

Charnwood

TRIATHLON CLUB

Dear Member,

Re. Membership Fees for 2009

At Charnwood Triathlon Club we are proud to offer our members the option of participating in 3 adult & 1 junior coached sessions per week. This is on top of the many organised bike and run sessions, run by the clubs volunteers and members.

As we are sure you are aware, with the coached sessions comes some small costs, which in turn are passed onto the members as we are a non-profit making organisation. These costs include pool hire, room hire, lifeguards and the coach to name but a few.

Up until now the club has run on a "cash-in-hand and honesty" basis but due to the growth and success of the club, for 2009 the club has had to look at scaling back on cash transactions and therefore we are moving forward with a monthly session fee payment scheme.

The membership fees set out on the 2009 membership form have decreased as a result but are applicable to all members.

Therefore, the fees for the 2009 Charnwood Triathlon Club Membership year, from the 1st January 2009, are explained below:

1) Membership Fees:

All members, including those that only wish to access club bike and run sessions, will need to pay the following to renew their membership for 2009:

- ADULTS - £30
- JUNIORS - £20

Membership Fees need to be sent by cheque, attached to your completed Membership Form to John Duffield-Moore (address can be found at end of Membership Form). Please send as close to 1st January as is possible.

2) Training Fees:

Training Fees apply to those members that wish to access coached sessions on top of non-coached sessions:

Adults can access up to 3 coached sessions per week:

- Tuesday morning Rawlins swim (1 hour)
- Tuesday evening Ibstock swim (1 hour)
- Thursday morning Rawlins swim (1 hour)

Juniors can access 1 coached session per week:

- Monday evening Rawlins swim & bike/run/indoor work (2 hours)

Members are now required to pay for their coached training sessions in advance in monthly instalments. This helps us move away from a 'cash in hand and honesty' approach, but also ensures a regular and guaranteed cash flow for the club to continue its activities.

After a great deal of consultation at the AGM, at Junior sessions and with members, the following fee options have been set for 2009. We ask that you choose the option that will best suit you and indicate your choice on your Membership Form.

Adults:

Option 1 – to access one swim session per week (Rawlins or Ibstock), there is a monthly fee of £14. Based on 50 weeks of training per year, this equates to paying approximately £3.36 per session.

Option 2 – to access 2 swim sessions per week, there is a discounted monthly fee, and the cost will be £23 per month. Based on 50 weeks of training per year, this equates to paying approximately £2.76 per session.

'*One-off sessions*' – if members from our 'non-coached sessions' category, or guests to the club, or 'Option 1' members wish to join in on one of our coached session or an additional coached session in a week, there will be a £5 fee to the club for that session, which we request to be paid by cheque only.

Juniors:

Option 3 – for one Junior to access one coached session per week there is a monthly fee of £13. Based on 50 weeks of training per year, this equates to paying approximately £3.12 per session

Option 4 – for 2 Juniors from the same family to access one coached session per week, the combined monthly training fee for both Juniors is discounted, with the total cost for both Juniors being £20 per month. Based on 50 weeks of training per year, this equates to paying approximately £2.40 per session per child.

New members to the club will still be granted one week's free training prior to the club requesting any payment. If a member joins the club part way through a monthly period, the secretary will be in touch to arrange pro-rata membership payment.

Payment:

Members choosing Options 1-4 are required to set up a monthly Standing Order to Charnwood Triathlon Club. The details are below:

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- Date of Payment: the 28th of each month
- Bank Details: NatWest, Loughborough Branch, Leics LE11 3NZ
- Account Name: Charnwood Triathlon Club
- Account Number: 52710920
- Sort Code: 60-14-10

Your signed Membership Form will be evidence of your Option choice and will enable us to monitor monthly payments.

I appreciate that this letter is being sent at late notice, so you may not have time to set up the Standing Order in time to allow the 1st payment (for January) to leave your account on 28th December. Therefore, we request that you pay the 1st month's training fee by the 12th January, and have your Standing Order set up for 11 months starting on 28th January.

So what do you get for your membership and why the increase?

Over the last 2 years, we have been very fortunate to have been awarded numerous grants that have allowed the club to run sessions at subsidised rates to it's members. The lifespan of these grants are now coming to an end, which puts us in a position where we have to cover full training and operational costs through our membership and training fees. The increase in fees reflects this, but we also feel the quality of our sessions and additional services provided to the members are of a high standard to ensure we are providing value for money.

However, we are not a club to rest on our laurels, and as such we are putting in place some additional benefits to our members for 2009. A few are noted below.

For your annual membership and training fees, you receive the following benefits:

- Access to 7 planned training sessions per week for adult members plus 1 Junior session per week
- Access to a number of additional planned and informal sessions such as extra bike and run sessions, bike maintenance, transition training etc.
- Access to 2 subsidised and organised Training weekends per year
- 2 Club events hosted per year; plus Club entry into the National Relay Championships and Regional Championships.
- Discounted Club Kit – including t-shirts, tri-suits, cycling jerseys and Juniors hoodies to follow
- Full club calendar, with competitive and social events organised
- Membership benefits & discounts with partner organisation's - such as Pedal Power, Running Fox and East Midland Physiotherapy Clinic (see website for more details)
- Access to loads of useful information from our Members Only area on the website, and via the on-line Club Forum
- Through our Clubmark and STAR Accreditation, knowledge that the club is safe, effective and has appropriate procedures and policies in place for adults and juniors
- Club Affiliation to British Triathlon Federation and British Cycling – allowing you discounted entry fees.
- Wealth of knowledge and experience available through our members and partners

- An opportunity to meet people of a similar ability to train with (and possibly attend races with)

New for 2009!

To ensure you continue to enjoy and gain from our club sessions, you will notice a few additions to enhance your membership package!

- Each member (who has opted for Options 1-4) will begin to receive monthly feedback from the Head Coach to enhance personal progression.
- Swimming sessions will be publicised on our Members area of the website in advance for adults and juniors.
- Training programmes will also be made available on the Members area of the website
- Adult running sessions on Wednesday evening's will be planned in advance and publicised. Leaders will be designated to each session.
- Juniors will receive approx. 9 additional sessions throughout the year to enhance their current one session per week.
- Juniors will be able to access Club kit
- Socials will be organised for Juniors.

I hope you agree that as we move forwards as a club, the new system for fee collection will enable us to continue to develop and will enable you to take full advantage of the services and support that our club can offer. We are always keen to hear what you, the member, would like to see from your club, so you will soon be sent an on-line survey to find out your opinions on how we can meet your needs further for 2009.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you back with the club in the New Year.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mel Moss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mel Moss
Chair
Charnwood Triathlon Club