

Free swimming for people aged 16 and under and 60 and over

Introduction

Solihull Council has signed up to a £140 million Government scheme which entitles residents aged 16 and under and 60 and over to use Tudor Grange and North Solihull swimming pools for free from 1st April 2009 until the 31st March 2011. The Council is working in partnership with the Solihull Care Trust and Parkwood Leisure to provide the scheme which aims to get more people taking part in regular exercise by 2012, to coincide with the Olympic Games in London.

How do I get a free swim?

If you are aged 16 and under or 60 and over and live or attend school in Solihull, you will be able to get a Free Swim Pass which you will need to show each time you visit. All you need to do to apply for a pass is hand in a completed application form to either Tudor Grange or North Solihull leisure centre, proof of age may be required. Postal applications will not be accepted.

When can I apply for a pass?

It's best to apply before the 31st March so that you can be ready to take up the opportunity of free swimming from 1st April. However, you can make an application for a Free Swim Pass anytime up until March 2011.

I don't live or attend school in Solihull but I am aged 16 and under or 60 and over, can I still use Solihull Council's pools for free?

Yes. You will need to complete an application form and provide proof of age but you will not be issued with a Free Swim Pass - you will be given a free ticket to enter the pool each time you visit instead.

Where can I get an application form?

Forms are available at Tudor Grange and North Solihull leisure centres, any Solihull library or Connect centre and can be downloaded from this site. The form can be found at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/18823.htm>

What happens if I loose by free swimming pass?

If you loose your free swimming pass you will be able to get a replacement at either of the leisure centres for free once. Any subsequent loss of card and a replacement card will cost 50 pence.

When can I use the pools for free?

Free swimming will be available at the following times

Tudor Grange Leisure Centre

16's and Under

Monday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 4.00pm – 7.45pm
Thursday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am – 5.00pm

During school holidays, inset closures and bad weather closures the free swimming sessions will operate from 9.00am

60's and Over

Monday 7.30am – 3.00pm & 4.00pm – 8.00pm*
Tuesday 7.00am – 7.30pm
Wednesday 7.00am – 7.45pm
8.00pm – 9.00pm**
Thursday 7.00am – 8.00pm
Friday 7.00am – 8.00pm
Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am – 5.00pm
* Staff training 3.00pm – 4.00pm
** Adults only session 8.00pm – 9.00pm

North Solihull Sports Centre

16's and Under

Monday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am – 5.30pm

During school holidays, inset closures and bad weather closures the free swimming sessions will operate from 9.00am

60's and Over

Monday 7.00am – 8.00pm
Tuesday 7.00am – 7.30pm
Wednesday 7.00am – 8.30pm**
Thursday 7.00am – 7.30pm*
Friday 7.00am – 8.00pm
Saturday 9.00pm – 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am – 5.30pm
* Ladies only session 6.00pm – 7.30pm
** Staff training 2.00pm – 3.00pm and Adult only session 7.30pm – 8.30pm

During busy periods, your swim may be limited to one hour 20 minutes to give everyone a fair chance of using the pool. A call out system in the pool will let you know when this is in operation.

For further information about free swimming and how to apply, contact either Tudor Grange Leisure Centre on 0121 705 6371 or North Solihull Sports Centre on 0121 770 3822



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Free swim pass application form for Tudor Grange Leisure Centre and North Solihull Sports Centre

First Name				Last Name		
Address						
Post Code				Emergency Contact telephone no.		
Date of Birth			Does card holder have a disability?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Ethnic Origin Please tick the most relevant box	White British <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Any other white background <input type="checkbox"/> Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Black African <input type="checkbox"/> Any other black background <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed race: Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> White & Black African <input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed background <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group <input type="checkbox"/>					
Where did you hear about the free swimming scheme, tick the most relevant box: This circular <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Poster <input type="checkbox"/> Leaflet <input type="checkbox"/> other, please specify:						

Conditions of entry into the pool

Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied in the main pool on a 1:1 basis.
 Children aged 4 – 7 years must be accompanied in the main pool on a 2:1 basis.
 One child under 4 along with one aged 4 – 7 years may be accompanied in the small pool on a 2:1 basis.
 The accompanying person must be a responsible person of 16 years or above.

Data Protection: The information supplied will be used to register your application for a free SWIM PASS. Information about your age, gender, disability and ethnicity do not affect your application and are held to help us monitor the equality of the service provided. We routinely share your information with Solihull Council and Solihull Care Trust for to monitor take up of free swimming. If you have any questions about this please contact Tudor Grange Leisure Centre or North Solihull Sports Centre. Your telephone number will only be used for emergency purposes.

Applications from under 16 years must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Lost cards will be replaced free of charge on the first occasion, any other subsequent losses will be charged at 50p per card.
 I confirm that I am entitled to a free SWIM PASS

Signed

Date

Please return your completed application form to Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Blossomfield Road, Solihull 0121 705 6371 or North Solihull Sports Centre, Conway Road, Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, 0121 770 3822. You will be required to collect your SWIM PASS from one of these centres. **Proof of age will be required for children of 13 years and above.**

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Application passes by		System updated	
Card issued by		Card Number	