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Individual Fees

2026-2027

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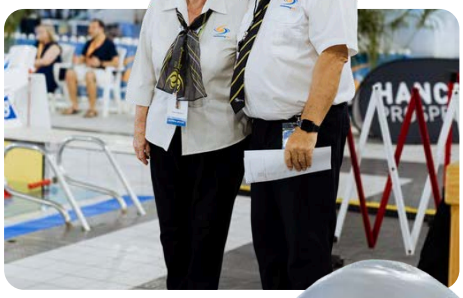


Testimonials

Alexey Ulupov

UWA West Coast Swimming Club

As a para swimmer, the water is where I feel most like myself - focused, free, and driven. I love the challenge of competition, but just as much, I love the journey that comes with it.

Swimming has shaped who I am in ways I never expected. The early mornings, the cold starts, the long sessions in all kinds of weather - they've taught me discipline and perseverance. There are days when it's tough, but showing up anyway has built a mindset I carry into every part of my life. I've also learned to appreciate the small wins, because they all add up and keep you moving forward.

Being part of a team has been just as important. Through swimming clubs, I've made great friends and found a real sense of belonging. It's taught me the value of teamwork and leadership - supporting others, celebrating their successes, and pushing each other to be better. Those skills have helped me grow not just as an athlete, but as a person.

Swimming WA has been such an important part of my journey. The community is supportive, welcoming, and inclusive. Knowing that I'm part of that, and now able to give back to it, means a lot to me.

Through everything, I've learned to never give up, to find joy in the process, and to always be kind. My journey hasn't always been easy, but it's shown me the power of resilience, passion, and community. I'm proud of how far I've come, and I'm excited for what's ahead - not just in the pool, but in continuing to learn and help others along the way.

Ian Hulme

Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) Swimming Head Coach

For me, swimming has always been about more than performance. It is about the habits, behaviours, the people and the environment you build every day. The WA swimming community has all the ingredients to be truly world-class and when we align around high standards and a shared vision, we can create something that genuinely inspires the next generation of athletes in the state.

Paul Chatfield

York Swimming Club - President

I'm a relative newcomer to Swimming, with my daughters taking it up 3 years ago. However, I've thoroughly enjoyed the sport, not just for the swimming itself but for the community of people that helps to make it happen.

Swimming is unique in a small town like York - a solo sport that gives our kids the ability to see their personal growth aligned with their effort in training which I think is a valuable lesson in life.

The community of volunteers, Presidents, TO's and SWA staff that I encounter in my role as club President are all passionate about the sport and working together to improve participation and swimmer satisfaction. It's great to be part of a team that is working towards that common goal.

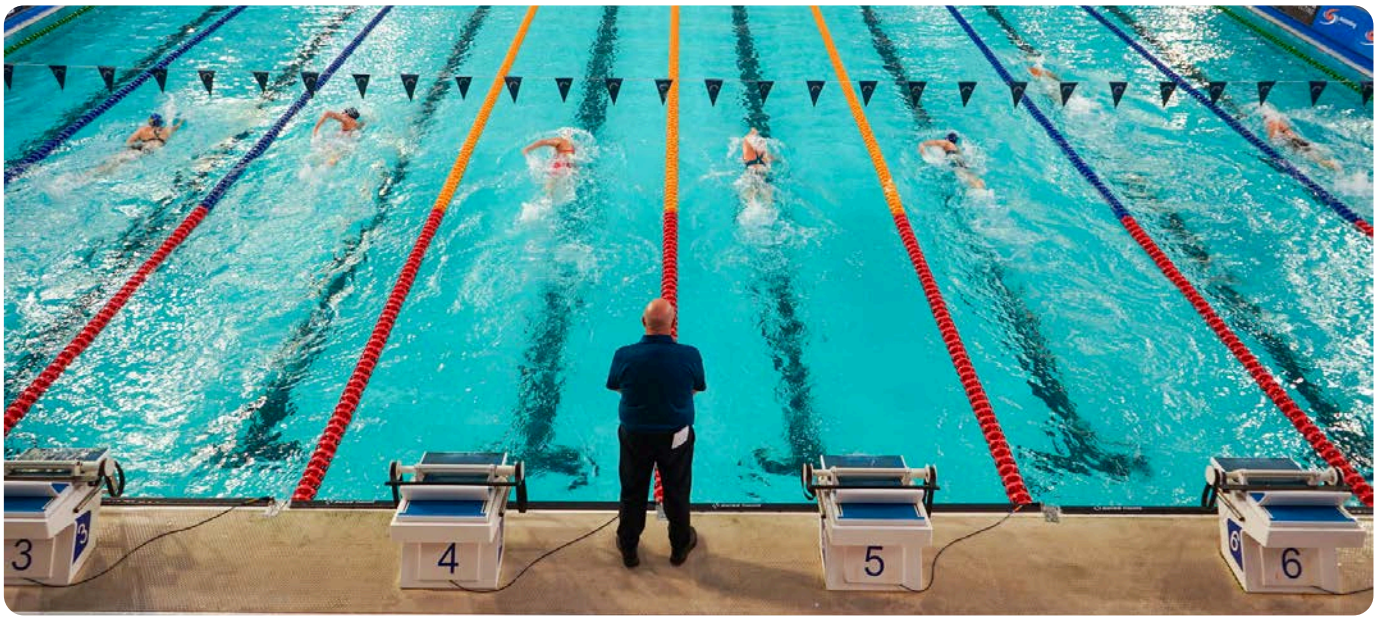
Membership Year Alignment and 2026/27 Membership Fees

Swimming WA has approved a change to the individual membership year, moving from the current October–September cycle to a July–June cycle. This change aligns individual memberships with both the Swimming WA financial year and club affiliation period, creating a more streamlined and consistent operating model across the sport.

2026/27 membership fees included within this package have been reduced by 25%, reflecting the nine-month transitional membership period from 1 October 2026 to 30 June 2027.

This transitional year ensures members are not paying for a full 12-month membership period while the alignment occurs. From 1 July 2027, all Swimming WA memberships will renew on a standard July–June cycle.

Swimming WA believes this change delivers a simpler, more sustainable membership structure for members, clubs and Swimming WA, while ensuring a fair and equitable transition for all participants.



Where does my membership go?

✅ Member Support

- Providing our members access to a functional and secure membership portal.
- Support to our clubs and members with sound knowledge of the Safe Sport Framework.
- Independent MPIO services.

✅ Coaching and Officials

- Provide support to clubs with courses and training.
- Regional support for clinics and soft skill development.
- Recognition and recruitment.

✅ Governance

- Supporting clubs with governance advice and direction.
- Supporting the SWA Board and Committees to ensure the organisation is run soundly and in the best interest of all members.

✅ Events and Competition

- Support local club events and competition.
- Deliver professional events across the Association that are inclusive.

✅ High Performance and Pathways

- Access to SWA's Performance Pathway Programme.
- Provides clubs with the tools to deliver recruitment programs.
- Advocate for all athletes for equal and fair opportunities within the pathway.

✅ Administration

- Support from SWA staff to manage finances, website, commercial and development.
- Athlete volunteer and parent personal accident insurance.

Swimmer Membership Categories

Annual Member

Full membership for swimmers (9+ years) who actively seek to swim year-round.

2026/27: $124.63

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $93.47

Exclusive of Swimming Australia & Swim Central fees

Seasonal Member

Full membership for swimmers (9+ years) from regional clubs where pools are only open during the Summer months, generally from October to April each season.

2026/27: $105.37

Note: not affected by the Membership Year change

Exclusive of Swimming Australia & Swim Central fees

Participation

Suited for swimmers (9+ years) who swim for fitness and/or those who have just entered the competitive swimming scene.

2026/27: $77.04

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $57.78

Exclusive of Swimming Australia & Swim Central fees

Junior Dolphins

Swimmers aged between 5-8 years of age who are looking to become members of their local swimming club as they transition from learn-to-swim.

2026/27: $40.79

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $30.59

Exclusive of Swimming Australia & Swim Central fees

Fitness

Suited for swimmers (9+years) who swim within an Affiliated Swimming WA club and participate in the SWA Open Water Swim Series.

2026/27: $39.66

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $29.74

*Exclusive of Swimming Australia & Swim Central fees

Competition Matrix

MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL	SEASONAL	PARTICIPATION	FITNESS	JUNIOR DOLPHIN
PARTICIPATION • Splash & Dash • Clinics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMMUNITY MEETS • Open Water Swimming Series	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RACE READY MEETS • Club Premierships • Country Pennants • Club Sanctioned	✓	✓	✓		✓ (8YRS)
STATE PATHWAY MEETS	✓	✓			
JUNIOR, AGE OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS • Interstate meets	✓	✓			
NATIONAL PREPARATION MEETS	✓	✓			
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	✓	✓			

Non Swimmer Memberships

Licensed Coach / Community Coach

Swimming WA for the 25/26 season will be separating coaching memberships into two tiers:

- Licensed Coach - for Swimming Australia Licensed Coaches.
- Community Coach - for those who are working towards certified qualifications

Exemption to holding a mandatory parent/guardian membership for swimmers under 18yrs.

2026/27: $11.33

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $8.50

Exclusive of Swim Central fees

Accredited Technical Official / Community Official

Swimming WA for the 25/26 season will be separating official memberships into two tiers:

- Accredited Technical Official - for Swimming WA Accredited Officials.
- Community Officials - for those who are working towards qualifications.

Exemption to holding a parent/guardian membership for swimmers under 18 years.

2026/27: FREE

Club Committee Member

Swimming WA acknowledges the volunteer parents who sit on their children's club committees. This provides an exemption from the need to obtain a mandatory parent membership whilst a member remains on the club committee.

2026/27: FREE

Parent/Guardian/Support

Mandatory membership for all swimmers under 18; a parent/guardian membership is attached.

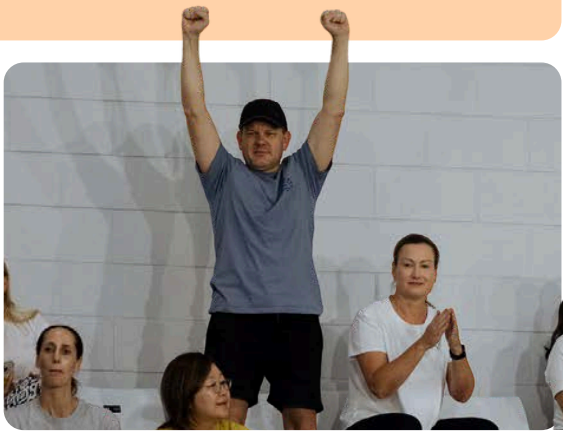
2026/27: $6.80

Adjusted (9-month fee, 1 October to 30 June 2027): $5.10

Exclusive of Swim Central fees

Club Transfer

From 1 October 2026, there will no longer be a transfer fee charged. Transfers will continue to be monitored.



Membership Fee Breakdown

Membership	Swimming WA 2026/27	Swimming WA 1 October - 30 June	Swimming Australia 1 October - 30 June	Total *excluding swim central processing fee
Annual	$124.63	$93.47	$27.23	$120.70
Seasonal	$105.37	$105.37	$21.12	$126.49
Participation	$77.04	$57.78	$15.84	$73.62
Fitness	$39.66	$29.74	0	$29.74
Junior Dolphin	$40.79	$30.59	0	$30.59
All Coaches	$11.33	$8.50	0	$8.50
Parent / Support	$6.80	$5.10	0	$5.10

Swim Central Fee Estimator

Not sure how much your membership fees will be?
The Swim Central Fee Estimator is a quick and easy tool for clubs to help you calculate the total cost of memberships.

CLICK HERE

PROGRAMS

Club Excellence Program (CX)

The Club Excellence Program is Swimming WA's practical support framework designed to help affiliated clubs strengthen governance, operations and member experience. It provides clubs with tools, resources and guidance across key areas such as administration, volunteer development, safeguarding, participation growth and sustainability. The program is aimed at helping clubs build strong foundations while recognising and rewarding continuous improvement. Click here to access.

Club Hub

Club Hub is Swimming WA's central online resource centre for affiliated clubs, providing easy access to templates, policies, guides, forms and operational tools. It is designed to save volunteer time, reduce duplication and ensure clubs can quickly locate the latest information needed to run effectively. Club Hub supports committees, coaches, officials and volunteers with practical resources in one convenient location. Click here to access.

HRPlus Support

Through HRPlus support, affiliated clubs can access professional human resources advice and assistance to help manage workforce matters with confidence. This includes guidance on employment obligations, volunteer management, workplace policies, performance matters and people practices. The service provides clubs with access to expertise that may otherwise be difficult or costly to source independently. Click here to access.

Strategic Planning

Swimming WA offers affiliated clubs support to develop clear and achievable strategic plans that guide future growth and success. This includes assistance with setting priorities, identifying opportunities, engaging stakeholders and creating practical action plans. Strategic planning support helps clubs move beyond day-to-day operations and focus on long-term sustainability, participation and community impact. Click here to submit expression of interest.

Constitutional Reform

Affiliated clubs can access guidance and support to review and modernise their constitutions so they remain compliant, contemporary and fit for purpose. This may include aligning with current legislation, improving governance structures, clarifying membership provisions and updating outdated clauses. Constitutional reform support helps clubs reduce risk, strengthen governance and position themselves for the future.
Click here to submit expression of interest.

Club Kickstarter Pack

Launching at the commencement of each Long Course season in October, the Club Kickstarter Pack is designed to help affiliated clubs start the season strongly. Each box will include a range of practical resources and promotional items such as Belt Up campaign materials, Splash & Dash support kits, Junior Dolphin packs and other club-ready initiatives secured by Swimming WA. It is a simple way to provide clubs with ready-to-use tools that support engagement, recruitment, retention and season activation.

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