

Sandbach Sharks

ASC



Club Record Policy

Introduction

“The Club” records and retains all times swum by its’ members at events where they are either representing the club, or where they are swimming with “The Club”, as their first named club, this is done by using the Club’s database.

The aim of this document is to outline how we will record, retain, publicise swimmers times and how we will reward “Club Record” swims.

The below policy describes the procedure for laying claim to a Club Record for a particular event(s) that you or your child has swum.

What times and events are recorded?

Times will be recorded and separated as described.

- Male and Female.
- Short Course (25m) Long Course (50m)
- Distances 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and 1500m
- Strokes Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle and Individual Medley
- Age will be taken as on the 31st December.
- Age groups will be 9 and under, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and under, Open up to 24 years then in increments of 5 years masters 25-29, 30-34 etc.
- Relay times will be recorded using the age group parameters for the event in which the times were recorded. That is to say we may well have separate record times for Speedo, Deva and Peak and Plain.
- Relay record times will denote which event it was recorded in.
- Times recorded by the first swimmer in a relay will count as an individual time, provided their swim is legal. This time will stand even if later in the race the team is disqualified.

The fastest of these times will be known as The Club Record.

Qualifying times

In order to lay claim to a Club Record the claimant must have an “Official Time”.

Only “Official Times” recorded as described below will be eligible to be considered as being Club Record Time(s). Times achieved and recorded in any other manner will not be allowed.

- Swum at an event attended by “The Club”. E.g. Deva, Speedo League.
- Swum at a licensed meet of any level, whilst a member of “The Club” and representing “The Club”.
- Swum at the Club Championships, provided there are qualified technical officials and timekeepers in attendance and the technical rules of swimming are being enforced.
- Swum at recognised Club Time Trials, provided there are qualified technical officials and timekeepers in attendance and the technical rules of swimming are being enforced.
- At events where Automatic Officiating Equipment (AOE) is being used then the AOE time will be the “Official Time”.
- 1) At events where AOE is not being used a minimum of two qualified time keepers are required.
2) The only exception to two qualified timekeepers per lane will be at the Club Championships or Time Trials. In these instances there must be two timekeepers per lane one of whom must be qualified.
3) In cases where there are two timekeepers, the average of their times will be the “official time” and therefore qualify, provided that the two time keepers are stood directly above the finish end of the lane they are responsible for.
- At events where AOE is in operation but has failed the “official time” given in the race results will qualify.
- At events where the AOE is in operation but has failed and the swimmer has no time recorded in the official race results then they will be deemed to have no “Official Time”.

Eligibility

To be eligible to claim a club record the swimmer must be a member of the club and be representing the club at the time of the swim.

Administration

On an “as soon as reasonably practical basis” the Data Base Administrator will update the “Official times” gathered at club supported events. i.e. those which the club have entered as a team (Peak and Plain Deva League). The same will occur for times recorded at an open event entered via the club open meet manager and therefore attracting the requisite admin charge payable to the club.

In the case of times gained in a club league event every effort will be made to update the database before the next round of that particular league.

Where the times have been obtained in an event or series that only has one event of that particular race then the database will be updated at the conclusion of that particular event i.e. The Cheshires or North Mids.

Where a swimmer enters an open event independently of the club they can have their time included in the club’s records, provided the following criteria is met.

- The “Official Time” is recorded in the manner as described above.
- The “Official Time” can be evidenced (via the internet or produced results sheets for example).
- In the absence of evidence as described above a “heat result sheet” signed by the events referee will suffice.
- The Parent(s)/Guardian of the swimmer submit the “Official Time” together with the supporting evidence, as soon as practical after the swim, to the Data Base Administrator.
- A suitably evidenced “Official Time” will be eligible for inclusion in the clubs database and will therefore be included during the input of times carried out by the Data Base Administrator.

Record Claims/Recognition

Once the latest “Official Times” have been imputed onto the Data Base the new club rankings will be produced. These rankings/times will be made available both via the web site and through the usual channels of communication with the membership.

Any swimmer or their representative, who believes that they have equalled or bettered a club record may lay claim to a record by contacting the Club’s Award Secretary. The onus for claiming a record lies solely with the swimmer or their representative.

Once the Clubs Award Secretary and the Data Base Administrator are satisfied that a club record has been broken the following will occur.

- The published rankings/records will be updated to show, date of swim, swimmers name, time and venue.
- Swimmers who equal the Official Club Record Time with an “Official Time” will be credited as being a “Joint Club Record Holder”.
- Swimmers who better the Official Club Record Time with an “Official Time” will be credited as being the “Club Record Holder”.
- Both Club Record and Joint Club Record Holders will have their achievement(s) marked by way of certificate.
- This certificate will be awarded at the next available club function where their achievement can be suitably promoted and recognised.

The Club’s Award Secretary and Data Base Administrator decision is final.

In Summary

In order to claim either a “Club Record” or “Joint Record”.

You must be a member of the club, have swum in an event that produces an “Official Time” and that time must be better or equal to the current published club record for you sex, age and event you have swum.

If you fulfil all of these criteria then your efforts will be rewarded by way of either a Club Record or Joint Club Record Holders certificate.