



## **ELECTRIC EELS SWIMMING CLUB MEMBERSHIP RULES**

**1)** Annual Subscriptions for family membership, as agreed at each AGM, are renewable in June each year. This entitles one person in that family to vote at any General Meeting. The current subscription is £50. If this fee is not paid by the following 1st August the member may be deemed to have ceased membership.

*Fees are required to help towards our running costs including paid qualified lifeguards, training for the future development of the club, insurance by and membership of Swim England and entrance to competitions.*

**2)** A termly fee of, currently, £40 is payable.

*Members who may have difficulty paying fees should approach one of the committee in confidence.*

**3)** Membership of the Club requires all swimmers to attend training at least 3 sessions per month. Non-attendance without reasonable grounds could result in a swimmer's membership being withdrawn.

*A condition of the Club's affiliation to Special Olympics UK is that our swimmers are required to train for 26 weeks of the year.*

**4)** Please update the doodle poll if the swimmer is unable to attend any session.

**5)** It is requested that female swimmers wear a one piece costume

**6)** Swimmers must be in the waiting area, doing their warm-up exercises, at the start of the session. To avoid disrupting the session, members arriving late may NOT be allowed to swim. Swimmers may not enter the water until given permission by the Director of Swimming or their delegated representative

**7)** Swimmers will be required to provide their own named drinking bottles and ensure they are brought to all swimming sessions.

**8)** Only Teachers and Pool Staff are allowed on poolside at training sessions. The Director of Swimming may suspend a member for misbehaviour, or conduct likely to endanger other members, or on medical grounds.

*On Health and Safety grounds members must not be allowed to run around the pool, jump in and out of the pool, or act in any way to endanger members, pool staff or helpers. Such action may mean that the club is denied use of the pool facility.*

**9)** A parent/carer/advocate aged 18 or over must stay within visibility of the pool during sessions.

*This is to ensure that someone is available if, for example, a member wishes to use the toilet (when the parent will be asked to take their own child) or has behaviour issues that require him or her to be removed from the pool.*

**10)** It is the parent/carer/advocates responsibility to be waiting to collect the swimmer from the volunteer at 6.30.

**11)** Swimmers will be expected to participate in at least 50% of the competitions for which they are eligible during the year.

**12)** All other swimmers once capable of swimming one width, with or without assistance, may be expected to participate in some competitions for which they are eligible during the year.

**13)** When signing up for an event, a Parent/Carer's signature must accompany the swimmer's name. A swimmer who withdraws from an event after the closing date will be asked to pay £10 to help cover the cost of entry fees.

**14)** Parents/carers who wish to take photographs during any swimming event MUST sign the permission book (which will be available on the desk) before doing so (and that includes using cameras on mobile phones.) No photographs should be taken during normal club sessions.

**I have received a copy of these rules and agree to abide by them**

.....**member/parent/carer**

**on.....(date)**