# **IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2018**

As a non-profit Club, we endeavour to keep squad fees as low as possible and have not implemented a fee increase since September 2015. However, the running costs of the Club continue to rise each year and expenditure has exceeded income for several years, running down our reserves.

To ensure that we are covering our costs and have an adequate reserve fund to meet our liabilities, the Club Officers have agreed the following changes:

- 1. Squad and Learn to Swim Fee Increases
- 2. Implementation of a Club Annual Membership Fee for squad swimmers
- 3. A new Club website using TeamUnify team management platform
- 4. Changes to payment methods
- 5. Changes to land training sessions

#### 1. Squad Fees

With effect from 1 October 2018, Learn to Swim and squad fees will increase as detailed below. Even with this increase, we continue to offer competitive rates compared to similar clubs in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area. Going forward, these fees will be reviewed annually, with increases being effective from 1 September each year.

Learn to Swim	£22.50
D Squad	£41.00
C Squad	£54.00
B Squad	£73.00
A Squad	£84.00
Sprint Squad	£56.00
Performance Squad	£90.00

Masters pay as you go session £4.50

# 2. Club Annual Membership Fee

The Club Annual Membership Fee applies to all squad swimmers and will cover the cost of:

- Annual ASA Membership Fee for swimmers, the club and volunteers
- Annual cost of TeamUnify (see point 3)

The AMF for the 2018/19 season will be £46 and is payable in September, at the start of the season, or when a swimmer joins the Club. As with squad fees, this will be reviewed on an annual basis. We appreciate that this fee has previously been required in February, however, to keep things simple and to ensure the Club has enough funds to meet the bill, this has been incorporated into the AMF.

The current joining fee for Learn to Swim swimmers will remain at £20, but will be reviewed on an annual basis. Should a swimmer remain in LTS when the next ASA Membership Fee is due (each January), this fee will become payable at that time.

Please be aware that the ASA Membership Fee includes insurance for each swimmer. Non-payment of this fee will result in the swimmer being unable to swim and/or compete.

#### 3. New Website

TeamUnify is a team management platform, which will host our Website. The platform will help streamline the administration of the Club, including meet entries, membership, membership fees, payment of club fees / camp fees and communication. The Committee have been considering using TeamUnify for over a year and after much research, this has been agreed. The advantages to the Club and potential reduction in volunteer hours once up and running, more than justify the cost. More detailed

information regarding this change will follow in due course, with details on how to register for Parent Access.

### 4. Payment Methods

From September 2018, we will no longer be able to take cash payments over the Club Desk for squad fees, joining fees, competition entries or camp payments.

Our preferred method of payment will be via TeamUnify once this is up and running. In the interim payments can be made by bank transfer or cheque. This ensures that payments are easily traceable.

We have two bank accounts that accept payments:

# Main Account – for all payments except competition entries:

 Bank
 Co-op

 Account No
 65827532

 Sort Code
 08-92-99

#### **Competition Entries:**

Bank Lloyds Account No 00015299 Sort Code 30-94-80

### 5. Land Training

There will be changes to land training sessions with effect from September 2018 and these will be communicated once finalised.

However, we can confirm that Performance and A Squads will no longer be using the Xercise4Less gym, so parents can now cancel this membership, should they wish.

By making the above changes and running two additional open meets each year, we are confident that the Club will be in a better financial position this time next year.

We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation, but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Club Officers.