



Dear Members,

Over the last 12 months the TSC committee has been reviewing the existing Tawa Swimming Club structure and strategic plan for the future of our club. More recently we have been conducting a closer look at club swimming and you may have noticed that we have been taking attendance to get an accurate picture of where we are at.

Tawa Swimming Club has been growing in numbers over the last three years, we have an extensive waitlist but we are limited to the amount of pool lanes that we can have allocated at any one time. This has made it frustrating for some of our club swimmers in lanes 3 & 4 who are keen to swim competitively but are in a holding pattern whilst we wait for squad spaces to come available.

To overcome these issues and to try and get maximum capacity of the lane space we have available we have decided to make changes to the Tawa Swimming Club structure that will come into effect at the beginning of Term 3 2016.

In the coming weeks there will be more details coming out to help with the changes and ensure that we have a smooth entry into Term 3.

If you have any further questions please contact either Mel [captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz) or Sandra [treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@swimtawa.org.nz).

These changes are as follows:

- Reducing club swimming from two allocated 45min sessions per week to one 60 min session per week
- Creating two new competitive entry level squads
- To reflect the reduction in club sessions to one per week, the greater number of club swimmers we will have going forward and that more swimmers will access swim squads the club subscription fee will be \$200 for this next financial year 2016/2017
- There will be no rebate from the \$200 subscription for second or subsequent family members' club subscription fee.

### **What Does This Mean For Me?**

For many club swimmers who are only attending once per week, there won't be much change other than the length of the session time increasing and possibly a session time change.

For club swimmers who regularly attend two sessions of club swimming per week this will be reduced to one 60 min session per week. You will need to choose which day you come and what time slot.

Club sessions will be held **only** at 3:30 and 6:15, if you came at the 7pm time slot this will no longer be available. We will work with members to reschedule them into another session. Monday night has been the more popular based on our current statistics taken, therefore it is recommended that if you are able to come on either a Monday or a Thursday, based on statistics Thursday sessions are likely to be not as full.

If you are in lanes 3 or 4 we will be holding a trial for the two new squads for those swimmers that are keen to move into a more competitive environment. **All** swimmers in these lanes will be invited to trial. These squads will require twice weekly attendance and there will be additional term fee of \$70 associated with these groups as each squad will have a paid coach. An email will be forwarded out shortly which will have these details included.

If you're in lanes 3 & 4 and are not keen to swim competitively or cannot make two sessions per week then you simply stay as you are in club swimming sessions. Once the new squads are selected there will be a regrading session done on the first night of term to get the skill levels in the lanes correct for club swimmers.

The new entry level squad will have the ability to decide if the squad environment is for them and if after swimming one term and deciding it's not quite for you, you can simply withdraw from the squad and go back to club swimming.

Moving forward each term club coaches will nominate up to four swimmers that they feel may be ready to move into the squads and they will be invited to trail for any available spots in the entry level squad. The trial would be held in week 8. This is based on spots available. If no spots are available in the squads it will be deferred to the following term. A reminder that for places to come available in one of the squads a member has to leave.

The financial year is almost over and the Treasurer will be sending out invoices in the next week. Membership fees of \$200 will be due on the 1 July 2016 and as per previous years payment will secure your spot. Please email Mel [captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz) your preferred day and time and once payment has been confirmed a confirmation email will be sent. Time slots are not guaranteed until the sub is paid. New caps will be handed out at the beginning of term 3.

In accordance with Swim NZ regulations members will not be able to enter any competitive swim meet until club fees are paid.

For most current squad swimmers the club changes will have no impact on them. However to implement the club changes there has had to be 2 x squad timetable changes made, one each to the Rising Stars and Junior Development Squads, as follows:

- Rising Stars, the Monday session at 6:30pm will be replaced with a Saturday morning from 7 to 8 am session.
- Junior Development, the Thursday evening at 6pm session will be removed and there is a reduction in the squad fee to \$225 per quarter.

## A Summary of the Changes

Group	Sessions	Annual Fee	Additional Fees
Club	1 x 60 min session per week during school term time	\$200 annual membership	NA
<b>New</b> Entry Level Squad	<b>New</b> 2 x 60 mins sessions per week during school term time	\$200 annual membership	\$70 per School Term Fee
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Future Stars	3 x 60 mins sessions per week	\$200 annual membership	\$95 per Squad Quarter Fee
Rising Stars	<b>Updated</b> 4 x 60 mins, 1 x 90 min session per week	\$200 annual membership	\$160 per Squad Quarter Fee
Junior Development	<b>Updated</b> 5 x 90 min session 1 x 120 min session	\$200 annual membership	\$225 per Squad Quarter Fee
Development	7 x 90 min sessions, 1 x 120 min session	\$200 annual membership	\$265 per Squad Quarter Fee
Performance	4 x 90 min, 6 5 x 120 min sessions	\$200 annual membership	\$350 per Squad Quarter Fee

**Note:** Rising Stars – replace Monday session at 6:30pm with Saturday morning at 7am. Junior Development – remove Thursday evening at 6pm session.

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If you are not intending on returning to Tawa Swim Club at the end of this financial year 15/16 please contact Mel [captain@swimtawa.org.nz](mailto:captain@swimtawa.org.nz) so that you can be removed from the distribution list and you club/squad place allocated to waiting members.