



Brighton Swimming Club

England's Oldest Swimming Club Founded 1860



Sea Swimming Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost and how do I pay?

Membership costs £130 per year and runs until 1 April. Members can pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Please bring a means to pay to your induction; our preferred payment method is by bank transfer on your phone on the day of your induction.

Do I have to be a good swimmer to join?

We accept members with a wide range of swimming abilities. Inexperience is not a barrier to joining provided that members enter the water in conditions that are commensurate with their ability. During the induction we explain the risks identified by existing members. Crucially, this ensures that new members are able to carry out their own risk assessment of the conditions before they enter the water. If you want to improve your swimming ability, we can point you in the direction of some excellent swim coaching programs including our Masters section.

When can I join?

Novice open water swimmers can join between the start of May and the end of October. Experienced open water swimmers can join at any time during the year as long as they can demonstrate significant previous experience of open water swimming in cold water.

Can children join?

Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to become full members because they do not have sufficient legal standing to sign our waiver. Children can be signed in as guests, provided they are supervised by an existing member and abide by the club rules (see below).

When can I swim?

Members swim throughout the year. Every member receives a key fob which gives them access to the changing room which allows them to swim at any time of the day. The changing rooms can become busy, particularly on week days between 0700 and 0800 and more so during the winter when there are less daylight hours before people start work. We also have a private Facebook group where people arrange to meet and swim with other members

Do you allow guests?

Yes. Guests are charged £3 and must be signed in by an existing member. For further details please see the FAQ below on Club Rules. Please note that the changing rooms can become busy, particularly on week days between 0700 and 0800 and more so during the winter when there are less daylight hours before people start work.

What's in the waiver?

I understand that there are risks associated with swimming in the sea including but not limited to cold water, rip currents, tides, motorised craft, submerged obstructions and waves that can result in serious injury or death. I accept that I shall swim entirely at my own risk and that there are no lifeguards provided by the club.

I warrant to the Club that I am, and will be on each sea swim, including any club races, sufficiently fit, healthy and able to swim.

I accept the Arch Rules (as altered from time to time) shall govern my membership of the Arch.

What are the club rules?

Safety

- Arch Members swim at their own risk
- The Arch provides no lifeguards or lifeguard cover
- New Arch Members must undertake an induction before joining the club
- All Arch Members must be over 18
- All swimmers must sign the logbook before entering the water
- Arch Members must report all incidents that resulted in injury to or rescue of a swimmer

Arch

- Do not leave the door to the arch unlocked and unattended
- Last member to leave must close the shutter
- Clean up after you have used the Arch

Guests and children

- Arch Members are responsible for their guests
- Guests must be accompanied at all times by an Arch Member
- Arch Members must sign their guests into the logbook before they enter the water
- Guests may be under 18
- Swimmers under 18 must be supervised the Arch Member who signs them into the logbook

These rules may be altered from time to time

The latest version of these rules will be displayed in the Arch

If the FAQ do not contain the answer to your question please email our Club Secretary.