availability on Wednesday nights to 9.30pm.

We hope the new days will suit most members and if you have any questions please message us via our Facebook page, our website 'contact us' on [@accringtonswimmingclub.co.uk](https://www.facebook.com/accringtonswimmingclub) or speak to one of our volunteers

ASA Annual Insurance

Your annual ASA insurance payment of £16.40 per member will be taken by Direct Debit on 15th February 2022. This payment is essential for membership and affiliation to Swim England and will happen automatically.

Membership Monthly Fee

From 1st April 2022 our monthly membership fee will increase from £16.00 per month to £17.00 per month. We've delayed implementing the increase for almost a year and work hard to keep our costs low thanks to the fantastic support of all our volunteers. The change in fees will happen automatically.

Covid

Please help us to maintain a safe environment for swimmers and spectators and follow all the current guidance for indoor spaces. We've refreshed our risk assessments and will let you know if any of our procedures change.

Swim England and Stronger Affiliation

We don't think we made you aware of the new Swim England minimum standard for its affiliated clubs, this was introduced in 2020 in a bid to have the highest standards of safe and effective practice in place. The Stronger Affiliation process has been introduced so new and existing members know clubs are well run and their personnel have the necessary safeguarding checks and appropriate qualifications in place to ensure members' safety. We were proud to achieve the new standard last year and our annual submission is underway.

Volunteers

Our fantastic club has been a pillar of our community for over 110 years and continues thanks to the skills and dedication of all our volunteers. If you can offer your skills and time to our swimming or non-swimming activities please do speak to Chris McKean, Chief Coach. We wish you all a safe a peaceful Christmas and send you our very best wishes for 2022.