



SWIMMING WAIKATO AFFILIATION FEES 2016 / 2017

The Affiliation Fee Levels for the 2016 / 2017 year are –

Club Affiliation Fee	\$350.00
Competitive Swimmers	\$ 85.00
Club Swimmers	\$ 20.00
Learn To Swim Swimmers	\$ 3.50

You can find more information about each of these levels of affiliation fee below.

CLUB AFFILIATION FEE –

Currently, the Club Affiliation Fee is \$350, of which Swimming New Zealand receives \$150 and Swimming Waikato receives \$200. We will not be increasing our portion of this Club fee in 2016 but are yet to get confirmation from Swimming NZ about their portion of the fee.

COMPETITIVE SWIMMERS –

Currently, our competitive swimmers pay an annual affiliation fee of \$85.00 which is made up as follows –

SNZ Affiliation Fee:	\$50
Swimming Waikato Affiliation Fee:	\$35
Total	\$85

In addition, Swimming New Zealand charges each of our competitive swimmers a further \$5.50 as an Awards Levy. This is a one off, annual fee. The Levy is used to recognise and reward the achievements of NZ swimmers setting New Zealand Open, Commonwealth and World Records and achieving medal performances at Short Course and Long Course Pinnacle events. In the past, Swimming Waikato has covered this \$5.50 charge on behalf of our competitive swimmers but going forward, the Board has identified that this cost can no longer continue to be carried by Swimming Waikato. From the start of the next swimming year, 1 July 2016, this fee will be passed onto each individual competitive swimmer.

This means that from **1 July 2016**, our competitive swimmers will be charged the following:

SNZ Affiliation Fee:	\$50.00 (unchanged)
Awards Levy (SNZ):	\$5.50 (previously covered by SW)
Swimming Waikato Affiliation Fee:	\$35.00 (unchanged)
Total	\$90.50

As was the case in 2015/16, this fee will be collected through the Swimming NZ database.



CLUB SWIMMERS –

Currently, our club swimmers pay an annual affiliation fee of \$3.50. These funds go to Swimming Waikato.

From 1 July 2016, this fee will **increase to \$20.00** per annum as we will be offering additional development and competitive opportunities for these swimmers including –

- Entry level 'Festival' meets for them to compete in during the year (we'll send more details around these opportunities within the next couple of weeks).
- the opportunity for our 12/U swimmers to attend the relay meets which were available as a trial to both Club and Competitive swimmers in 2016.

We are keen to make the pathway into competitive swimming easier and more enjoyable for our club swimmers and we're confident that our Festival Meets and Relay Days will provide the stepping stone that many of our club swimmers are looking for.

The Club swimmer affiliation fee will also be collected via the Swimming NZ database as swimmers will need to be 'financial' prior to being able to take part in a meet.

Please note that if you have Club swimmers who do NOT wish to take advantage of this opportunity to experience competitive swimming in a fun, entry level environment, those swimmers can be registered as Learn To Swim in the database and will only incur the \$3.50 fee.

LEARN TO SWIM –

The Learn To Swim fee remains unchanged at \$3.50 pa. Going forward, we will not collect the LTS fees through the SNZ database. Instead, we will invoice all of our Clubs for their LTS swimmers in the database in May of each year. That will allow us to include any Learn to Swim swimmers who have taken part in your Club programme at some stage during the swimming year.

COACHES AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS –

Swimming Waikato will continue to pay Swimming NZ's affiliation fees as they relate to our Coaches and Technical Officials.