

Parental Involvement

Unlike other sports which your child may participate in, aquatics requires a heavy ratio of helpers to athletes – from coaching children, to being a volunteer helper, timekeeper or judge at competitions or helping with the administration of the Club.

To help the Club continue growing and providing the level of coaching and competition for our swimmers, we need the continued involvement of new parents.

To keep the fees at a minimum the Club relies heavily on volunteers and the club **ASKS FOR AT LEAST ONE PARENT HELPER per new athlete.** There are several areas within the Club in which a parent can help out;

- Coach/poolside helper who support the coaches to deliver training sessions with the swimmers and help them to develop their fitness and techniques. No prior knowledge is required as you can shadow the coach. If you are particularly interested, the Club will help you to attend a Basic Level 1 Teachers or Coaches Course.
- Attending a short Timekeepers Course which will involve recording race times for the swimmers as an approved Timekeeper. Every time you are a timekeeper, you are likely to see swimmers achieve new personal bests, sometimes achieving club records and winning medals. And if this is an area you particularly enjoy, the Club will arrange training for you to also become a turns Judge, learning more about the correct stroke techniques etc.
- Committee member/fund raising, vital roles that help the smooth running of the Club

We would really appreciate your help and contribution. Our online membership system can record the areas parents are willing to contribute; coaching/poolside helper, time keeper or committee member. Please log onto the membership system and record where you would be interested in volunteering to help the running of your child's Swimming Club