



POLICIES OF THE OKANAGAN MASTERS SWIM CLUB SWIM MEMBERSHIPS



Objectives of the swim membership policy:

- to attract and welcome new Masters swimmers to the club
- to manage growth in membership, facilities and coaching
- to make effective use of facilities and coaches
- to ensure financial independence and stability of the club
- to achieve fairness and recognize members' specific circumstances

Swim members:

- a) are welcome to join at any time during the season, subject to availability of swim slots;
- b) who pay fees for the full season in one upfront payment at the start of the season, are eligible for the largest fee discount, since they assist the club to meet its financial commitments;
- c) who purchase swim membership for less than the full season, will pay for the number of months subscribed, in accordance with the fee schedule.

The Executive reserves the right to limit the number of swim memberships, as well as the number of 'part season' swim memberships on a first-come-first-served basis.

SWIM MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The club offers three swim membership categories in recognition of the diverse needs of Masters swimmers. Fees are structured accordingly. The categories are as follows:

- a) **Full members** for swimmers who wish to swim at the home pool as many times per week as OMSC has swim sessions and capacity;
- b) **Distance members** for swimmers who live far from the home pool, and wish to swim with OMSC at the home pool up to once per week;
- c) **Affiliate members** for members who want to be affiliated with OMSC, but who do not swim at the home pool.

Swim members are free to swim at any session, on any day of the week subject only to their membership category and availability of lane capacity. In other words they are not limited to specific days or sessions. Most swimmers settle into a regular routine that works for them. This is encouraged, to aid capacity planning and enable coaches to get to know each swimmer's specific strengths and training needs. OMSC reserves the right to session- and lane-balancing to ensure capacity requirements are not exceeded.



SWIM SEASONS

OMSC has two distinct swim seasons during the year:

- Fall-Winter-Spring September - June
- Summer Season July - August

COMPLIMENTARY DROP- INS

A complimentary drop-in is available to potential new members and visiting Masters Swimmers from Masters swim clubs in British Columbia, another province or state. Complimentary drop-ins are permitted under the following conditions:

- a) Lane space must be available;
- b) Swimmer must prove membership of MSABC, or sign an MSABC waiver before entering the pool;
- c) Swimmer must enter his/her details in the swim register and sign adjacent to.

REFUNDS

A member may apply for early termination of membership in circumstances where the member is no longer able to make use of his/her membership. In such a case the member may apply to the Registrar for a credit or partial fee refund. Refunds are at the discretion of the Registrar and/or the OMSC Executive. In all cases, the following policies apply:

- a) A minimum of one calendar month's notice must be given;
- b) Any credit or partial refund will be based on the number of complete months remaining in the season after the notice period;
- c) At least one month's fees will be deducted to cover expenses;

The MSABC annual fee is not refundable.

WAIT LISTS AND RENEWAL OF SWIM MEMBERSHIP

The club will secure lane times and capacity at the H₂O Adventure & Fitness Centre in negotiation with the City and the facility Manager. Should the demand for swim memberships exceed the capacity of facilities allocated to the club, applications will be prioritized as follows:-

- a) Paid-up OMSC swim members from the current season at H₂O Adventure & Fitness Centre will be given first priority to take up swim membership for the following season (his/her name will be put at the top of the wait list).

This priority position falls away if not exercised before the start of the next season. Where exercised in time, it will fall away if the fees for that season are not paid on time.



- b) Second priority will be given to members granted a leave of absence by the Executive, and who re-apply for swim membership within the leave of absence period.
- c) Priority thereafter will be given on a 'first come first served' basis in the order in applicant was entered on the swim member wait list.

Leave of Absence: Leave of absence may be granted to swim members who cannot continue their swim membership for any reason. Leave of absence up to a maximum of 12 months may be granted by the Executive.

TRANSFERABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

If a member (the 'requesting member') wishes to transfer his/her **prepaid membership** to a third person (the 'beneficiary') either permanently or temporarily, a motivated written application must be submitted to the club President. The President will take the motivation and circumstances into account and provide a decision within 5 business days.

Two categories of transfer are considered: permanent and temporary.

Permanent transfer

The beneficiary must be a member of the Okanagan Masters Swim Club¹.

If there is any wait list for swim memberships at that time, the application will be declined. If there is no wait list and the President approves the request, benefits of membership will pass from the requesting member to the beneficiary on the date of approval.

The requesting member may not request Leave of Absence concurrent with the application for transfer of membership. The membership may be transferred at the same level or to a higher membership level.

Temporary transfer

The beneficiary must be a member of the Okanagan Masters Swim Club. Access to facilities and swim membership benefits commence the day after approval.

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¹ NB: This means the beneficiary must also be a paid-up member of MSABC
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