

BALLARAT GOLD SWIMMING CLUB PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Effective Date: 1ST January 2024

1. Policy Statement:

Ballarat Gold Swimming Club has committed to offering a pathway to senior and elite swimmers who wish to continue their swimming journey – competitive or recreational.

In exceptional circumstances, a swimmer may apply for a Provisional Ballarat Gold Membership.

The primary intention of this membership is to maintain a connection with swimmers who leave the Ballarat area to study or work elsewhere in the state or interstate but wish to continue to have ad hoc access to the club's services for training or competition purposes. This membership is also intended to welcome rural swimmers to access the development opportunities and benefits of this club.

2. Eligibility

2.1. The swimmer must be a registered and financial member of both Swimming Victoria and of Ballarat Gold Swimming Club, either as a Primary Claim Swimmer, or as a Secondary Claim Swimmer.

2.2. They will be of one of the following.

- i. a senior or elite level Ballarat Gold Swimming Club member who can demonstrate an ongoing commitment to swimming with the club but due to challenging circumstances a permanent squad membership is not feasible.
- ii. a senior or elite swimmer residing ***and schooling*** more 100 km outside of Ballarat, they may be connected to another rural club but seek further development opportunities offered by Ballarat Gold Swimming Club.
- iii. a senior or elite swimmer from another club who is boarding at one of Ballarat's colleges.

For further information please refer to the 'Ballarat Boarders' Policy.

2.3. A swim trial may be requested with the Head Coach or a Senior Coach to confirm suitability.

2.4. A Provisional Membership will only be granted at the discretion of the Club's Committee. No club activities will be permitted until an appropriate membership is finalised.

2.5. All applications for Provisional Membership must be submitted in writing to the Membership Officer membership@ballaratgold.org.au. The membership officer will discuss if this is the most appropriate membership as a standard membership may be more cost effective especially for boarders.

3. Training Session Booking Requirements

3.1. Training sessions will need to be booked online via the Try Booking app. Details of how to access the session calendar will be provided by the club.

3.2. Session bookings **MUST BE made and paid for NO LATER than 7 days prior to that session**. These are non-refundable regardless of attendance.

3.3. There is a limit of 2 bookings available per session and subject to availability. The club reserves the right to close a session or open more spaces if squad numbers permit.

4. Fee Structure for Provisional Memberships:

4.1. The committee has approved the following fee structure.

a. A training session booking will be charged at a rate of \$30.00 per session. This is payable at time of booking via the Try Booking app.

b. A competition attendance rate of \$50.00 per day is payable for **ANY** meets where a Ballarat Gold Coach is in attendance – including local meets, district and metro meets, country, state and national meets. This will be invoiced via EziDebit once competition entries have closed. Payment will be required with 48 hours of receiving the invoice from the club.

4.2. An email will be sent to set up the EziDebit account.

4.3. Ballarat Gold Swimming Club does not guarantee which coach will be running each training session nor does it guarantee which coaches will be in attendance at the meets.

4.4. The above fees may be subjected to additional third-party processing charges.

4.5. Ballarat Gold Swimming Club reserves the right to increase the above fees inline with other fee increases at any time.

5. Eligibility for club awards and records.

5.1. Swimmers on a Provisional Membership will not be eligible for club awards.

5.2. Swimmers on a Provisional Membership, who have Ballarat Gold nominated as their Primary Claim Club are eligible to receive club records.

6. Additional Requirements

6.1. Provisional members attending meets/competitions will be subjected to the same timekeeping and other volunteer responsibilities as any of club member.

7. Compliance

7.1. Lack of compliance with this policy will result in the committee determining disciplinary action.

8. Communication and Support:

8.1. The club encourages members to reach out if they have any questions or concerns regarding this membership option.

8.2. For any inquiries or assistance, please contact the Membership Officer of Ballarat Gold Swimming Club, at membership@ballaratgold.org.au

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9. Review of Policy:

9.1. This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and appropriateness. The club reserves the right to end this membership pathway if deemed necessary.

9.2. Any necessary updates or amendments will be communicated to members in a timely manner.

Approved by:

Marissa Cofield

Club President

Date: 31.12.2023

Next Review Date: 01.07.2024