



SWIMMING MEMBER RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

Bondi Icebergs Club Limited (ABN 22 263 683 268) (Club)

- 1** The swimming season of the Bondi Icebergs Club Limited (ABN 22 263 683 268) (Club) starts on the first Sunday in May every year and finishes on the last Sunday in September every year (Season).
- 2** As a Swimming Member you are making an initial commitment to a minimum membership of 5 years and 75 swims.
- 3** You will initially be known as an Active Swimming Member until both requirements in item (2) above are achieved.
- 4** While you are an Active Swimming Member you are subject to the historical Rule 15B requirements, which are covered below.
- 5** Once you have completed both items in item (2) you may become a Long Service Swimming Member. You will no longer be subject to Rule 15B.
- 6** To remain a Long Service Swimming Member your fees must be paid every year on time. Failure to pay your fees will result in the cancellation of your membership and see you taken off the membership data base. All memberships expire on 31 March each year.
- 7** The Club conducts both 50 and 40-metre races, but swimming in both distances on the one day will only count as one swim towards your overall commitment of 75 swims.
- 8** Swimming Officials can disqualify any swimmer who does not swim an approved stroke. This is typically freestyle however injuries may dictate that an alternative stroke is required. The Swim Captain and Handicapper should be contacted if you have to swim an alternate stroke and they have the power to approve or deny the request. Their decision is final.

RULE 15B

- 9** As an Active Swimming Member, you must swim a minimum of 3 swims per calendar month during the Season.
- 10** If you, as an Active Swimming Member, do not fulfil item (9) then you must submit a letter by the end of the month in which you did not achieve the 3 swims. The letter must be addressed to The Race Recorder and be delivered to 1 Notts Avenue, Bondi Beach 2026. Letters sent to the Club by email will not be accepted.
- 11** If you do not submit a letter, as required by item (10) the Swimming Committee of the Club will issue you with a 15B Notification.
- 12** If you fail to reply to the 15B Notification the Swimming Committee will forward your details to the Board of Directors of the Club who may suspend your membership. Any suspension will result in cessation of your Swimming Member rights and benefits, including being prohibited from entering the Club, for a 12 month period. Your Platinum Card will not be recognised at the pool entrance nor in any other facilities in relation to the Club during the 12 month suspension period.
- 13.** Continual letters for failing to complete item (9) above will not be accepted. If you cannot commit to your obligations, it is suggested that you ask to be transferred to a Social Class of membership.

SUNDAY MORNING PROCEDURES

- 14** To register for a swim you must come to the baths registration desk. Registration for 50 metres closes at 9.15am and 40-metre registrations close at 10.30am sharp (unless notice of a different time is provided prior to the swim). Late registrants may not be permitted to swim. You can register for one or both distances. Entering both events only accrues 1 credit towards your 75 swims. Our first event is the 50 metres.
- 15** Once you are registered, you should refer to the Notice Board between the change rooms (or such other location as may be advised from time to time) to see what heat you are in. You must make sure you are on the blocks at least 5 heats before you are due to swim.
- 16** A heat number board is at the starting blocks and clearly visible. Keep an eye on it.
- 17** If you miss your heat you will be required to swim at the end of that distance event. You will only receive 1 point and be credited for a swim.
- 18** Unless otherwise advised, swimming presentations are done in the members' room on the club level every Sunday throughout the Season. A raffle is conducted and the entrants in the next week's 13th heat are drawn from the people who participate in the raffle.
- 19** Unless otherwise advised, each week in the Season we contest the 13th heat, which gets the winner 21 free beers that can be consumed over the next week. To have the chance to be involved in this event you have to attend the after swim celebrations in the club room and participate in the raffle. The 8 entrants in the next week's 13th heat are drawn from the tickets purchased in the raffle.
- 20** The last Sunday of the month during the Season is Table Relay day. Get six swimmers together and estimate the time it will take all of you to swim 50 metres. The winning team is the team who swims closest to their estimated time. A yearly championship is conducted for the Table Relay.

HANDICAPS

- 21** All races are handicap events.
- 22** You will be disqualified from your race if you swim faster than your handicap by more than (1) second e.g., if your handicap is 30 and you swim 28.9 you are disqualified. Your position goes to the next place getter provided they have not broken as well.
- 23** You will also be disqualified from your race if you do not start your race on your given time. This applies to diving in the water before your allocated start time and if you dive in the water later than your allocated start time. This is known as being blown off the blocks.
- 24** You can also be disqualified from a race if the judges decide you are not swimming to your full potential. You will also lose time off your handicap if this happens.
- 25** If you are disqualified under items (22), (23) or (24) your swim will still count as one swim towards your overall commitment of 75 swims.
- 26** The official winner of every race receives 4 points and you will lose a minimum of 1 second off your handicap.
- 27** Time may be given back during the season to swimmers who are not winning races.
- 28** The handicapper tries to get all regular swimmers 3 wins in the year. If you get your 3 wins you may pick up a prize on Presentation Day. It is usually one of the following: a towel, t-shirt or bag. 3 wins is not always possible, however the more you swim the more chance you have of getting them.

POINT SCORE CHAMPIONSHIP

- 29** Points in the Point Score Championship are awarded per swim as follows – 1st: 4 points, 2nd: 3 points and 3rd: 2 points. All other places receive 1 point.
- 30** The 40 metre championship is broken up into 2 groups “over 50 years of age” known as “Restricted” and “under 50 years of age” known as “Open”.
- 31** The 50-metre event is for all ages and is off handicap.
- 32** These are two different events and handicaps vary according to how you are swimming at either distance.
- 33** A monthly point score is conducted as well as a yearly point score.
- 34** The scoreboard is typically located in the Club premises and is updated weekly.
- 35** The point score allocation finishes after the second Sunday in September. The Australian Titles are typically held on the 3rd week of September and no points are allocated for this swim. The leading eight swimmers in each event will swim off on the last Sunday in September. Usual points will be given for these races and tallied to your yearly total. The swimmer with the most points after the last Sunday is the point score champion.
- 36** Club Championships are conducted for men and women separately and are in age groups. They are scratch event. Consult your program to see when these are on.
- 37** All decisions and directions given or made on the pool deck by authorised people, including the Race Referee, Swim Captain, Handicapper and Swimming Committee are to be complied with. Any disputes must be put in writing to the Swimming Committee. The decisions of the Swimming Committee are final.

CONDUCT

- 38** You must not, whilst at the Club or at any official event held by the Club or any other event attended by you in your capacity as a Swimming Member, engage in any conduct that:
 - (a) does, or could, damage the reputation of the Club;
 - (b) is unseemly, or involves bad language;
 - (c) is of a discriminatory, bullying or harassment nature including physical, psychological or verbal abuse;
or
 - (d) otherwise interferes with or compromises the safety, comfort or wellbeing of other members or the public.
- 39** You must comply with these Rules and Expectations, your obligations as a member outlined in the constitution of the Club and any Code of Conduct issued by the Club from time to time.
- 40** Failure to comply with these Rules and Expectations, the constitution of the Club, any Code of Conduct or any other reasonable direction of the Club may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion from membership of the Club.

BONDI ICEBERGS CLUB LIMITED SWIMMING COMMITTEE

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