

Howe Bridge Aces Swimming Club – Voting Eligibility Guide

This guide explains who is entitled to vote at General Meetings under the Howe Bridge Aces Constitution.

✔ Members Who *Can* Vote

1. Senior Members (18+)

A Senior Member who is:

- fully paid-up
- registered with Swim England (Club Train, Club Compete, or Club Support)

→ **Has full voting rights.**

2. Members Aged 16–17

The constitution explicitly states that members aged 16 or 17 may:

- attend
- speak
- vote
- submit nominations and proposals

→ **They have full voting rights.**

3. Honorary or Life Members who also hold ordinary membership

If an Honorary/Life Member has also retained **paid ordinary membership**, they are treated as a full member.

→ **They can vote.**

✘ Members Who *Cannot* Vote

1. Junior Members (Under 16)

- May attend only by invitation
- May speak if invited
- **Cannot vote**

2. Parents who are *not* members

A child's membership does **not** give voting rights to a parent.

Parents can only vote if **they themselves** hold:

- Club Support membership, or
- Club Train/Compete membership

and are fully paid-up.

3. Honorary/Life Members without ordinary membership

If they do not also hold paid membership:

→ **They cannot vote.**

4. Coaches or paid staff (unless they are also members)

Coaches are not automatically members. They can only vote if they hold their own paid membership (usually Club Support).

Summary Table

Category	Attend	Speak	Vote
Senior Members (18+)	✓	✓	✓
Members aged 16–17	✓	✓	✓
Junior Members (<16)	By invitation	By invitation	✗
Honorary/Life Members (no ordinary membership)	✓	✓	✗
Honorary/Life Members (with ordinary membership)	✓	✓	✓
Parents (not members)	✗	✗	✗
Coaches (not members)	By invitation	Limited	✗

In Plain English

If someone is:

- **16 or older,**
- **fully paid-up,**
- **a Swim England member (Train, Compete, or Support)**

 **They can vote at an Special General Meeting or the Annual General Meeting.**

Everyone else cannot.

voting rights come from membership status, not from role.