



By-laws: Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Club Inc.

As of May 2024

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1. Gloucester Thunderbolt Membership

- a) Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming club (GTSC) offers the following memberships as per the Swimming NSW membership structure:
 - i. Competition Swimmer
 - ii. Club Only Swimmer
 - iii. Dry Member
- b) All registered swimming members must reside in the Gloucester District Area as per their register address in swim central to be eligible to participate in entirety at GTSC. The Gloucester District Area is defined as all addresses residing in the 2422 area code. These members are referred to as standard members in the proceeding by-laws.
- c) Registration with the club is undertaken using the Swimming Australia Swim Central platform and fees are determined by levies set by Swimming Australia, Swimming NSW, North Coast Swimming and the GTSC committee.
- d) Registrations received by any person residing out of the Gloucester District area are referred to as 'Out of Area' registrations and these memberships are subject to approval by the GTSC committee.
 - i. It is the GTSC registrar's responsibility to notify the club committee immediately of any registration received for an out of area member to raise a vote on the acceptance of this membership within the GTSC.
 - ii. If an out of area member is deemed acceptable then they are eligible to participate for GTSC as per a standard member as outlined in the proceeding by laws.
 - iii. Any out of area membership declined by the GTSC committee will receive a refund in full for any monies paid relating to the declined membership.
- e) All standard members for GTSC are eligible to participate at GTSC for the following depending on limitations of membership structure as advised by Swimming NSW:
 - i. Club night events.
 - ii. Championship events.
 - iii. Records broken at club nights.
 - iv. Records broken at competition.
 - v. Club Carnivals
- f) A parent or guardian of a standard member under 18 years of age is to be registered as at least a dry member as per recommendation from swimming NSW and for coverage of insurance whilst assisting at club nights.
- g) All standards members are subject to disciplinary proceedings for any misconduct that has been determined as per Section 10 of the GTSC constitution and Section 3 of the GTSC by-laws.

2. Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters Membership

- a) Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters club (GTMC) offers the following memberships as per the as per the Masters Swimming Australia membership structure:
 - a. Masters Membership- Swimmers aged 18 and over swim at our club nights and Masters swimming events.
 - b) An individual member may be a member of more than one club. The primary club will be referred to as the members' First Claim club. All other clubs will be referred to as the members' Second Claim club.
 - c) For the First Claim club, the member must pay the required club, state and territory, and national components of the membership fee.
 - d) For the Second Claim club and any subsequent membership, the member must:
 - a. pay only the club fee if all subsequently joined clubs are affiliated with the same state or territory voting member body, or
 - b. the club plus state or territory fee if any clubs are affiliated with different states or territories voting member bodies.
 - e) Points gained by a member in the Endurance 1000 will accrue to that member's First Claim club.
 - f) In swim meets, the member may represent any club of which that person is a member, provided that that person does not swim for more than one club in any one meet.
 - g) Swimmers cannot swim for more than one club at any meet.
 - h) A member joining more than one club retains the same membership number.

3. Gloucester Thunderbolts Master's Membership Types

- a) Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters
 - i. Master swimming members are eligible to participate in club nights and Masters Swimming Events
 - ii. Master swimming members are not eligible to break Gloucester Thunderbolts swimming club records at club nights.
 - iii. **Master Swimming members are eligible to break Gloucester Thunderbolts Master Swimming Records only.**
 - iv. Masters swimming members are not eligible to participate in the top ten (10) point score rounds and resulting presentation awards, until the Masters club has at least 20 club members
 - v. Master Swimming members are eligible to participate in the long-distance championship events, however they are not eligible for resulting presentation awards
 - vi. Master Swimming members are eligible to swim in championship events but are not eligible to accumulate championship points for age and middle distance champions.
 - vii. Master Swimming members are not eligible for the following presentation awards: • Boys and Girls Age Champ and Runner Up • Champion Boy and Girl • Boys and Girls Distance champ Runner Up • Boys and Girls Distance champ • Graeme Breeze Memorial Trophy • Lorraine Watt Memorial Trophy • Kim Hebblewhite Trophy • Squad Coaches Training Award • Les Watt Trophy • Leanne Wilkinson Trophy • Club Representative Recognition • State Level Representative Recognition
 - viii. Master Swimming members are not eligible to receive the 'Club Person of the Year' award from the Gloucester Thunderbolts Amateur Swimming Club. However, when the Masters Club has at least 20 members, it can establish its own committee. Once this committee is formed, a member of the Masters Club committee becomes eligible for the 'Club Person of the Year' award specifically for the Gloucester Thunderbolts Master Swimming Club.

4. Committee Membership

- a) GTSC and GTMC operates under a constitution as recommended by Swimming NSW. As such, there are a minimum of five (5) executive positions which are filled at each AGM. Executive Positions are nominated for and filled at the AGM for:
- i. President,
 - ii. Vice President,
 - iii. Treasurer,
 - iv. Secretary
 - v. Public Officer

Additional committee positions held include:

- i. Registrar
 - ii. Race Secretary
 - iii. Member Protection Information Officer
 - iv. Records Keeper
 - v. Publicity Officer
 - vi. Uniform & Equipment Officer
 - vii. North Coast Representative x 2
 - viii. Gloucester Sport Council Representative
 - ix. General Member
- b) To be eligible to hold a position on the GTSC committee you must register as a standard club member or for the season/s in which you are holding position for.
- c) All committee members are required to pay \$2 at the AGM to be eligible for voting rights.
- d) Committee members who join after the AGM:
- i. are considered as committee members only and do not hold position.
 - ii. are required to pay \$2 at their first attended committee meeting and will be deemed to have voting rights after attending 3 consecutive meetings.
- e) All committee members are bound to comply with the Safe Sport Framework, the governing bodies; Swimming Australia and Swimming NSW Codes of Conduct and specifics for their positions held with Gloucester Thunderbolts swimming club as per the GTSC constitution.
- f) It is expected that all club committee members familiarise themselves with the resources available at on the Swimming NSW's Club House webpage - <https://clubhouse.swimming.org.au/> in relation to positions held.
- g) Any committee member who does not attend three consecutive meetings will be deemed to have withdrawn from the committee and no longer hold position and will forfeit voting rights.

5. Membership Conduct and Discipline

- a) All members are bound to comply with the Safe Sport Framework, the governing bodies; Swimming Australia and Swimming NSW codes of conduct and specific codes of conduct for standard membership held with GTSC.
- b) Any questions regarding the conduct by a standard member, official, or visiting guardian should be directed in the first instance to the GTSC Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) for advice.
- c) If a standard member is not comfortable raising the issue with a the GTSC MPIO, they may approach either Swimming NSW or the Swimming Australia Safe Sport Integrity Unit and they will provide the relevant guidance.
- d) Any complaints lodged regarding member or visitor conduct will initiate the GTSC's disciplinary procedure as stated in section 10 of the GTSC constitution.
- e) Disciplinary investigations can be triggered by any of the following:
 - i. a written complaint from a standard member,
 - ii. A written complaint from another club within the sport,
 - iii. Notification from a governing body, or any other party.
 - iv. The GTSC Committee may also decide to trigger the disciplinary procedure if they believe an incident has taken place that has not been officially reported but that they feel is in the interest of the club and the welfare of its members for it to be managed.
- f) Disciplinary procedures will be undertaken by GTSC committee in the first instance, and/or an elected disciplinary committee, with subsequent review by the executive committee or by governing bodies.
- g) Disciplinary action against GTSC standard members, including expulsion without notice, may be taken for offences of misconduct or breach of GTSC rules as per section 10 of the GTSC constitution.
- h) All disciplinary actions taken by GTSC or against a GTSC standard member will be duly recorded and placed on file for reference at a future date.
- i) All notifications of offences of misconduct or breach of GTSC rules will be investigated by the GTSC committee and or the establishment of a Disciplinary Committee or a governing body and will follow the disciplinary process as per section 10 of the Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Club constitution.
- j) If an offence is considered to be one of simple misconduct, The GTSC executive committee in conjunction with the GTSC MPIO will:
 - i. Communicate their planned action regarding the incident to the complainant and or affected individual(s). This is to establish if there is likely to be further escalation prior to informing the defending party of the accused incident(s).
 - ii. Write to the standard member subject to the complaint with a formal written warning including the demand for an apology or other corrective action the executive committee may deem appropriate.
 - iii. Open a disciplinary file which will hold copies and records of the original complaint, together with the written warning and any other correspondence.
- k) If the offence is considered a serious or gross misconduct, The GTSC executive committee in conjunction

with the GTSC MPIO and advise or intervention from a governing body will:

- i. appoint an Investigating Officer (IO) who will research evidence presented and, if possible, will obtain further written evidence, witness statements, etc.
 - ii. If necessary, the IO will consult all relevant witnesses for supportive evidence.
 - iii. Contact the standard member subject of the complaint to advise of the official complaint and request the standard member to submit a written statement of events in response. The standard member will be suspended from involvement in GTSC club nights and if applicable GTSC committee and voting rights until a disciplinary outcome has been reached.
 - iv. In cases of disputes of a personal nature, the GTSC committee will attempt to resolve the situation amicably and to the mutual satisfaction of the parties concerned.
- l) If settlement cannot be agreed on or if the offence merits it, then a disciplinary hearing will be arranged, and a Disciplinary Committee established. If a disciplinary hearing is called, the complainant and all relevant witnesses may be obliged to attend and give evidence either in person or by voice or video conferencing. (Non-attendance at a hearing will only be allowed in extenuating circumstances, i.e. Ill-health, threat of violence or intimidation etc.). In such circumstances/instances a written declaration must be submitted.
 - m) After the Disciplinary Committee has reached a decision, the standard member subject of the complaint will be notified in writing of the outcome of the decision being reached. Disciplinary decisions will be effective from the date of the decision.
 - n) Disciplinary decisions made will be by the Executive Committee and/or Disciplinary Committee and they may consider it appropriate to expel the standard member temporarily or permanently from GTSC, and this will have an immediate effect.
 - o) GTSC will in all cases comply with the requirements of its governing bodies and the safe sport integrity framework including immediate notification of the police where required.
 - p) The standard member subject to the disciplinary outcome has the right to appeal any decision made. This appeal:
 - i. Must be in writing.
 - ii. Delivered in person or emailed to the Club President within 28 days of being notified of the decision.
 - iii. It is not sufficient to state "I wish to appeal", the standard member must give full written grounds for the appeal, stating exactly what is being appealed against and the reasons for this.
 - q) An appeal together with full and recorded argument may be considered at an appeal hearing convened as soon as practicable and will consist of an Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee:
 - i. Will be made up of at least 1 member of the GTSC committee who did not take part in the disciplinary hearing as well as any qualified standard members of GTSC.
 - ii. Will elect their own chairperson (who will have the casting vote).
 - iii. has the power to amend or revoke any decision made at the previous disciplinary hearing.
 - r) New evidence cannot be presented at the appeal hearing.

6. Club Night Swimming Meets

- a) Club night swimming meets shall be held on such occasions (Thursdays at 6pm, unless changed) as determined by the GTSC committee at a General Meeting at or prior to the beginning of each swimming season.
- b) The Executive Committee shall have the power to curtail or extend the Club's swimming season for reasons of weather or other justifiable reasons.
- c) The following point score system has been established and approved by the GTSC and is also available on the club's website.

Range from current PB		Points
Low Range	High Range	
	5.01 seconds over PB	0
5.00 seconds over PB	1.01 Seconds over PB	1
1.00 second over PB	0.00 seconds over PB	2
0.01 seconds under PB	1.00 seconds under PB	3
1.01 seconds under PB	2.00 seconds under PB	4
2.01 Seconds over PB		5
No Entry Time (NT)		1

- i. The Point score system will commence from the first club night held at the start of each season.
 - ii. The point score system is run in two (2), seven (7) week rounds and a three (3) week additional (bonus) points round.
 - iii. For all point score rounds, standard swimming members are entitled to the points outlined in the point score matrix above.
 - iv. No point score will be awarded for swims that are deemed Disqualified (DQ) or No Swims (NS)
 - v. The point score system shall finish on the last swimming meet prior to the commencement of the programmed age championship events.
- d) Standard swimming members personal best times from the previous season, will be used for their personal best times at the start of the new season.
 - e) All entries for club night swimming meets are to be submitted via swim central each week. Entries are to be submitted no later than six (6) pm Wednesdays during the season or as determined by the GTSC committee at a General Meeting at or prior to the beginning of each swimming season.
 - f) The one start rule will be used for all club night swimming meets. This rule outlines that any swimmer starting before the starting signal has been given shall be disqualified.
 - i. If the starting signal sounds before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue, and the swimmer shall be disqualified upon completion of the race.
 - ii. If the disqualification is declared before the starting signal, the starting signal shall not be given, and the swimmer will be notified of the disqualification prior to the commencement of the race.

- iii. If disqualified, the swimmer is encouraged to swim in the event although no time or points will be awarded.
- g) All protests must be made verbally to the referee before, (if known), or immediately after the race OR verbally or in writing to the Member Information Protection Officer (MIPO) no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the event with a \$20.00 appeals fee. The \$20.00 fee is refundable on the appeal being upheld. The appeal will be handled by the following:
 - i. The Member Information Protection Officer (MIPO) will inform the Executive Committee of the protest.
 - ii. The Executive Committee will deal with all complaints, disputes and protests and their decision will be final.
- h) There will be at least one (1) referee each swimming night, where possible.
- i) Swimmers who swim faster than the 25m time restriction for a stroke as outlined below, will be encouraged to competed in the 50m event for that stroke.

Stroke	25m Time Restriction
Freestyle	25.00 seconds
Butterfly	25.00 seconds
Breaststroke	30.00 seconds
Backstroke	30.00 seconds

- j) Once a swimmer has swum a stroke in the 50m event three (3) times at club night they are no longer eligible to swim that stroke in a 25m event.

7. Championships

- a) To be eligible to swim in for championship points and to be considered as age champion, standard swimming members must:
- i. have swum at, at least six (6) club nights.
 - ii. have swum the event at least once (1) before prior to championship rounds.
 - iii. have swum in at least half of their eligible championship events.
- b) Exceptions to the above rules include:
- i. Prolonged illness during the season supported by a medical certificate.
 - ii. GTSC Committee approval e.g.: school excursion as approved by committee.
 - iii. Natural Disasters
- c) Any swimmer who falls under the exceptions to the rules will have their last recorded club night swimming meet swim time from that eligible event used to calculate their championship points.
- d) Championship age groups are as follows (Swimmers may only swim in events designated for their age):

Boys	Girls
7 & under	7 & under
8 years	8 years
9 Years	9 Years
10 Years	10 Years
11 Years	11 Years
12 years	12 years
13 years	13 years
14 Years	14 Years
15 years	15 years
16 & over	16 & over

- e) Championship age is the age the swimmer is on the first (1st) championship event held for the season.
- i. Championship events for this purpose combine distance and age championships.
- f) Points for championships are as follows:

25m Events		50m Events	
1 st Place	3 Points	1 st Place	5 Points
2 nd Place	2 Points	2 nd Place	3 Points
3 rd Place	1 Point	3 rd Place	2 Points
Participation			1 Point

- g) Swimmers who have swum in an event at a club night but were disqualified, will be deemed to have qualified in that event for championship points.
- h) Entries must be submitted for championship events online via swim central as per by-law 4(e).
- i) The club adopts Swimming NSW Ltd. Rules regarding disabled multiclass swimmers. Disabled Multiclass swimmers may swim with the use of an aid as required as per their multiclass classification.
- j) Swimmers who do not qualify for championship points in an event can still swim in the championship event but will not be awarded points.

8. Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Club Records

- a) Gloucester Thunderbolts Swimming Club will have two sections for record-keeping.
- i. Gloucester Thunderbolts Club Night Records
 - ii. Gloucester Thunderbolts External/Competition Meet records
- b) Gloucester Thunderbolts Club Night Records:
- i. You must be a GTSC standard member.
 - ii. Can only be broken or set on a club night swimming meet in the Gloucester pool.
 - iii. Can be set or broken at club nights where there are at least two (2) timing devices used to time that lane. In the event of health pandemics whereby social distancing regulations are required alternate time keeping requirements will be put in place as determined by the GTSC committee.
 - iv. Setting a record when one does not exist is not deemed as breaking a record, it is known as setting a record.
 - v. Cannot be set or broken at school carnivals.
 - vi. Swimmers can nominate to set or break a record for a shorter distance when swimming a longer distance event at club night prior to the event starting. The record will stand only if the swimmer completes the full longer event distance. (e.g. a 400m or 800m record can be set or broken when swimming a 1500m event if the 1500m event is completed).
 - vii. Cannot be set or broken in a 25m pool.
 - viii. Cannot be set in 25m events, including 100 IM.
 - ix. Cannot be set if the swimmer is disqualified.
 - x. Long distance records will be recognised if, swum on the allocated programmed club night and limited to the following age groups:

800M Freestyle	1500M Freestyle	400m Individual Medley
9 Years and Under	10 Years and Under	10 Years and Under
10 Years	11 Years	11 Years
11 Years	12 Years	12 Years
12 Years	13 Years	13 Years
13 Years	14 Years	14 Years
14 Years	15 Years	15 Years
15 Years	16 Years and Over	16 Years and Over
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- c) Gloucester Thunderbolts external meet records:
- i. You must hold a GTSC full competitive membership.
 - ii. Must be set outside of GTSC club night swimming meets
 - iii. Must be set in a 50m pool
 - iv. Must be set at a Swimming Australia approved qualifying carnival.
 - v. Records broken at approved qualifying carnivals must be presented with an official unaltered result sheet obtained from the Swimming Australia Results Central Portal (<https://results.swimming.org.au/portal/>).

- vi. Setting a record when one does not exist is not deemed as breaking a record, it is known as setting a record.
- vii. Cannot be set or broken at school carnivals.
- viii. Cannot be set or broken in a 25m pool.
- ix. Cannot be set in 25m event, including 100 IM.
- x. Cannot be set if the swimmer is disqualified.

9. Gloucester Thunderbolt Masters Records

- a) Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters Club Records will be separated into two categories:
 - a. Club Records
 - b. Competition Records. a)
- b) Club Records can be set or broken only at club nights at Gloucester Swimming Pool Complex, where there are at least two (2) timing devices used to time that lane. In the event of health pandemics whereby social distancing regulations are required alternate time-keeping requirements will be put in place as determined by the club committee. b)
- c) Competition Records can be set or broken only at Masters Branch Point Score Meets (long course), New South Wales (NSW) long course Championships and Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) National Championships. Records broken at meets must be presented with an official unaltered result sheet (obtained from swim central).
- d) Competition Records for short course can be set or broken in a 25-meter pool and this will be classified as Competition Short Course Records. These records can be set and/or broken at Masters Branch Point Score meets that are categorised as short course and NSW short course championships. c)
- e) Setting a record when one does not exist is not deemed as breaking a record. It is known as setting a record.
- f) Club Records cannot be set or broken in a 25m pool.
- g) Club Records cannot be set in 25m event, including 100 IM.
- h) Records cannot be set if the swimmer is disqualified.
- i) Long distance records can be broken or set at club nights at Gloucester Pool Complex, where there are at least two (2) timing devices used to time that lane. In the event of health pandemics whereby social distancing regulations are required alternate time-keeping requirements will be put in place as determined by the club committee.

10. General

- a) No member shall adversely criticize or enter into any adverse discussion with other club members around the pool or pool limits.
- b) The GTSC Executive Committee may deal with, at their discretion, anything that is beyond the scope of the foregoing Rules and By-Laws.
- c) GTSC AGM will be held in accordance with the Constitution. It will be held on a date and at a venue

determined by the GTSC committee.

- d) GTSC committee meetings will be held as often as is deemed necessary throughout the calendar year and shall be at least as often as is required as per the constitution.
- e) GTSC club night competition shall go into recess for the Christmas school holiday period, or such other period as determined by the GTSC committee.
- f) Timekeeping:
 - i. Two (2) timing devices are required per lane. In the event of health pandemics whereby social distancing regulations are required, alternate time keeping requirements will be put in place as determined by the GTSC committee.
 - ii. Timekeepers are to be aged 14 years & over.
- g) All swimmers under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by a parent or appointed adult who is prepared to undertake any required club night swimming meet duties.
- h) The age a swimmer may participate without a guardian is 14 years and over as per royal lifesaving keep watch program.
- i) Club nights will be cancelled if weather conditions warrant cancellation at the discretion of the GTSC committee. (e.g.) electrical storm.
 - i. If a club night is cancelled, the program is to continue as per the published program. If a club night is cancelled after starting, only the completed stroke events will qualify towards championships. Partially completed strokes will be cancelled.
- j) Copies of the club's Constitution, Rules and By-Laws shall be made available on the club's website.
- k) Referee is defined as a person known to GTSC who can identify the correct stroke technique.

11.Presentation and Awards

- a) The club presentation will be held on a date and at a venue determined by the GTSC Committee.
- b) GTSC will distribute the following awards at presentation night subject to the GTSC committees' discretion:

Award	Description
Boys and Girls Age Champ Runner Up (Medal)	Awarded to each swimmer from each age group who has placed second in the age champs point score.
Boys and Girls Age Champs (Trophy)	Awarded to each swimmer from each age group who has placed first in the age champs point score.
Boys and Girls Top Ten Point Score (Medal)	Awarded to the swimmers who have placed in the top ten (10) overall point scorers. Points are calculated from the start of the season to the end.

Boys and Girls Distance champ Runner Up (medal)	Awarded to the swimmer who has placed second overall in the distance champs point score.
Boys and Girls Distance champ (Trophy)	Awarded to the swimmer who has placed first overall in the distance champs point score.
Long Distance Swimmers (Trophy)	Awarded to the swimmer who has achieved the most overall time improvement over the two (2) rounds of a long-distance swim. A trophy will be awarded for each long-distance event (800m Free, 1500m Free and 400m IM). Swimmers must have swum both rounds to be eligible.
Champion Boy (Perpetual Trophy)	Fastest male swimmer calculated over the average time of all four strokes in the 50m championship events. The swimmer must of swam all four (4) 50m championship events to be eligible.
Champion Girl (Perpetual Trophy)	Fastest female swimmer calculated over the average time of all four strokes in the 50m championship events. The swimmer must of swam all four (4) 50m championship events to be eligible.
Graeme Breeze Memorial Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a male swimmer 8 years or over for their commitment to swimming. This is nominated by the GTSC committee.
Lorraine Watt Memorial Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a female swimmer 8 years or over for their commitment to swimming. This is nominated by the GTSC committee.
Kim Hebblewhite Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a male or female swimmer 7 years or under for their commitment to swimming. This is nominated by Kim Hebblewhite and endorsed by the GTSC committee.
Training Award (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a male or female swimmer who has shown consistent effort and improvement at the Gloucester pool ran squads and who is a

	GTSC standard member. This is nominated by the Gloucester Pools squad coach and endorsed by the GTSC committee.
Les Watt Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a male swimmer for club encouragement (a swimmer who may not win all the time or get many PB's but still tried their very best each week). This is nominated by the GTSC committee.
Leanne Wilkinson Trophy (Perpetual Trophy)	Awarded to a female swimmer for club encouragement (a swimmer who may not win all the time or get many PB's but still tried their very best each week). This is nominated by the GTSC committee.
Club person of the year	Awarded to any GTSC standard member who has gone above and beyond for the club. Nominated by each family unit who hold membership with the club.
Club Representative Recognition	Awarded to any GTSC competitive membership swimmers who compete at external carnivals throughout the year. Nominated by the GTSC committee.
State Level Representative Recognition (Certificate and Embroidered shirt or jacket)	Awarded to any GTSC competitive membership swimmers who have represented the GTSC at a state level meet. Nominated by the GTSC committee.
Most Records Broken	Awarded to any GTSC standard member swimmer who has broken the most records throughout the season. Nominated by the GTSC committee

- c) Perpetual trophies are to be requested back from members in February.
- d) All perpetual trophies are to be returned to the club in good order.
- e) Any damaged trophies are to be repaired and paid for by the person involved before February
- f) **Gloucester Thunderbolts Masters Club Presentation of Awards/Trophies:** As per written in Types of memberships.


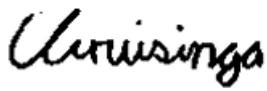

- a. Master members are not eligible for the following presentation awards: Boys and Girls Age Champ and Runner Up • Champion Boys and Girl • Boys and Girls Distance champ Runner Up • Boys and Girls Distance champ • Graeme Breeze Memorial Trophy • Lorraine Watt Memorial Trophy • Kim Hebblewhite Trophy • Squad Coaches Training Award • Les Watt Trophy • Leanne Wilkinson Trophy • Club Representative Recognition • State Level Representative Recognition
- b. Master Swimmers will receive a gift that could be of use to them, examples include, but not limited to; towels, swim caps, yeti mugs or glass/stainless steel goblets.
- c. Master Club swimmers who set and/or broke records will receive a certificate recognising their achievement.

12.Variation of By-laws

- a) No GTSC committee member shall put forward or make decisions regarding club by-laws that are intentionally misleading or influencing, bias, or for personal gain.
- b) No changes will be made to these by-laws once the swimming season starts. Any requests for changes received will be considered for the following swimming season.
- c) Requests for changes must be submitted in writing on the GTSC change to by-laws template and submitted to the club secretary.
- d) Any requested changes to the by-laws should be presented to the GTSC committee and discussed at the proceeding general meeting and if agreed put as a motion to move to change by-laws at the next AGM or special meeting directly proceeding the AGM.
- e) All meetings scheduled to change the by-laws must strictly adhere to the GTSC constitution.

13.Endorsement

- a) These by-laws have been voted on and amended by the GTSC club committee May 2024 and are hereby endorsed by the following GTSC Executive Committee Members:

Position	Name	Signature	Date
President	Jodie House		
Vice President	Cara Gruisinga		
Vice President	Adam Wade		
Secretary	Aleena Kellner	<i>Aleena Kellner</i>	
Treasurer	Matt Peters	<i>MPeters</i>	

