



## Health and Safety Policy

The Club undertakes to agree with pool operators on the arrangements necessary for ensuring the safety of the Club members and volunteers at all times when pool hire occurs. The Club Health and Safety code follows the Swim England safety guidelines.

Such agreement will provide for the Pool Operator to provide for lifeguard cover. The detailed Health and Safety code that follows relates to the Clubs life guarding and other responsibilities and also includes general guidelines and rules for all Club members, including swimmers, volunteers, coaches, lifeguards and parents and carers who have defined responsibilities and duties which complement and reinforce or aid the Club's basic obligations.

## Basic Obligations

The Pool operator will provide lifeguards. Suitably qualified personnel will be present on each and every occasion and in appropriate numbers as circumstances dictate. Where this cannot be done adequately on any occasion no activities will take place. For normal training sessions there will be one lifeguard as part of the hire facility. The Club will provide a qualified coach who is over 18years of age. Where the qualified coach is under 18yrs, a supervising adult will be present. During Inter-Club Galas, Club Championships or other organised competitions, the above supervision will be maintained either by the Club, other clubs attending or by the hire facility.

**Poolside Alarms**, this may be in the form of an electronic sounder or bell, if one of the alarms is sounded. All Club representatives should take all instructions from the host venue lifeguards until the safe area is reached or the alarms are silenced.

**Fire / Emergency Drill.** The purpose of this will be to get all the members familiar with leaving the pool safely. A whistle will be sounded to indicate a Fire / Emergency Drill. Everyone should leave the pool in a calm and orderly manner via the poolside fire doors and assemble at the designated fire alarm assembly area indicated by the Lead Coach of the session or other designated volunteer.

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Swimmers should not enter the water if they have the following:-

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Infectious skin rashes
- Open wounds
- Ear infections

Parents must at all times remain responsible for any medication required by a swimmer and for administering it as required.

Swimmers should not run on poolside, as the tiles are slippery when wet.

The Club will draw the attention of all its members to its Safety Policy and will ensure that they are familiar with and understand the emergency procedures.

The Committee and Coaches and will be required to check from time to time with the pool operators for any changes which affect their functions.

## **Written Operating Procedures**

The Club will ensure that all Volunteers and Coaches are familiar with the Pool operator's written statement or rules setting out the organisation and arrangements for ensuring users safety in normal and emergency conditions.

## **Range of Activities Covered**

The Club's activities covered by this Safety Policy include the following:

- Club Training Sessions
- Club Home Galas – for the duration of the Gala
- Open Competitions – the Club expect host clubs/organisations to provide adequate lifeguard facilities

## **Accident / Incident Reporting and Insurance**

The Club will ensure a current and valid insurance policy is in operation. Details of this are available from the Club Secretary.

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All accidents or incidents will require a report immediately following, or as soon as practicable, to the Welfare Officer via the Clubs Incident Recording System. The Venue should also be advised of such an incident for their own records.



### Updating the Health & Safety code

The Club will receive and update this Safety code as and when required by new circumstances, Pool Operator requirements or changes to current safety legislation.

The Swim England Health and Safety guidelines are available on the Swim England website.