

# Information for New Members



## Welcome to Thurso Amateur Swimming Club (TASC)

The information below has been put together to answer some of the common questions new members and parents ask. Help is also available from any Committee Member and your Coach. The website also provides invaluable information.

### Membership:

SASA Membership Fee: Paid in February each year. This is the cost of membership to the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association, the Sport's Governing Body, which includes vital insurances, and is inclusive of your membership of TASC. This membership is compulsory for **ALL** members. Membership is due after your child has been at the Club for two weeks. After that period, swimmers may not enter the pool until membership has been confirmed.

SASA membership must be applied for via the Scottish swimming online membership system (<http://www.scottishswimming.com/members/membership.aspx>). You must then contact the TASC Membership Secretary to arrange payment before the membership can be approved. Please note your child's place in the Club is not secured until the Club Membership Secretary confirms acceptance.

Failure to pay within two weeks will indicate that your child does not wish the allotted space and we will reallocate this to the next person on the waiting list.

### Training Sessions:

Times are available on the website for all sessions offered by TASC.

Please arrive in good time for your training session and remember to bring the following kit:

- Swimming costume/trunks
- Swimming cap
- Goggles
- Towel
- Water Bottle
- Spare cap and goggles (if available)
- Coin for lockers.

Please note the Club accept **NO** responsibility for belongings within the Pool Changing Area. It is strongly recommended that all personal belongings are locked away during training.

### Communication

We aim to keep swimmers updated with information whenever possible on the Club activities either via the Coach, Committee or the website. The simplest and quickest way to find out information is by emailing the appropriate party noted below:

General matters – email the Secretary – [secretary@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@thursoasc.org.uk)

Meet Entries – email Meet Secretary – [meetsecretary@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:meetsecretary@thursoasc.org.uk)

Financial matters – email Treasurer – [treasurer@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@thursoasc.org.uk)

Membership enquiries – email Membership Secretary – [membership@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:membership@thursoasc.org.uk)

Meet travel arrangements – email Travel Convenors – [meetsecretary@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:meetsecretary@thursoasc.org.uk)

Technical Official duties/enquiries – email Swimming Technical Official – [sto@thursoasc.org.uk](mailto:sto@thursoasc.org.uk)

Please ensure that the Club has up to date contact details for you at all times.

## **Website**

The Club website [www.thursoasc.org.uk](http://www.thursoasc.org.uk) is an excellent source of information and is regularly updated. You will find information pertaining to squad structure, fees, news, etc

## **Volunteers**

TASC is a competitive club and run voluntarily by the parents for the benefit of the children. All parents are expected to help in some capacity, be it assisting on poolside, fundraising, administrative tasks, coaching, technical officials etc.

It is fundamental to the success of the Club and the progress of the swimmers, that we have volunteers willing to become involved in officiating ie timekeeping, judging etc. Courses for officials are held on a regular basis and help with training will be offered. Competitive swimming requires a large number of officials and whilst the Club at present does not make it a condition of membership to become an official, there is an expectation that Swimmer's parents do help in whatever capacity they can to allow these roles to be shared throughout the Club.

## **Fundraising**

Whilst everyone who helps with TASC is giving their time voluntarily, we still require to raise money to cover the annual running costs of the Club. It is therefore important that we actively fundraise throughout the year, and your support of events is appreciated. An easy way of fundraising is to join our 100 Club. The cost of this is £2.17 per month and you can obtain a membership form from the website downloads or by contacting any member of the Club Committee.

We hope you enjoy being a member of TASC and your experience of competitive swimming.

## **Useful websites:**

SASA North District: [www.sasanorth.org](http://www.sasanorth.org)

Scottish Swimming: [www.scottishswimming.com](http://www.scottishswimming.com)