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Falkirk Otter ASC is a competitive age group swimming club and welcomes new swimmers to the club. To ensure swimmers are placed in the correct squads and that squad sizes are not increased beyond capacity the club has set out the following procedures for entry. New swimmers are considered from two categories.

Category A: swimmers who will be joining a swimming club for the first time

1. We accept swimmers submitted from the Community Trust pre-club swim programme.
2. Other local learn to swim programmes are also encouraged to recommend swimmers for entry to the club.
3. The club usually holds regular trials nights.
4. After recommendation and/or a four week trial, new swimmers will usually be entered into our lowest squad.
5. The club will accept recommendations to trial for Category A swimmers once a month unless it is operating at capacity in which case it will hold a waiting list.

Category B: swimmers who wish to move to “The Club” from another club.

Within category B we prioritise the swimmers as follows:

1. We will always do our best to accept swimmers moving from other clubs outside the Falkirk area, since we feel it is our responsibility, as a club, to ensure current swimmers can continue pursuing their sport after a family move.
Such swimmers will be invited to a trial and (if successful) entered into the squad appropriate to their experience and ability.
2. We will, where possible, accept swimmers from another club in the Falkirk area who wish to move to Falkirk Otter ASC.
Such swimmers will only be invited to a trial if there is capacity to accept the swimmer into the club. If successful at a trial the swimmer will be entered into the squad appropriate to their experience and ability.

The final decision on the allocation of new places and placing in squads lies with the head coach.

Upon being offered a place in Falkirk Otter ASC, applicants must complete either a Scottish Amateur Swimming Association (SASA) club application online (for new swimmers) or a SASA change of club membership online (for swimmers transferring from another club). Once this is done and processed by our Membership Secretary the relevant fees for SASA membership should be paid to the club bank account within 14 days of joining the club and the Membership Secretary and Treasurer notified.

This is important as it ensures swimmers have insurance cover when swimming with the club.

Policy Statement issued by Management Committee on behalf of Falkirk Otter ASC