Ithaca Creek Swimming Club - FAQs

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- The Club is a community club that is open to all swimmers.
- We aim to provide a fun and social atmosphere for swimmers and their families to meet and participate in friendly competition.
- Club nights are held on Friday nights during Term 4 and Term 1.
- We also provide learn to swim, stroke correction and squad lessons during Term and intensive programs during Term holidays.
- Each Club night, swimmers race with each other according to their age and times, with the aim being to improve their personal best times over the season.
- Club Championships are held near the end of Term 1 on Sunday 13 March 2016.
- Trophy Day occurs in Term 2 where swimmers receive trophies for a range of classifications – refer to the Club Handbook for more information.

Swimming Club FAQs

1. Do I need to be doing swim lessons at Ithaca Creek Swimming Club to swim on club nights?
No! Club swimming is separate from swimming lessons. Membership is open to all swimmers in the local community. However, if you do learn to swim or swim squads at Ithaca Creek Swimming Club, you are automatically a member. If you don’t do lessons and wish to participate in Club nights, simply fill in the membership form and pay to be a member.

2. When is the first Club night?
The first Club night is Friday, October 9th, the first Friday of Term 4.

3. What Happens at Club nights?
Gates open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. There are races in 3 of the 4 strokes each meet over 12.5m, 25m and 50m distances. There is also one ‘coaches choice’ race at the beginning which is a longer distance (100 or 200m). Finish time is around 8pm, but younger swimmers who have finished racing can leave earlier.

4. What about young swimmers?
Younger swimmers are encouraged to come along too. They can compete in the 12.5m races with a swimming aid and/or a senior member assisting.

5. How do I know what races are on and how do I nominate?
A list of races for each Club night can be found on the club website. Links to the online nominations can also be found here. One nomination per swimmer is required. Online nominations must be received by 7pm Thursday evening. First time swimmers can nominate on the night but the swim times will not count towards club points.
6. Is there a cost to swim on Friday nights?
   A nominal entry fee of $3 per swimmer (or $8 for 3 or more swimmers) is charged at the gate. This helps cover costs involved with running Club nights and end of season trophies.

7. Is food available on club nights?
   Yes! A BBQ, including vegetarian options and canteen operate on the night. Both of these facilities are run by volunteers and we appreciate the ongoing willingness of all members to pitch in and make these work.

8. Do I need to help out on the night?
   Yes! The success of the Ithaca Creek Swimming Club relies heavily on the efforts of its volunteers. Various roles including timekeeping, gate admissions, canteen & BBQ duty need to be filled. The volunteer roster is available at the entrance and the week prior at the Club canteen.

9. Do I need to be a member of the Swimming Queensland (SQ) to swim at Club nights?
   Yes. To ensure all swimmers and the Club have appropriate insurance coverage, they must be financial members of SQ. Information about membership fees can be found on the club website. Payment of SQ fees will be via an invoice sent by SQ to families who have indicated to the Club that they plan to attend Friday night Club nights.

   Swimmers will not be permitted to participate if Swimming Queensland membership has not been paid.

   **Note:** If a swimmer has not been a member of SQ in previous years they may attend one Friday night Club night as a trial prior to joining SQ.

10. Can I sign up to SQ without being a member of a swim club?
    No. You must nominate a SQ affiliated Swim Club in order to join SQ.

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**Ithaca Creek State School Website**
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The swim club webpage can be accessed via the Our Community/P&C menu.

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[www.qld.swimming.org.au](http://www.qld.swimming.org.au)

See you on Friday NIGHT!