

Appendix A – Club Policies on Membership (see section 3.2) (these policies can be amended by the COB Committee without amendment to the Constitution)

COB Membership Categories (General Meetings means AGM's and SGM's)

- ✦ **Honorary Executive Aquatics Board Members** – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (the Club Officers) elected at the AGM. May vote at COB Committee meetings and General meetings.
- ✦ **Honorary Aquatics Board Members** – Suitable for COB Committee members elected at an AGM for the period of their office e.g. SWIM 21 Co-ordinator, Communications Manager etc Will have a vote at both COB Committee Meetings and General Meetings. In addition, the COB Committee may confer Honorary Membership on Welfare Officer, paid Coaches, Competition Manager, Open Meet Manager, Social Secretary etc. who may be invited to attend but not vote at Aquatics Board meetings.
- ✦ **Honorary Committee Members from the Disciplines** – each discipline, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Waterpolo and Disability Swimming to nominate a named representative to be a COB Committee member. The nominated person will have to be a member of the discipline Management Committee. They can vote at the COB Committee and General Meetings.
- ✦ **Honorary Committee Members from Participating Network Swimming Clubs** – each Participating Network Swimming Club to nominate a named representative to be a COB Committee member. The nominated person must be a member of the Network Club Committee. This nominated person will have a vote at the COB Committee if the Club has 5 of the following actively and regularly involved with COB – Swimmers in one of the COB Squads, COB Committee members (excluding the member nominated to represent the Network Club), Coaches, registered technical officials. If less than 5 the representative can attend the COB Committee meetings but not vote. All nominated representatives will have a vote at General meetings.
- ✦ **Associate Members** – This class of membership is suitable for athlete members over the age of 16yrs, regular volunteer Teachers and Coaches, technical officials etc Application for membership must be approved by the COB Committee. May vote at a General Meeting. May not attend (unless invited to do so) or vote at COB Committee meetings
- ✦ **Aquatic Discipline Management Committees - Non Constitutional - Swimming, Synchronised Swimming, Waterpolo (or other Management Committees as agreed by the COB Committee)** – all members of these Management Committees will have a vote at General Meetings. Their names will be agreed by the COB Committee and recorded at the COB AGM but not voted on.
- ✦ **Life Members** – membership may be conferred for long term services to the Club, at the discretion of the Aquatics Board. May vote at General Meetings.
- ✦ **Helpers Membership** – suitable for helpers at competitions and social events, sponsors, etc. who must be members of the ASA. May vote at any General meetings. Awarded for the period of their volunteering and reviewed by the COB

Committee on an annual basis. This is to ensure they are covered by the ASA insurance.

Membership Fees

- ✦ The COB Committee to decide annual fees for each level of membership, excluding training members
- ✦ Discipline Management Committees to decide training fees for their discipline.
- ✦ ASA registration fees to be paid by COB for Volunteers, unless the fee has been paid by a Participating Network Swimming Discipline Club

Resignation

A member wishing to resign membership of the Club must give to the Membership Secretary, written notice of his resignation. A member's resignation shall only take effect when this rule has been complied with.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN AWARDING COB SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP

1. Members who decide to leave their Home Club (Participating Network Swimming Club) after also becoming a COB member

- ✦ Will wait for one year before being eligible for selection for COB Arena League team or team relays in County, Regional and National events under the name of COB.
- ✦ May enter Open Meets, County, Regional and National Competitions in individual events in the name of COB

2. Swimmers wishing to join from a non- Participating Network Swimming Clubs

- ✦ Their Club will be invited to join the COB Network of Participating Swimming Clubs. If the Club does not wish to join this Network then an individual swimmer agreement will be sought between the swimmer and the Club.