



GCSC Fees

Membership of Gloucester City Swimming Club requires payment of fees, split into two elements. There is an annual membership fee and monthly training fees.

Annual Membership

GCSC is affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) and all swimmers must be registered, in order to train and compete. Swimmers can be ASA registered as either Category 1 (non-competing) or Category 2 (competing). Swimmers under the age of eighteen must also have a parent / guardian registered and there is a Category 3 (non-swimming), appropriate for parents / guardians and volunteers.

GCSC annual membership fee includes the swimmer's ASA registration, plus one parent / guardian ASA registration. The fee also includes the relevant county (Gloucestershire) and regional (South West) affiliation fees, plus a nominal contribution towards annual administration costs, [such as insurance](#).

[GCSC support swimmers registered with other clubs and offer a dual membership option at a nominal contribution towards administration costs.](#)

For 2015/2106, the annual membership fee has been set at **£45** (or **£10** for dual membership) and is payable on 1st September 2015.

The club cover the cost of ASA registration (Category 3) for volunteers that do not have a child registered at the club.

[GCSC charge a joining fee of £50 to cover initial ASA registration and administration costs. If the swimmer joins between 1st September and 31st December, this covers the annual fee due in September of that year. However if the swimmer joins between 1st January and 31st August the annual membership fee for the next season is also payable.](#)

Training Fees

Training fees are calculated based on the total costs involved in providing the facilities required, including pool hire and provision of services including coaching and are paid monthly by standing order.

The training fees are set per squad, based on the number of hours training offered, including land training where appropriate and acceptance of a place in that squad confirms acceptance of the fees applicable. Adjustment of individual fees based on

external factors affecting attendance is not achievable, since the squad place is reserved, potentially preventing another swimmer taking that place.

The calculation of fees takes account of non-swimming times, such as competitions, bank holidays and seasonal breaks. For some squads, the fees include occasional long course training (50m pool), in lieu of regular training at appropriate times in the calendar.

The monthly squad fees for 2015/2016 are set out in the following table. SSK = Swim Skills, TTC = Train to Compete, with number indicative of the total hours available for that squad. [If a member joins part way through a month, the fee for that month will be pro-rated.](#)

SQUAD	FEES £
SSK2	40
SSK3	50
SSK5	65
SSK6	71
SSK7	76
SSK9	83
Club6	66
TTC8	75
TTC12	99
TTC15	108
TTC19	118
Hartpury	55

Since the Para squad covers the range of progression, fees are set depending on the training hours agreed with the Lead Para Coach, regardless of the level of inclusive sessions (e.g. part inclusive total of 5 hours is the same as SSK5). Any that do not fall in-line with an equivalent squad hours, will be calculated on a pro-rata basis.

Membership Termination

It is necessary to give one month's written notice to the Membership Secretary if a swimmer decides to leave GCSC. Fees are non-refundable.

Fee Adjustment

Under certain circumstances, training fees may be adjusted.

Medical Absence:

In the event of long-term absence for medical reasons, fees will be waived for each entire month that the swimmer is unable to train. Please liaise with the Membership Secretary to advise if this becomes necessary.

Sibling Discount:

Recognising the financial burden of multiple swimmers from a family training within the club, a sibling discount is available. For each family with 3 swimmers training, a discount of 10% of total training fees is applicable and for each family with 4 or more swimmers training, a discount of 15% of total training fees is applicable. The sibling discount also includes a reduction of the Annual Membership fee for the 3rd, 4th and subsequent swimmers to £30, to reflect that the parent / guardian Category 3 membership is already covered.

Social Inclusion:

GCSC operate a policy of social inclusion and it may be possible to make temporary arrangements in the event of financial hardship. Please liaise with the Membership Secretary, who will co-ordinate individual assessment with the Committee. GCSC also have a selection of equipment that can be borrowed or purchased at a reduced cost.

To support the Community Amateur Sports Club objective, the annual membership fee is reduced to £40 (including a parent ASA registration) or £30 for over 18yrs, providing a membership option to train for 2 hours per week for £520 or less.

University Student / Boarding School Membership:

GCSC recognise that senior swimmers may seek further education, but wish to retain their home club membership. The University Student Membership is applicable to full-time University students away at University during term-time and training during the holidays, subject to available capacity, through payment of an annual fee to include the swimmer's ASA registration.

GCSC also aim to provide an opportunity for swimmers who attend boarding school, to train during school holidays, subject to available capacity. Since the swimmer's regular training will be with the school club, their ASA ranked club membership (and that of their parent/guardian) should be transferred to the school club. However, the swimmer may retain dual membership with GCSC, through payment of the annual dual membership fee, allowing them to represent GCSC at competitions where appropriate (e.g. National Arena League).

Payment of a reduced monthly training fee throughout the year allows the swimmer to train during University / school holidays, subject to available capacity. Land training with external providers is not included.

There are two rates available.

- RATE 1: Allows maximum of 3 swims per week
- RATE 2: Allows more than 3 swims per week

For 2015/2016, the University Student annual membership fee is set at £30 (to reflect that swimmers over 18 do not require parent / guardian membership). The Boarding School annual dual membership fee is set at £10. Both are payable on 1st September plus a monthly fee of £10 for Rate 1, or £25 for Rate 2.

N.B Appropriate monthly fee rate must be agreed with Membership Secretary in September each year.

Parents must contact the Membership Secretary (Membership@Gloucesterscityswimmingclub.co.uk) between three and five weeks before each University / school holiday to advise that they wish to train. The Membership Secretary will liaise with the Head Coach and confirm the training sessions available. GCSC will match training sessions appropriate to the level of skill and experience of the swimmer; taking into consideration capacity within a particular session.

GCSC encourage students attending local Universities and Further Education establishments to train as an integral part of the club swim programme and offer opportunities for volunteering and coaching, in support of their educational programme.

The club have established relationships with Gloucestershire University and Hartpury College and have dedicated training sessions for these groups.

GCSC also allow students at local boarding schools to train as an integral part of the club swim programme. Since school commitments may preclude full training participation, the training programme and squad membership must be agreed with the Head Coach and monthly fees calculated on a pro-rata basis. Fees may be paid annually directly via school.

The club have established relationships with Cheltenham Ladies College.

Retainer Membership:

GCSC provide an opportunity to retain membership for those who are not able to train regularly [either temporarily or permanently](#). Payment of the retainer membership allows for [occasional swimming with the appropriate squad up to a maximum of 1 swim per week during holiday periods](#).

For 2015/2016, the retainer membership fee is set at £5 per month.