



Barrie Trojan Swim Club (BTSC)

Athletic Membership and Training Group Placement Policy

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SCOPE:

The Athletic Membership and Training Group Placement Policy applies to swimmers, parents or legal guardians, members, and staff of the Barrie Trojan Swim Club (BTSC) and serves to define the minimum requirements for athletic membership and communicate the processes by which one may become an athletic member of the BTSC, as well as the approach for placing athletes into training groups.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the mission of the BTSC to support excellence in competitive swimming and enable all swimmers to achieve success and personal development in their swimming endeavours. The Athletic Membership and Training Group Placement Policy outlines the requirements for athletic membership and training group placement to facilitate competitive swimming success.

DEFINITIONS:

Active Member: Any individual who is a competitive athlete, is registered with the BTSC, and has agreed to abide by the BTSC's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations; or, if the individual is under the age of 18, has a parent/legal guardian agree to abide by the BTSC's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules and regulations on behalf of the individual.

Training Group: The competitive program is divided into different training groups to execute the athlete development goals of the BTSC. Athletes within a training group are intended to have similar training ability and competitive aspirations.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

The overall Guiding Principle of this policy is to optimize the training and competitive environments for athletes to enable achievement of their swimming goals for active members.

This policy supports the requirements as set out in the BTSC By-Laws, BTSC policies and procedures in order to ensure the mission, vision, and program objectives of the organization are achieved.

PROCEDURE:

Athletic Membership/Active Member

1. Per the BTSC By-Laws, any candidate will be admitted as an Active Member or renewed as an active member if:
 - (a) The candidate member makes an application for membership in a manner prescribed by the BTSC;
 - (b) The candidate member was at any time previously a Member, the candidate member was a Member in good standing at the time of ceasing to be a Member;
 - (c) The candidate member has paid dues as prescribed by the Board;
 - (d) The candidate member agrees to uphold and comply with the BTSC's governing documents;
 - (e) The candidate member meets any other condition of membership determined by the Board;
 - (f) The candidate member has met the applicable definition for an active member
 - (g) The candidate member has been approved by Ordinary Resolution by the Board or by any committee or individual delegated this authority by the Board.

Prospective BTSC Members

1. Prospective BTSC members shall express interest in joining the BTSC by completing the tryout application process.
2. Prospective BTSC members shall be scheduled for BTSC tryout as coordinated by the BTSC Operations Manager and BTSC coaching staff.
3. Prospective BTSC members shall be assessed and directed to the appropriate pathway, including BTSC pre-competitive and competitive programming.
4. If applicable, prospective BTSC members shall receive recommendations for active membership, including training group placement from the BTSC coaching leadership and in conjunction with the BTSC Operations Manager.
5. Prospective members will register using the Team Unify system, and once approved, become an official Athletic Member of the BTSC.

Training Group Placement

The overall guiding principle or goal of placing athletes into the appropriate training group is to optimize training effectiveness. All assessment decisions related to placement into training groups will reside with the BTSC coaching leadership.

1. Prior to the beginning of the season, BTSC coaching leadership will collaboratively assess athletes for placement into the appropriate training group. Assessment will continue throughout the season and adjustments to placements in training groups will be made as appropriate.
2. The following factors will be considered by BTSC coaching leadership as part of the assessment process for training group placement:
 - Training ability (training speed consistency)
 - Resilience
 - Coachability
 - Racing ability
 - Competitive aspirations
 - Communication skills
 - Age/Developmental Age
 - Performance (race times)
 - Maximum capacities for training groups (safety and appropriate coach:swimmer ratios)
 - Other factors as determined by the BTSC coaching leadership team.
3. BTSC coaching leadership and/or the BTSC Operations Manager will inform active members of their placement into a training group to facilitate registration via the Team Unify system.

Transfers from other competitive swim clubs

1. Transfers from other competitive swim clubs shall be reviewed by the BTSC Operations Manager to ensure proper transfer processes and releases have been completed.
2. Transfers from other competitive swim clubs will be reviewed by BTSC coaching leadership for the determination of training group placement.

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CROSS REFERENCES:

Barrie Trojan Swim Club By-Laws, October 2017.

https://www.teamunify.com/canbtsc/_doc_/BTSC%20By-laws%20-%202012%20OCT%202017.pdf