

Woolacombe Surf Life Saving Club (WSLSC) Membership Policy (updated March 2026)

WSLSC is a community-based club that welcomes members aged 6 and over.

A member of WSLSC must:

- Be a current member of SLSGB (except for trustees)
- Be up to date with their annual subscription payments
- Provide all relevant personal details
- Read, agree to and abide by the Club Code of Conduct
- Consent to all necessary membership requirements eg the emergency medical treatment

Under-16 members

All members who are under-16 on 1st January of the membership year must have at least one parent or guardian who is also either a master or parent/helper member of the club (see parent/helper below).

Membership categories

We have the following membership categories. All ages at 31st December of the membership year:

Limpet: age 6 - 7

Nipper: age 8 – 12

Nipper-Youth: age 13

Youth: age 14 - 18

Open: age 19 - 29

Master: age 30 or over

Parent/helper: all members who are under-16 on 1st January need at least one parent or guardian who is also a master member or parent/helper member of SLSGB and the club. Parent /helpers will usually help out during club training sessions by, for example, helping carry their children's equipment around the beach. SLSGB membership provides the insurance required to do this. If both parent/guardians do this then both should be members.

Parent/helpers do not:

- take part in masters training sessions;
- compete for the club;
- use club equipment outside of the training sessions they are assisting in.

If they wish to do any of these things then they need to have master membership.

Life: members who are elected by the club for special services carried out.

Student: members who are attending university.

Beach only: we expect all of our Limpet, Nipper and Youth members to take a full and active part in all aspects of club activities, whether in the pool or on the beach. However, we do recognise that some members have commitments that prevent them participating in pool training sessions.

Competition only: Previous members who no longer take part in official club training sessions or use club equipment but wish to compete for the club.

Committee members, coaches, section representatives and trustees

All committee members, coaches, section representatives and trustees must be club members.

Annual Member Subscription Fees

Annual subscription fees for each member category for the following season will be agreed each year by the club committee and ratified at the annual general meeting.

- All members (except trustees) need to hold a valid, up to date SLSGB registration.
- Nipper-Youth members pay Youth annual subscription fees.
- Open members who train with the Youth in the pool pay the Youth annual subscription fee.
- Life members will have their club annual subscription waived.
- Student members will have 75% of their annual subscription waived.
- Beach only members will have 50% of their annual subscription waived.
- Competition only members will have 90% of their annual subscription waived.
- Committee members, coaches, trustees and section representatives who don't compete for the club, don't take part in official club training sessions or don't have any under-16 children who are members of the club will have their annual subscription fees waived.
- Any 2nd or subsequent parent/helper per family group will have their annual subscription waived as long as they have a valid, up to date SLSGB registration.
- Late enrollers (new members who enrol after 1st July will have a percentage of their annual subscription waived as deemed appropriate by the Membership Secretary.
- Nipper members who enrol in the autumn for pool training pay 66% annual subscription fees.

Master and Open Members Pool Subscription

We recognise that many Masters and Open members are unable to attend pool training sessions due to other commitments so their annual subscription fees do not include pool training sessions.

Master and Open members who attend pool training sessions must:

- be club members
- pay a weekly pool fee agreed by committee and ratified at the AGM to cover the pool hire costs.

Barriers to membership

We are an inclusive club and don't wish annual subscription fees to be a barrier to club membership. Therefore, in cases of financial hardship the club membership secretary will have the autonomy to waive all or part of the membership fees as appropriate.