



Welcome to Birmingham Marlins

We are a brand-new swimming club opening in March 2020 for para, disability and family swimming. This letter is to explain our structure, pricing and what we can offer you as a member.

We have 8 groups available

<u>Group title</u>	<u>Group Price per month</u>
Learn to swim Marlins 1	£27.50
Learn to swim Marlins 2	£27.50
Learn to swim Marlins 3	£27.50
Adult learn to swim	£27.50
Academy	£31.50
Development	£31.50
Masters	£41.50
Training squad	£41.50
Top family fee	£101.50*
Membership fee (per person)	£15

Our monthly fees are payable on the 8th Month.

*our family fee includes only 1 x learn to swim place per swimmer. If you wish to take up a second learn to swim place (same person swimming twice a week in learn to swim) then there is an additional charge of £27.50

There is the option of paying for the full 12 months up front and you will receive one month free.

Fellowship fee

We have Fellowship fee for those swimmers who are at University or only train for a few weeks per year or for those swimmers who wish to access competition support, but do not use our pool time for training. This is inclusive of the membership fee.

Fellowship fee £30.50 per annum

How do I pay?

Monthly payment is taken by direct debit on the 8th of each month. Membership/Swim England fees can be paid by BACS or cheque. No cash payments please.

Times and venues of the sessions

There is a timetable available showing the sessions times and venues, but this information is also on our web site.

www.birmingham-marlins.co.uk

About the group structures

Learn to swim Marlins 1 and Learn to swim Marlins 2

We have 2 learn to swim sessions available. Swimmers can take up places twice a week. Our learn to swim sessions consist of teachers and helpers. Helpers are usually in the water with the swimmer and teacher on poolside. We supply all the required equipment. However, we do ask that swimmers are able to exit and enter the pool unaided, or are small enough/light enough to be lifted in and out. Please note, there is no hoist available at most of the pools we are using. We do not allow parents to be in the water supporting their child within this session.

Adult learn to swim

We have a session available for adults to learn to swim. Currently we are only able to offer once a week. There will be helper in the water, if required for this group.

Academy

This group is for swimmers who have progressed from learn to swim into length swimming, confident in deep water and can swim 3 out of 4 strokes. This group introduces the rules for competitive swimming, builds upon technique and stamina. It still incorporates an element of 'play' but within a more structured environment than learn to swim. There are no helpers in the water for this group.

Development

This group is for swimmers who are ready to compete, who can swim all 4 strokes, confident in deep water. This group will build speed, stamina and focus on both long and short distance swimming. This group will support swimmers with a disability to become classified where there is a pathway to follow. There is a requirement for this group to attend twice a week as a minimum.

Training group

This group is for very confident and competent swimmers regardless of impairment. This group is for competitive para and disability swimmers, and competent family mainstream swimmers. There are set session plans to be completed at each training session, swimming distances of around 4,000m per session.

Masters

This group is for swimmers aged over 18 years who just wish to develop their swimming and have the benefit of a coached session. We work in partnership with Birmingham Masters, so should you wish to compete, we will sign post to allow for dual registration. We do offer one or two competition opportunities within the year for this group. Swimmers progress into this group from our adult learn to swim.

Land training sessions

We offer land training on Sunday afternoons. We have a structured programme of activities to help build core strength and coordination. Whilst we encourage all members to take up this opportunity, training squad members are expected to attend. Equipment is supplied. Times are flexible and a guide only to allow for siblings to take part in land training together, however, please note that the gym cannot be accessed before 5pm.

Please see timetable and web site for timings.

We also use the outside courts at the Morris weather permitting, for team games including basketball, netball etc.

Please note, if you are not a member, you cannot access the land training facilities and you cannot access the gym during our booked-out sessions.

Membership benefits.

Once you are a member of Birmingham Marlins there are many benefits.

On Sunday afternoon between 5pm – 7pm, you have access to the gym facilities at the Morris Centre. This is open to all members over the age 16 years.

Members under the age of 16years can access our land training sessions on Sunday pm.

You have access to the sauna at the Morris centre (over 16years only)

You will receive a Birmingham Marlins Swim Hat (when in stock)

You will have the opportunity to participate in social events

You will have the opportunity to take part in one competition per year at our annual championships.
(all swimmers will have the opportunity regardless of group)

Poolside support at para and disability events/ competitions

You will receive an emailed newsletter on the email address given on the membership form. Whilst this may not be weekly, it will give you information about forthcoming events, any changes to sessions, basic information about Birmingham Marlins.

Opportunity to purchase a Car parking pass for Morris centre.

Family swimming

We are offering families the opportunity to swim within Birmingham Marlins. Although we are predominately para and disability swimming, we have a family mainstream option, to allow siblings and parents to swim within the same club. Mainstream swimmers are inclusive within the above groups and will be swimming alongside others who may have an impairment. Mainstream swimmers will be placed into groups in line with their swimming ability. In other words, siblings may not be placed within the same groups.

Please note, we do not offer mainstream competitive swimming. If a mainstream swimmer has progressed from learn to swim (or any other group) and wishes to compete, they will be signposted to their nearest local competitive swimming club, where they can dual register.

We only offer para and disability competitive swimming.

Swim England fees

All swimmers and members only must be Swim England registered. This fee varies depending on the swimmer age and competitive status. We do not set these costs; they are set by Swim England. This fee is in addition to your monthly payment, fellowship fee and/or membership fee. You are not insured if your SE fees are not paid and will not be able to swim or take part in activities, even if your monthly/ or membership fee is paid. I am aware that the fee structure is a little confusing so tried to answer questions below.

All para and disability swimmers over the age of 9 years old in training squad must be category 2.

Any para or disability swimmer who wishes to compete in academy, development, masters' groups over the age of 9 years old must be category 2

Any para or disability swimmer preparing for classification must be category 2.

Swimmers within in any other group or mainstream can be category 1.

If a swimmer is under the age of 16 years, there must be at least one corresponding adult Swim England registered person.

Members only (not swimming in the pool) need to be Category 3.

Category 1 £18.20 per annum

Category 2 £36.75 per annum.

Category 3 £11.20 per annum

Tea, coffee refreshments

We have tea, coffee etc available and currently we do not charge a fee for this (although donations are always welcome) You can have as many drinks as you wish.

However, we do request that you wash up and leave the kitchen clean and tidy after use. Please return all cups back into the Birmingham Marlins crate.

Car Parking

We are using several sites/pools for our sessions. Car parking is as follows

King Edwards Girls pool – you can park at the girl's school via the gate in Edgbaston Park Road, gate code will be given to you. You can only access this parking during Birmingham Marlins sessions. You cannot access car parking at the girl's pool at any other time. Please do not abuse the use of the gate code otherwise this access will be taken away from us.

King Edwards Boys Pool – you can park at the parade ground, follow the signs using the Park Vale Gate of Bristol Road.

Langley Pool – there is blue badge parking at the front of the building and a large car park at the rear for non-blue badge parking.

Blue Coat – There is car parking available by the pool.

Morris Centre – Birmingham Marlins members can purchase passes for the Fisher House car park. This car park can be accessed after 6pm week days and all day at the weekend. There is Blue badge parking outside the pool and opposite the pool. Alternatively, there is free parking at Pritchard Road car park after 6pm (after 4pm on Saturdays) and this is around 10 minutes' walk away. The multi-storey car park next to Nuffield House costs around £4.75 to park.