



English Bay Swim Club

Becoming a New Member

1. On your first visit, introduce yourself at the Club's desk located in the entrance foyer of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre at least 25 minutes before the practice is scheduled to begin. This is to allow sufficient time to get oriented and to fill out the mandatory waiver form. To speed up the process, please download and print the [waiver](#), complete all sections, sign and bring it to your first practice (www.englishbay.org/swim/files/EBSC & MSABC Waiver jan09.pdf).
 - We will give you a pink card with 3 free swims to try us out.
 - You will need to show the pink card to pass the pool's front desk without having to pay the usual entrance fee (which is paid for by the Club).
2. For subsequent practices, please come to the pool at least 15 minutes before practice starts so you can check in at the club's sign-in desk. If you don't check in, you will not be allowed to swim with the club. The Club's sign-in desk closes 10 minutes before practice to allow enough time for the volunteers staffing the desk to close up and change into their swimming gear to take part in the practice too. You will not be admitted to practice after the sign-in desk is closed.
3. Ask for feedback from the coaches on the pool deck after the practice. They will let you know if you need to improve your basic swimming ability prior to joining the Club. Our policy is that members be able to swim between 1500 and 1600m within a one-hour practice.
4. If the coaches give you the OK to join the Club after your third free try-out, send an e-mail to swim@englishbay.org requesting the link to register online through [Karelo](#). [Karelo](#) is an online registration and payment system we use to help manage the Club's membership. The Club's registration page is protected and can only be viewed using the link the Club will provide you. **You must register online and buy a monthly pass or tickets before you can take part in your next practice.**
5. Upon the purchase of your annual membership, buy a monthly pass or 10 swim ticket online through [Karelo](#). Online purchase is preferred, but you can also pay by cheque at the sign-in desk (however, no cash is accepted). When purchasing tickets/passes online, bring the confirmation number with you to the pool so we can issue the tickets or pass. Bring your pass with you to all practices.
6. You should also start to receive club communications through the EBSC Yahoo!group. Notify swim@englishbay.org if you are not receiving these e-mails.
7. Remember to visit our [website](#) (www.englishbay.org) regularly for Club updates, events and swim schedules.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE POOL!!!!