



Swim Club Frequently Asked Questions

What is Ascot Swim Club?

Ascot Swim Club is a social, junior amateur swim club held at Ascot State School Pool and run entirely by volunteers.

We want to encourage all swimmers to compete against their own times each week at our Club Meets whilst having fun at the same time.

We aim to create a supportive and collaborative environment for each swimmer regardless of their ability by introducing kids to the sport of swimming in a family friendly environment.

When does Swim Club run?

Our season starts in Term 4 and continues into Term 1 the following year.

We run Meet events at Ascot State School pool most Friday afternoons from 5pm until about 7.30pm.

New members are welcome to join our club at any time during the season.

Who can join Ascot Swim Club?

Anyone aged 4-12 years old is welcome to join Ascot Swim Club and we welcome swimmers of all levels and abilities.

You do not need to be a student at Ascot State School to attend Swim Club. We are a lovely community and encourage everyone to come along and join the fun!

How do I sign up as a member?

To join Ascot Swim Club, please complete the Membership form on the following link to join Ascot Swim Club –

<https://forms.gle/5gp3DqFmWXcJUSHe7>

This Membership form can also be found on the Ascot State School website under “Swim Club”.

How much does it cost to join Ascot Swim Club?

2024/25 Season Membership fees include a complimentary Ascot Swim Club swimming cap and are as follows:

- \$110 - 1 child
- \$200 - 2 children
- \$280 - 3 children
- \$60 per child per term - For those swimmers paying for only Term 4 or Term 1



Please note, fees are only payable for swimmers who compete in the timed events (25m, 50m etc). Our younger members who only swim in the 12 ½ metre races don't have to pay a Membership Fee to compete.

How do I pay the Membership fees?

Fees can be paid at the canteen by EFTPOS at the first club meet you attend. Don't forget to collect your Club swim cap when you pay your fees!

What do you get for your Membership?

By becoming a Swim Club Member, you not only get to join a wonderful community of local swimming families but will also receive a complimentary Ascot Swim club swimming cap.

As a Swim Club member, you will also be able to participate as a timed swimmer in our Friday night swim club meets in addition to our interclub events.

Once you have joined Ascot Swim club, you can then nominate for the events you would like to compete in at each meet via the Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App. See below for more details.

Do you accept Fair Play Vouchers?

Yes, you can use your Fair Play Voucher at Ascot Swim Club. To utilise your voucher to cover the Membership Fee, please bring the voucher with you to the canteen at the first club meet you attend.

Is Ascot Swim Club only for competitive swimmers?

No, our Club welcomes swimmers of all levels and abilities aged 4 to 12 and ensures similar skilled swimmers from each age group are grouped together for the races at our Club Meets.

Ultimately our swim club is all about encouraging members to try their best with the focus being on improving their own times and aiming for Personal Bests (PB's).

We also offer the opportunity for members to swim competitively at the Interclub meets and end of season Club Championships.

It's a truly great community and provides the perfect balance of competitive swimming and an enjoyable social wind down to end the week.

We welcome everyone to come along and join in the fun!

What do Club Nights look like?

Club Nights start at 5pm on Friday afternoons with a 30 minute Free Swim. Any swimmer can enter the pool, supervised by their parents or carer. It's always a great opportunity for swimmers to spend time with their friends and warm up for their races.

Our races commence after the Free Swim starting with the 12 ½ metre events, perfect for our younger club members (usually aged 4 and 5). These young swimmers are guided in the water by our



older club members to ensure they feel safe and confident. It's a great introduction to the sport of swimming as it's a lot of fun and you don't need to nominate for these events.

After the 12 ½ metre races are completed, the 25m, 50m, and 100m races start.

Our Meets usually finish at 7:30pm but our younger swimmers will finish before then.

The Club looks after everything for you – we just ask that you know which race your swimmer/s are in and have them ready to go. Most swimmers write their races in marker on their legs or arms and we have pens available on the night for this.

Mums, dads, grandparents, and friends of our swimmers are all invited to join us at the Meets. The Club serves up a delicious BBQ and well stocked canteen at the Meet events so you can enjoy a meal while watching the races.

What do I bring to Club Nights?

Swimmers will need to bring:

- Togs
- Towel
- Ascot Swim Club Cap (If it is your first meet, you will be issued a swim cap on arrival when you pay your membership fees)
- Goggles

What steps do I need to take before my first Club Meet?

Before your first meet, you will need to ensure the you have:

- Completed the online Ascot Swim Club Membership form (see above for more details)
- Downloaded the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager* App (more below for more details)
- Nominated your swimmer/s for events using the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager* App (see below for more details)

How do I nominate what events my swimmer would like to compete in at a meet?

Swimmers competing in timed events will need to register for those events using the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager* App. (Please note, our younger members who only swim in the 12 ½ metre races don't have to nominate to compete as they can just come along and have a go).

The App is free to download and enables our members to nominate, volunteer, and participate in timekeeping however if you would like to see additional features such as your personal and club results, statistics, graphs etc, you will need to purchase the premium version which costs \$10.49 per year.

To get started, please follow the following steps:





Step 1: Download the Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App:

FOR APPLE USERS

FOR ANDROID USERS



[Click here to link to App Store](#)

[Click here to link to Google Play](#)

Step 2 - Create your profile and join the club Ascot Swim Club (ASC).

Membership code for our club is **4007**

Step 3 - Create your swimmer profiles

Click on the swimmers page and then “+swimmer” (top of the screen).

Step 4 – Nominate for Races to compete in

Click on the Meets page (bottom of the screen) and select the current Meet. Then select the event/s for your swimmers.

Step 5 - Turn up, try your best, have fun and enjoy being part of the Ascot Swim Club!

What is the difference between Membership and Nomination?

Membership is when a swimmer has joined to become a member of Ascot Swim Club for the season. To be a member, you need to complete the Membership form and pay the Membership fee (see above for more details).



Nomination is where a swimmer nominates to swim in a particular event at an upcoming meet (eg the 25m Freestyle event or the 50m Backstroke event). This is done via the Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App (See above for more details on nominating for events).

Can my swimmer compete in any event they like?

Swimmers need to reach the following qualifying times in the 25m events to advance to the 50m+ events each season:

25m Freestyle

25m Backstroke

25m Breaststroke

25m Butterfly

How do I find out which races my swimmer/s are in?

Once race nominations have closed, the meet schedule will be published on the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App*.

This will tell you which race number and lane your swimmer/s are in. We recommend all swimmers be in the marshalling area when their races are called (ie all 25m freestyle swimmers) so that if there are any last-minute changes, they will be ready to go.

How do I find out my child's time?

Some swimmers like to know how quickly they swam their races. Each child is timed in the 25m, 50m, 100m, relay and medley events. (We do not time the 12.5m races that our youngest members participate in as these are more about building confidence in the water and having a go).

The times are recorded using a sophisticated timing system and then stored for future reference. These times are available to view via the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App*. In order to view a swimmer's times, you will need to purchase the App rather than using the free features (See above for more details).

What Interclub competitions do Ascot Swim Club compete in?

We compete in the Ascot Cup each season. This event is held in Term 1 between Wilston Swim Club, Eagle Junction Swim Club and Ascot Swim Club.

Swimmers are selected to swim in the Ascot Cup in the early weeks of Term 1.

What happens in the event of a storm or how do I know if Swim Club is cancelled?

Please check your email and the messaging function within the *Swim Club Connect Meet Manager App*. We will endeavour to let our community know if the Meet is cancelled by 4pm on the day of the event.



How can I support the Club?

As part of Ascot State School P&C, the club relies solely on the help of volunteers and we believe that many hands make light work. Therefore to share the load and give all parents an opportunity to be more involved in the running of the Club, each season a roster will be prepared for filling some of the positions at Club meets on a rotational basis such as canteen, BBQ, timekeeping, warm up supervisor etc.

As part of being a member of Ascot Swim Club, all families are required to fill a roster spot at least twice a season. The Club will roster these positions however if you're unable to attend, please arrange for someone else to attend in your place. If you are new to the Club, you will be rostered with a more experienced member to show you the ropes.

If you have any issues or need assistance, please email swimclub-president@ascotsspandc.org

Best way to communicate with the Club?

We will email our Club members with important information and updates however if you have any questions or would like more information, please email swimclub-president@ascotsspandc.org

We look forward to seeing you up at the pool this season!