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Birkenhead Swimming Club

Teachers/ Coaches & Volunteers Handbook



Affiliated to Swim England North West Region and to the Cheshire County Water Polo and Swimming Association



Welcome to Birkenhead Swimming Club

Mission Statement - to provide opportunities for all individuals to develop their skills and compete at levels appropriate to their development, and maximise their potential as a competitive swimmer.

Birkenhead Swimming Club and ASA are committed to good child welfare policies and practice, and has a child welfare policy, with child welfare disciplinary policy and details of where they can be obtained, i.e. from the Welfare Officer/club website/notice board/ ASA website. In a situation where a child is at risk of harm or has been harmed the parent/ club Welfare Officer should contact the police or social services directly and inform the ASA ICPO as soon as possible with information of the concern.

The Club will do their best to encourage your child to improve their strokes and fitness. The programme provided in all our squads will attempt to bring the best from your child, and will work far more effectively if attendance is at least twice a week for beginners and two thirds of the sessions available, or more, for Juniors and seniors.

We will seek to encourage your child to take part in competitive galas, of which we have a number at different levels. This will begin with time trials within the club leading to team selection for development galas and further progress in teams appropriate to your child's development.

From a coaching point of view you cannot hurry a child's development, maturity both physical and mental affect their performance

What can you do as a parent?? **Firstly** and most importantly, always find a way to **encourage** your child rather than criticise. Try to ensure they judge their own performance against only themselves and their previous personal best performances. We call these PB's and each swimmer in our club has their current PB's recorded on the notice board just outside the pool. This is because all children mature and develop at different rates and the swimmers who finish at a high level do not necessarily shine early!

Secondly, watch the notice board(s) to see if your child has been chosen for a gala. This board is inside the pool hall on the left as you enter. Please always advise availability at the earliest opportunity and of any problems. Obviously this is because it can result in coaches having to contact other swimmers at short notice if availability is not advised EARLY. Please try to avoid this by ticking/crossing the team sheet EARLY. If we are advised late then this will probably involve a telephone call to seek other swimmers for the team, we would ask you to appreciate that this is by no means an indication that your child is "second choice"; we fully appreciate the support of those parents and children! It is unfortunate, but is solely a problem provided by swimmers not advising if they will swim EARLY!

Lastly, if you have any queries please ask We can't promise the answer you may expect but hopefully we should be able to explain why and what we do.

Please remember that all the officials, coaches and helpers within the club are volunteers. They are there to do their best for ALL the children in the club. They are quite happy to answer any question or advise you who is best placed to answer. We're not saying that they are always right but please respect their commitment.

First Day - On your child's first attendance at the club we will ask them to swim a few lengths in three different strokes. They will then be assigned to a lane for the rest of the session and we will gauge their current levels of fitness. At the end of the session the coach will advise you of the squad and lane your child should attend.

You are allowed to attend three sessions including your first and just pay the training fee. On your fourth attendance or before you must pay your yearly club membership. The rates for this are on the attached membership form.

The club is committed to providing support for its members and in the event that you have any difficulties with fees or the provision of equipment please speak, in strictest confidence, to: the Chairman, Roy Smither on 0151 644 0653



VOLUNTEERS - Policy

To succeed in achieving it's Mission the Club is totally reliant on the commitment of the volunteers who provide all the skills necessary to enable the club to operate. To ensure sustainability, the club is committed to actively encourage the recruitment of new volunteers and to provide funding for training and ongoing development. If you are interested in getting involved with poolside, officiating or administrative roles and would like further information please speak to ROY SMITHER, NIC WINTER, PETER BLOOD or any coach.

VOLUNTEERS - Poolside helpers

If you are interested in becoming involved as a poolside helper you will be required to complete the necessary CRB checks after which you can come on the poolside to assist our qualified teachers and coaches, The club also provides financial support for those wishing to become further involved through taking teaching and coaching qualifications. For further information please speak to NIC WINTER or any coach.

VOLUNTEERS - Officiating

If you are interested in becoming involved in helping at galas you will be required to complete the necessary CRB checks after which you can come on the poolside to assist Again, if you choose, there are examinations to qualify for timekeeping, judging and starting. Please speak to PETER BLOOD for further information.

COMMITTEE & CLUB ORGANIZATION

The committee is elected each year at the AGM, watch out for the notices. The AGM is normally held in December. Offers of help however are welcome at any time of year and we will always be pleased to find you a job. We would especially be pleased to receive any help with fund raising or the arrangement of social events. Please speak to ROY SMITHER, PETER BLOOD or any committee member.

WHO TO CONTACT:

Chairman	Roy Smither	0151 644 0653
Vice-chair	Peter Blood	0151 643 9761
Chief Coach	Nic Winter	0151 645 3698

Achievement Awards

The club recognises achievements through the ASA awards scheme, commencing at the ASA National Plan for teaching swimming Level 7 (pre competitive). A log-sheet is available at the rear of this handbook and Certificates, badges, and logbooks are available from the club shop.

Club Swim Shop

To order Club kit contact Cath Long or Peter Barton

Wirral Metro & City of Liverpool Squad Training In addition to the Birkenhead club, higher level training is available through Wirral Metro & City of Liverpool training squads. These provide intensive squad training designed to bring the best from high performing swimmers. Their objective is to provide the time to allow full development of any swimmer's potential provided they are committed to full attendance to the sessions available to them. These squads compete through Wirral Metro Swimming Club, and City of Liverpool Swimming Club in high level competitions at regional and national level and open meets.

For further information please speak to your squad coach,



Academy

Saturday	16.30 – 18.00	Leasowe
Sunday	15.30 – 17.00	Leasowe

Beginner Squad

Thursday	20:00 – 21:00	Leasowe
Friday	19:00 – 20:00	Leasowe
Saturday	16:30 – 18.00	Leasowe
Sunday	15.30 – 17.00	Leasowe

Junior Squad

50m Training	Monday	19:00 – 21.00	Liverpool Aquatic Centre
	Thursday	20:00 – 21.00	Leasowe
	Friday	19.00 – 20.00	Leasowe
	Friday	20.00 – 21.00	Leasowe
	Saturday	16:00 – 18:00	Europa Pools
	Saturday	16.30 – 18.00	Leasowe
	Sunday	15.30 – 17:00	Leasowe

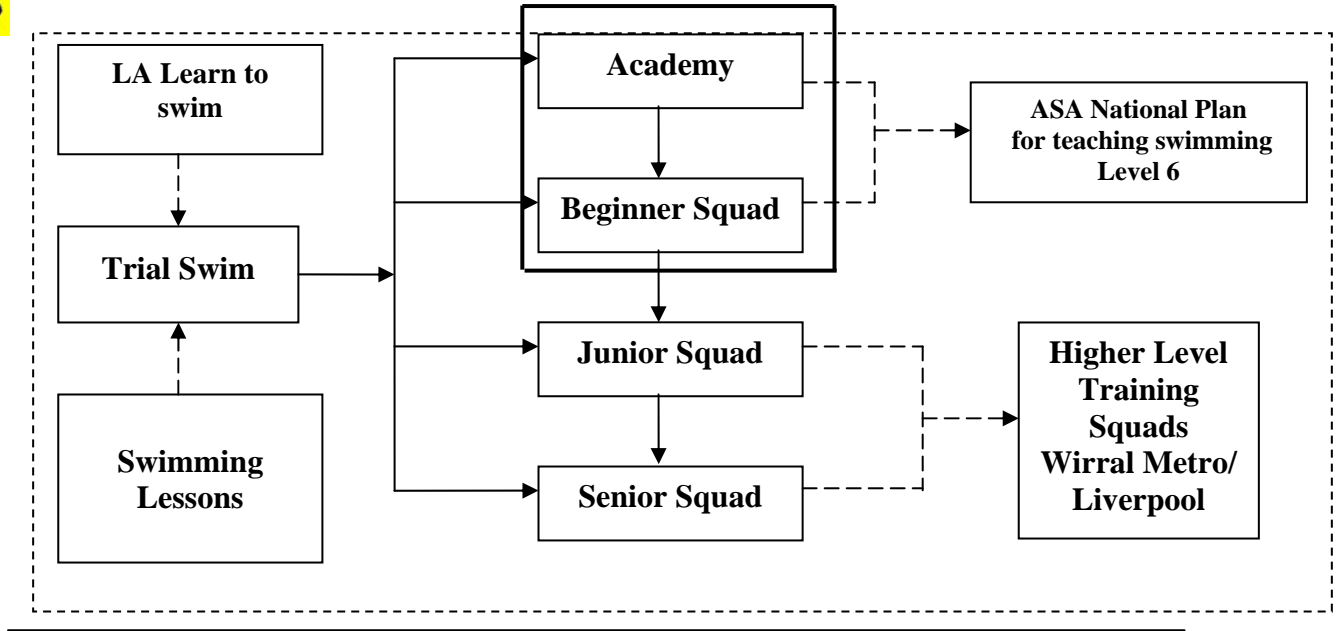
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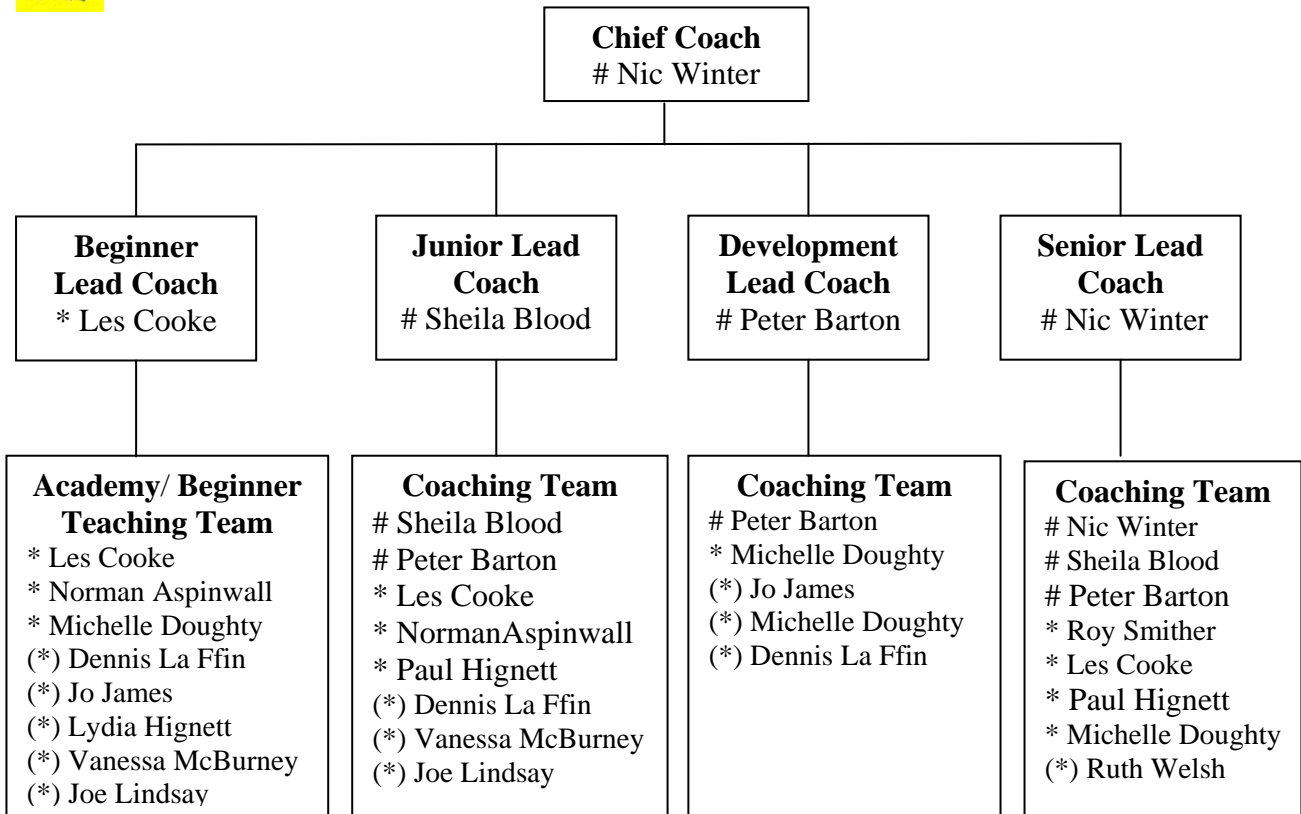
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Club Structure - Training



Club Structure – Coaching



* Lev 2 Teacher/ Coach
 (*) Lev 1 Teacher/ Coach

ASA Teacher (Disabilities)
 Sheila Blood

Level 3 Coach



Club Structure – Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for all individuals to develop their skills and compete at levels appropriate to their development, and maximise their potential as a competitive swimmer.



Club Structure - Teaching

Birkenhead Swimming Club's teaching programme follows the "ASA national plan for teaching swimming".

Entry is at pre-competition level 7, which is the logical progression from Advanced Level 2 swimming lessons or equivalent.

The swimmer will initially consolidate their existing skills and develop their efficiency of the four competitive strokes. They will then, through the use of a range of drills and practices, progress towards the more demanding aspects of training development in preparation for taking part in competitive swimming.

The rate at which swimmers develop varies, and our teachers and coaches will ensure the necessary skills, strokes and confidence are in place at each stage of their progression.

This pre-competition development comprises two levels, both leading to awards.

Level 1 skill development includes floatation, streamlining, sculling, treading water and introduces the use of the pace clock.

Level 1 stroke development progresses the efficiency of the four competitive strokes through the use of drills, kicking, turns and starts.

Level 2 skill development further progresses sculling, treading water and use of the pace clock and introduces land training through the use of simple loosening exercises.

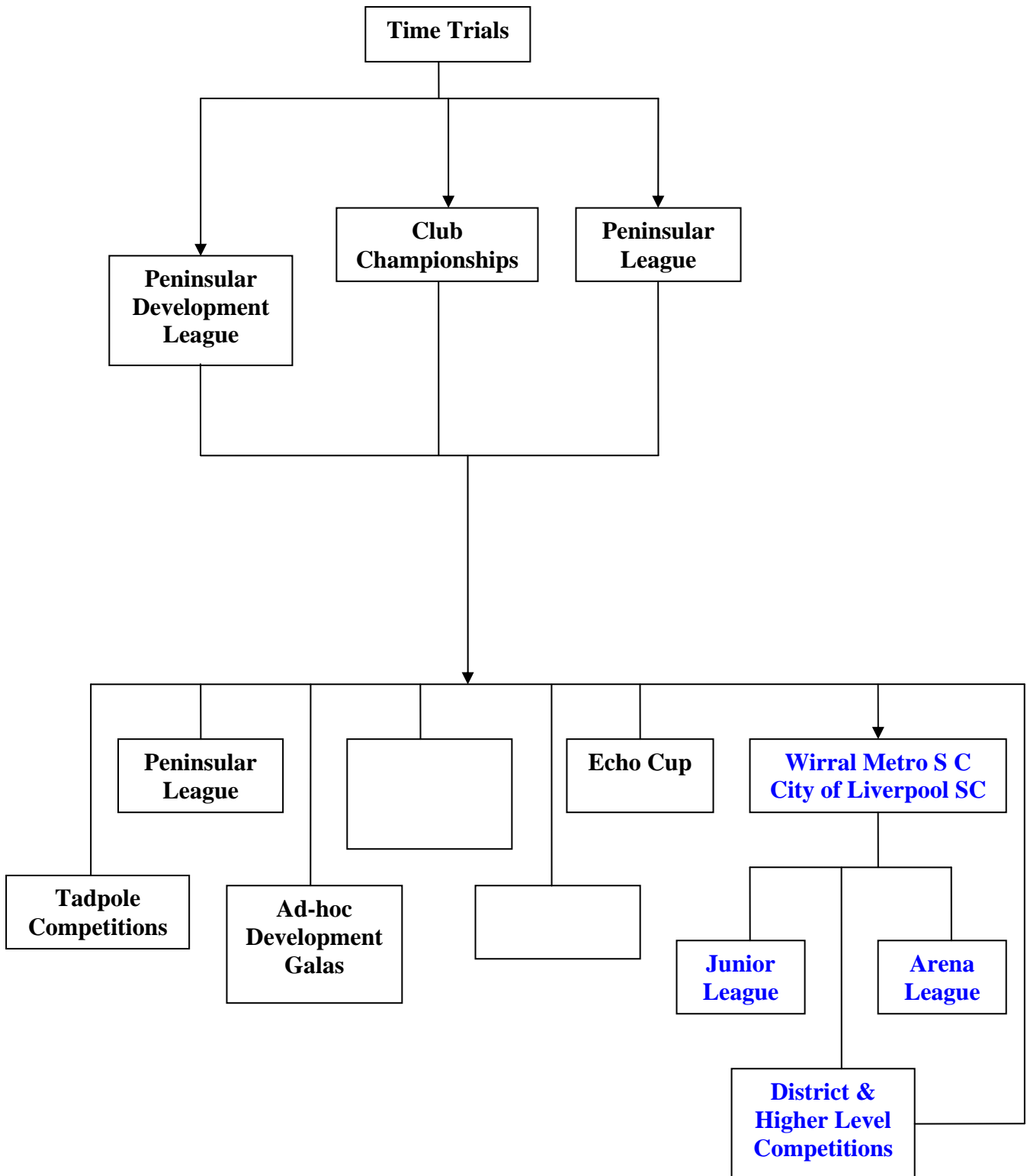
Level 2 stroke development continues to improve on stroke efficiency and kicking, introduces more advanced drills, makes further progress on starts, turns and finishes, and introduces short repetitive swimming sets.

Awards

A range of certificates and badges to mark achievement are available from the club shop.

eg. Preliminary Competitive Start, and stroke and sprint awards

Swimmers are also encouraged to keep a record of their progress in training, through the use of a log sheet (see section 10 of this handbook), and of their awards using a logbook which is available from the club shop.





President Alan Murray

Officers:

Chairman: Roy Smither 0151-644 0653
Vice Chair: Peter Blood 0151-643 9761
Secretary Sarah Wylde 0151-645 5117
Treasurer Leslie Cooke
Ass. Treasurer
Chief Coach Nic Winter 0151-645 3698
Gala Secretary Sarah Wylde/ Cath Long
Polo Secretary John Hamilton

Committee Members:

Denis Laffin
Peter Barton
Paul Hignett
Michelle Doughty
Jo James
Tony Foran
Kirsten Pankhurst
Bettina Wilm
Ladies Captain TBA
Ladies Vice Captain TBA
Men's Captain TBA
Vice Captain TBA

Club Representatives:

Peninsular League Nic Winter Peter Blood Sarah Wylde
L&D Alan Murray Peter Blood Leslie Cooke
NCASA Alan Murray Nic Winter
Cheshire Alan Murray Sarah Wylde
Peninsular Schools

Publicity:

Fund raising:

Swim Shop: Cath Long

Insurance queries: Sarah Wylde 0151-645 5117

Equity officer: Cath Long

Welfare officer: Cath Long



We compete each year in a number of leagues or galas and utilize each for different purposes. This will depend on the level of competition within those competitions and the requirements of the season.

CLUB TIME TRIALS

These are held approx. every eight weeks on a Sunday evening between 5pm and 8.00pm. All swimmers swim every stroke over 50 (some 25s for the youngest. This allows us to get a picture of how everyone is doing and make direct comparisons of fitness. It is also a friendly introduction to gala procedures for our younger swimmers. Please do your best to ensure your child attends.

PENINSULA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

A development league in which we encourage all club members to participate, especially those recently joined. The events in these galas are time limited and provide a chance to swim strokes or distances that you do not usually participate in. If you have specific requirements please talk to Nic Winter.

PENINSULA LEAGUE

Normally our strongest team, we compete in against teams from Hoylake, Wallasey, Ellesmere Port, Bebington, and Woodchurch,

MERSEYSIDE & DISTRICT LEAGUE

Not completing

A three division, six teams per league competition. The season for this league is September to June.

Age groups are as at 30th June

ECHO CUP

A high level competition for 9 to 12 year olds with 11 other very good standard Merseyside clubs. We compete in two six team galas at Everton Park and after the initial two rounds the six teams with the highest points go forward to the final. We have produced a steady improvement in this competition over the last few years.



OPEN MEETS

Watch the notice board for details of open meets and B grade meets. Entry forms for advertised galas are available from Cath Long.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

We also encourage our members to compete in some championship events. These consist of the Peninsular Age Groups, Liverpool & District Championships, Cheshire Championships,

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

We encourage our members to compete in the Club Championships Which are held over a number of galas in November and December. Everyone who enters gets a certificate and individual age group awards are also made. All awards are made at the Club Disco and Presentation evening.



Child Safeguarding Policy Statement

Birkenhead Swimming & Water Polo Club is committed to a club environment in which all children* participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this club agrees to:

- a) Adopt and implement the ASA Wavepower 2009/11 policy in full
- b) Recognise that all children participating in the club (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to enjoy their involvement in swimming and be protected from harm and be in a safe environment
- c) Ensure that those individuals, who work with children in the club, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
- d) Appoint a Club Welfare Officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the ASA who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the club.
- e) Ensure that the club Welfare Officers name and contact details are known to all staff, members and parents*of members and be available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower 2009/11 guidance.
- f) Ensure all those persons who work with children in the club have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant CRB checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower 2009/11.
- g) Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the club have been through the ASA recruitment procedure.
- h) Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower 2009/11.
- i) Provide all club members and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare or protection.
- j) Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower 2009/11.
- k) Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
- l) Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

*Children are referring to all persons under the age of 18.

“Parents” is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child concerned.

Who is the ASA SwimLine for?

This service is provided for anyone involved in swimming, including children and young people who believe that the welfare of a child is at risk. This could be neglect or abuse, bullying or fear of someone, or anything that is worrying you or you don't know who to discuss this with.

Who will take the calls & what happens?

When you ring you will hear a message. This will explain how to speak to someone urgently, and enable you to be transferred straight away to the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline, or if more convenient arrange for someone to call you back. The person who calls you back will be a trained member of the ASA Child Protection Group.

Other things you should know

SwimLine calls are free and do not appear on itemised bills unless the call is made from a mobile phone. SwimLine does not use the 1471 code or any other return call or call display facilities.

You can call the ASA SwimLine on 0808 100 4001

You can call the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline direct on 0808 800 5000
(open 24 hours a day and calls are free)

If you have a textphone you can call the NSPCC Textphone on 0800 056 0566



Equity Policy Statement

ASA Code of Ethics

The general Code is for:

- Swimmers,
- Parents,
- Coaches and Teachers, and
- Committee members, officials and volunteers who work directly with children.

Code of Ethics

Terms of Reference

The content of this Code of Ethics applies to all those involved within the sport of Swimming, Diving, Water Polo, Open Water Swimming and Synchronised Swimming.

The Code of Ethics should be read in conjunction with the ASA Codes of Conduct contained in Wavepower (ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures).

ASA Code of Ethics

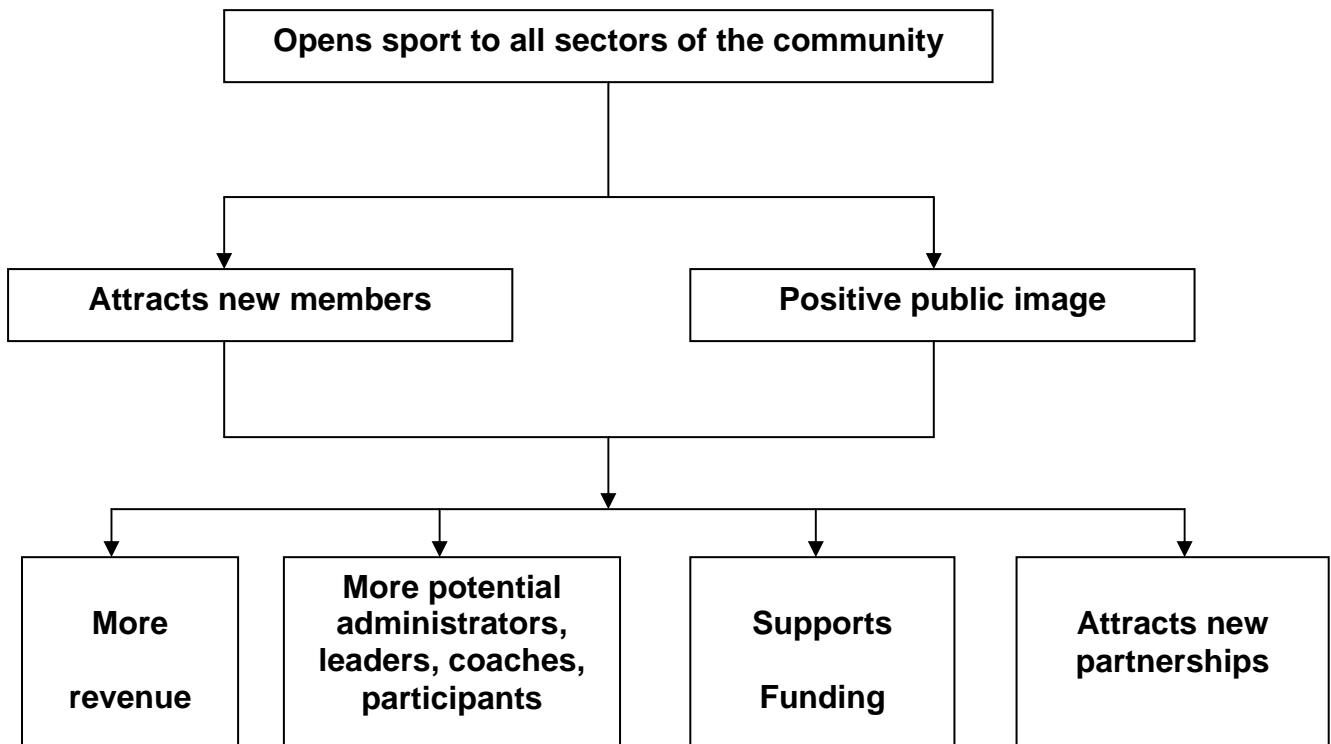
All individuals within the ASA aquatic disciplines will at all times:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person, be they adult or child, treating everyone equally within the context of the sport.
- Respect the spirit of the sport adhering to the rules and laws in and out of the pool, incorporating the concept of friendship and respect for others.
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport and never condone the use of inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence.
- Accept responsibility for their own behaviour and encourage and guide all ASA members and parents of junior members to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and conduct.
- Ensure all concerns of a child safeguarding nature are referred in accordance with Wavepower (ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures).
- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own safety and the safety of others.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and never behave or encourage or condone others to behave in a manner that is liable to bring the sport into disrepute.
- Adhere to Wavepower the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.
- Adhere to the British Swimming Anti-Doping Rules.
- Adhere to the ASA Equity Policy.
- Adhere to the ASA Laws and Regulations.
- Adhere to the ASA Codes of Conduct.

ASA members should note that this is a general “umbrella” code and is supplemented by the ASA Codes of Conduct which can be found in [Section 2 of Wavepower 2015-18](#).



Benefits of Sports Equity



Equal Opportunity in Swimming

'Equal Opportunity is about celebrating difference and diversity and as such providing a swimming structure that can respond to this in a proactive and positive manner'.

The ASA and British Swimming is totally committed to the principals and practice of equal opportunities across all of it's aquatic disciplines, both as an employer, provider and as facilitator of such practices by all it's members. In our work with key partners, such as the athletes, clubs, teachers, coaches, officials and administrators, we will advocate our policies make every effort to ensure that all participation has equity at it's core.

Swimming is a 'sport for all'. It can and should be enjoyed and made accessible to everyone and to achieve this:

- **The ASA/British Swimming** is committed to work towards ensuring that swimming is accessible to the, many rather than the few.
- **The ASA/British Swimming** recognizes the need to acknowledge the diversity of provision that is required to ensure that all people, regardless of their race, sex/gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, social or economic background can access swimming and develop at a level that is appropriate to them.
- **The ASA/British Swimming** recognizes the need to celebrate differences and diversity of provision as a means of creating entitlement and accessibility to our structures.
- **The ASA/British Swimming** recognizes that equal opportunity is about recognizing that people are different and therefore require different provision.
- **The ASA/British Swimming** recognizes the need to consult widely in order to respond to diversity.



Addressing Equal Opportunities

In addressing equal opportunities, the ASA/British Swimming will respond to issues of equity by:

- Recognising that swimming as an organisation – our staff, athletes, coaches, teachers, officials and administrators need to adapt and work flexibly in order to respond to the needs of a wide and diverse range of people.
- Take positive action to increase the involvement from under represented groups in all aspects of our organisation, participation, coaching, teaching, officialdom etc.

In doing so the ASA/British Swimming supports four key principals as being fundamental to ensuring that everyone can participate in our sport and the achievement of equality of opportunity:

- Entitlement:** People have a right to participate in and access quality and appropriate experiences within diving, swimming, synchronised swimming and waterpolo.
- Accessibility:** It is the responsibility of the ASA – our teachers, coaches, officials and administrators – to adapt provision to fit the needs of the many.
- Inclusion:** Wherever and whenever possible, all to access the same quality of provision, and if necessary to use positive action to ensure this:
- Integrity:** Whatever we do as an Association to change or adopt provision, it must be of equal worth, challenging, relevant and in no way patronising.

Lines of responsibility

The ASA/British Swimming will strive to become an organisation that values diversity and in order to achieve this we recognise that there must be clear lines of responsibility between all segments of the organisation.

The ASA/British Swimming as an employer

The ASA/British Swimming aspires to provide a diverse workforce, a composition of which reflects that of the broader community in terms of gender, ethnicity and disability. In order to bring about this diversity we undertake to:

- Provide full and fair considerations for all job, role and applications.
- Assist all our employees to realise their full potential by ensuring that they receive fair consideration of their training and career development needs and promotion opportunities.
- Wherever possible modify employment practices and procedures to reduce barriers experienced by members of disadvantaged social groups in seeking and during employment with the Association.
- Maintain full records in recruitment, training and employment and use this information as a means of identifying areas of inequality.
- Require all our employees to undergo relevant training before taking part in recruitment and selection.
- Regularly review our recruitment, selection, training and promotion procedures to ensure that they are fair and reflect current best practice.

The ASA/British Swimming as a Membership Organisation.

The ASA/British Swimming is committed to encouraging membership from all sectors of the community. To achieve this we undertake to:

- Promote an open and honest culture that values diversity.
- Communicate widely, ensuring that our messages can be understood and appreciated by all.
- Positively encourage the involvement of all people, regardless of their gender, race, disability, age and social background.
- Work to redress the effects of discrimination.
- Change attitudes and working practices to ensure that everyone can feel a valued member of the Association.



Teachers and Coaches.

In our training and development of Teachers and Coaches, we will strive to ensure that they:

- Establish and implement professional and ethical values and practice.
- Promote and apply the principals and practices of equal opportunities
- Promote positive images of people with Special needs.
- Have a commitment to providing entitlement and access to all their professional activities.
- Encourage high expectations and standards of achievement from all they teach
- Involve everyone in meaningful and appropriate activity to ensure a quality experience.
- Help everyone to achieve their full potential.

Officials and Administrators

In our involvement of officials and administrators we will expect them to

- Adopt, promote and practice the values of the Association.
- Ensure that participation can be enjoyed by all.
- Provide meaningful and appropriate experiences, which recognise and value the diversity of the participants.
- Actively encourage the participation and involvement of people from disadvantaged groups of the community.



Member’s Code of Conduct

General behaviour

1. I will treat all members of, and persons associated with, the ASA with due dignity and respect.
2. I will treat everyone equally and never discriminate against another person associated with the ASA on any grounds including that of age, sexual orientation, gender, faith, ethnic origin or nationality.
3. I understand that the use of inappropriate or abusive language, bullying, harassment, or physical violence will not be tolerated and could result in action being taken through the disciplinary or child welfare policies.
4. I will display a high standard of behaviour at all times.
5. I will always report any poor behaviour by others to an appropriate officer or member of staff.
6. I will recognise and celebrate the good performance and success of fellow club and team members.
7. I will respect the privacy of others, especially in the use of changing facilities.
8. I am aware that regardless of age or gender sharing of changing cubicles is not permitted in any circumstances.
9. I am aware that at no time regardless of age or gender will swimmers be in the same changing cubicles together. Any breach of these rules will be dealt with under the club's disciplinary procedure.

Training

1. I will treat my coach and fellow members with respect.
2. I will make my coach aware if I have difficulties in attending training sessions as per the rules laid down for my squad.
3. I will arrive in good time on poolside before the training session starts to complete poolside warm up as directed by my coach.
4. I understand that if I arrive late, I must report to my coach before entering the pool. 5. I will ensure that I have all of my equipment with me, e.g. paddles, kick boards, hats, goggles, etc.
6. If I need to leave the pool for any reason during training, I will inform my coach before doing so.
7. I will listen to what my coach is telling me at all times and obey any instructions given.
8. I will always swim to the wall as I would do in a race, and I will practice turns as instructed.
9. I will not stop and stand in the lane, or obstruct others from completing their training.
10. I will not pull on the ropes as this may injure other members.
11. I will not skip lengths or sets – to do so means I would only be cheating myself. 12. I will think about what I am doing during training, and if I have any problems, I will discuss them with my coach at an appropriate time.
13. If I have any problems with the behaviour of fellow members, I will report them at the time to an appropriate adult.

Competitions

1. At competitions, whether they be open meets, national events or club galas, I will always behave in a manner that shows respect to my coach, the officers, my team mates and the members of all competing organisations.
2. I understand that I will be required to attend events and galas that the Chief Coach has entered/selected me for, unless agreed otherwise by prior arrangement with the relevant official and coach.
3. I understand that I must wear appropriate swimwear, tracksuits, T-shirts/shorts and hats as per the rules laid down by the organisation.
4. I will report to my coach and/or team manager on arrival on poolside.
5. I will warm up before the event as directed by the coach in charge on that day and ensure I fully prepare myself for the race.
6. I will be part of the team. This means I will stay with the team on poolside.
7. If I have to leave poolside for any reason, I will inform, and in some cases, get the consent of the team manager/coach before doing so.
8. After my race, I will report to my coach for feedback.
9. I will support my team mates. Everyone likes to be supported and they will be supporting me in return.
10. I will swim down after the race if possible, as advised by my coach.
11. My behaviour in the swim down facility must be appropriate and respectful to other users at all times.
12. I will never leave an event until either the gala is complete or I have the explicit agreement of the coach or team manager.

Name *Please use BLOCK CAPITALS*

Signatures: Swimmer Parent/ Guardian Date

This code is an extension to the ASA Code of Ethics. Both should be followed. Wavepower 2016–19 55 2.3



Parent’s/ Carer’s Code of Conduct

1. I will complete and return the Medical Information Form as requested by the organisation and provide details of any health conditions/concerns relevant to my child on the consent form. I will report any changes in the state of my child’s health to the coach prior to training sessions or events. I will ensure that the organisation has up-to-date contact details for me and for any alternative person(s) as required.
2. I will deliver and collect my child punctually to and from training sessions/events. I will inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the organisation changes my child’s lane and/or changing times, I will remember that the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and to enable my child to progress, and I should therefore support and encourage this at all times.
3. I will ensure my child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/ events including all mandatory equipment, e.g. hats, goggles, etc.
4. I will inform the coach/welfare officer before a session if my child is to be collected early from a training session/event and if so, by whom.
5. I will encourage my child to obey the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
6. I will behave responsibly as a spectator during training/events and treat members, coaches, committee members and other parents of members of both my child’s organisation and any other organisation with due respect, in accordance with the ASA commitment to equality and diversity.
7. I will not use inappropriate language within the organisation environment.
8. I will show appreciation and support my child and all the team members.
9. I will ensure my child’s needs are met in terms of nutrition and I will listen to advice given from the coach/nutritionist.
10. I will support the coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns I may have in an appropriate manner to the welfare officer.
11. I will not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency.
12. If I wish to have a discussion with the coach, I will check with the welfare officer as to how this can be arranged.
13. Most of all, I will help my child to enjoy the sport and to achieve to the best of their ability.

The organisation will:

1. Inform you at once if your child becomes ill and will ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her.
2. Ensure good child safeguarding guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
3. Ensure all activities are properly supervised/ taught/coached and that consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.

You have a right to:

1. Make a complaint to the organisation if you feel the organisation or a member of the organisation is not acting appropriately or in accordance with ASA/organisation rules and regulations. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the welfare officer.
2. Make a complaint on behalf of your child to the ASA Office of Judicial Administration.

Name..... *Please use BLOCK CAPITALS*

Signature.....

Date.....

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Code of Conduct for coaches and teachers

1. Put the wellbeing, health and safety of members above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
2. At all times, adhere to the ASA Code of Ethics, Rules and Laws.
3. At all times, adhere to Wavepower.
4. At all times, adhere to the ASA Equality and Diversity Policy.
5. Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
6. Treat all members with respect and dignity, value their worth and treat everyone equally, recognising their varying needs and abilities within the context of the sport.
7. Develop an appropriate working relationship with members based on mutual trust and respect.
8. Always ensure that all teaching, coaching and competition programmes are appropriate for the age, ability and experience of the individual member.
9. Always identify and meet the needs of the individual member as well the needs of the team/squad.
10. Be fair and equal in team and training squad selection.
11. Never exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward. In particular, coaches must not use their position to establish or pursue a sexual or improper relationship with an athlete, member or someone close to them.
12. Encourage and guide members to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
13. Continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
14. Complete a child safeguarding training course every three years in line with the guidance in Wavepower.
15. Treat all information of a personal nature about individual members as confidential, except in circumstances where to do so would allow the child to be placed at risk of harm or continue to be at risk of harm.
16. Encourage all members to obey the spirit of the rules and regulations both in and out of the pool.
17. Co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sport scientists, doctors or physiotherapists) in the best interests of the member.
18. Never encourage or condone members, volunteers, officials or parents to violate the rules of the organisation or the sport, and report any violations appropriately.
19. Observe the authority and the decision of the officials and only question those decisions in the appropriate manner.
20. Treat all competitors and teams of other organisations with respect, whether that is in victory or defeat, and encourage all members to do the same.
21. Refer all child safeguarding concerns in accordance with the procedures detailed in Wavepower.

Name..... *Please use BLOCK CAPITALS*

Signature.....

Date.....

This code is an extension to the ASA Code of Ethics. Both should be followed. Wavepower 2016–19 55 2.3



Code of Conduct for committee members, officials and volunteers

1. At all times, adhere to the ASA Code of Ethics, Rules and Laws.
2. At all times, adhere to Wavepower.
3. At all times, adhere to the ASA Equality and Diversity Policy.
4. Adhere fully to the role and job description as outlined by the organisation and never use that role to gain favour for yourself or any individual member.
5. Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
6. Treat all members with respect and dignity, value their worth and treat everyone equally, recognising their varying needs and abilities within the context of the sport.
7. Encourage and guide members to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
8. Continue to seek and maintain your own development in line with your role and complete a child safeguarding training course, if appropriate to your role.
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Internal Disputes

Birkenhead Swimming Club shall comply with the requirements and procedures of ASA Law for handling all Internal Club Disputes as may be revised from time to time.

For further information contact the Chair, Welfare Officer or any Coach or Committee member

Insurance:

Fully paid up members of Birkenhead Swimming Club are automatically covered by the Club's Insurance Scheme. If you wishes to see a copy of the Insurance Policy or Document, or make a claim then please contact the Mrs Sarah Wylde the Club Secretary 0151-645 5117

A copy of the Birkenhead SC Insurance Certificates is on display on the first floor notice board at Leasow Recreation Centre.



Accident/Incident Procedures

Name of club:	Birkenhead Swimming Club
Facility:	Leasowe Leisure Centre
Normal operating procedures (NOP):	In club locker adjacent to small pool
Emergency action plan (EAP):	In club locker adjacent to small pool
Location of emergency telephone:	On Poolside and in First Aid room
Location of first aid equipment:	First Aid room on poolside
Location of club accident / incident record log:	In club locker adjacent to small pool
Emergency Contact Numbers:	Available from the club online administrators: Peter Blood: 0151 643 9761 Nic Winter : 0772 004 9195 Sarah Wylde: 07876 216 121

All persons in charge of club sessions must be aware of the facilities NOP and EAP as above. These should be strictly followed in case of an emergency.

The important action points are:

- Raise the alarm with lifeguard/ staff member
- Follow instructions issued by lifeguard or Duty manager.
- Call the emergency services (if necessary)
- Do not move someone with major injuries, wait for specialist help
- Ensure the rest of the group is properly supervised
- Contact the injured person's parent or carer – see membership card template for emergency information
- Complete the club's accident / incident record log

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Accident/Incident Procedures

Name of club: Birkenhead Swimming Club

Facility: **Europa Pools**

Normal operating procedures (NOP): Received 05/05/16. In club file held in Duty Managers Office

Emergency action plan (EAP): Received 05/05/06. In club file held in Duty Managers Office

Location of emergency telephone: On poolside right hand side of entrance

Location of first aid equipment: First aid room left hand side of leisure pool

Location of club accident / incident record log: Duty Managers Office

Emergency Contact Numbers: Available from the club online administrators:
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A copy of the Birkenhead Swimming Clubs Insurance Certificate is available in the Duty Managers office at Europa Pools and on poolside during training sessions.



Accident/Incident Procedures

Name of club: Birkenhead Swimming Club

Facility: **Liverpool Aquatic Centre**

Normal operating procedures (NOP): Coaches have personal copies of "Pool Safety Operating procedure" Section 4.24 Draft 5, April 2015. including NOP and EAP.

Emergency action plan (EAP): Coaches have personal copies of "Pool Safety Operating procedure" Section 4.24 Draft 5, April 2015, including NOP and EAP.

Location of emergency telephone: On poolside

Location of first aid equipment: The First aid room on poolside key code is 2203
The Reception Office

Location of club accident / incident record log: Leasowe Leisure Centre

Emergency Contact Numbers: Available from the club online administrators:
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“Coach the Ability NOT the Disability”

WHY SWIMMING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?

Swim21 focuses on a swimmer centred approach, putting the needs of the swimmer first. This applies to all participants in swimming, regardless of ability. All swimmers deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Great Britain leads the world in disability swimming, and for this to continue we must endeavour to provide those opportunities.

INTEGRATING DISABLED SWIMMERS INTO YOUR CLUB

It is important to assess swimmers ability in the water, in order to determine which group would be appropriate and which sessions would be of best benefit. Talk to the swimmer about their ability, they are the best judge of what they can and cannot do.

All swimmers should receive appropriate levels of coaching, water time and land conditioning related to the level at which they are performing. If land training is to be provided, consideration must be given to the access requirements of disabled swimmers, and the support needs of those who are providing that training.

Practical tips may include ensuring sessions are always written out and placed at the end of the lane, which would help swimmers with hearing difficulties. Additionally, those swimmers with learning difficulties benefit from repetitive programmes which over time they can learn and feel secure in doing.

CLASSIFICATION

If you are dealing with Learn to Swim and early swimmer development then classification is not an issue, but as swimmers move up the competitive ladder, they will need to be classified, especially if they are looking to compete at National or International level. Classification is based on a swimmers functional ability to swim a particular stroke. It can be a complicated issue but there are experts around to help and guide in this area.

WHO ELSE CAN HELP?

There are a number of disability specific organisations that serve people with disabilities. The umbrella organisation which serves as the development arm for disability sport is the English Federation of Disability Sport, which works closely with the ASA to assist with the development of disability swimming.

EFDS – North West

Regional Development Manager, Recreation House, Corporation Street, St Helens, WA10 1HF
Tel: 01744 455452 email: northwest@efds.co.uk



Record of Qualifications

ASA COACH
ASA CLUB COACH
ASA TEACHER
ASA ASSISTANT TEACHER
ASA LANE COACH

TEACHER/COACH NAME: _____

QUALIFICATION TITLE	DATE of QUALIFICATION	CPD courses Attended	CERTIFICATE No:	ISTC/BSCTA Reg No:

Note:
It is important the club ensures its teachers/coaches maintain their membership of the ISTC/BSCTA to retain their insurance cover.

It is recommended that a separate list be kept for each qualificat



Appraisal process for ASA Teachers/ Coaches

Name _____

Position _____

Review of past year 2.....

Highlights:

Areas of least satisfaction:

Personal development: (e.g. training needs)

Target: (something you would like to achieve in the next twelve months)

Signature of teacher _____ **Date** _____

Signature of head coach _____ Date _____

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDP)

The purpose of a PDP is to identify what new knowledge, skills & experience is needed to carry out the current role more effectively and in addition, to prepare for future roles/tasks. The PDP should clearly link into the club's and the employee/volunteer's objectives and values as well as the competencies required for the role. The PDP could involve training courses, spending time with others, mentoring & coaching, study & research. The overall outcome is that all parties are beneficiaries of the learning.

SKILL/AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	BY WHOM	TARGET DATE

By signing below the appraiser and employee/volunteer acknowledge that these key objectives have been discussed & agreed

Employee:		Date:		Appraiser:		Date:	
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Coaching Model and philosophy for BIRKENHEAD SWIMMING CLUB incorporating TRAINING YEAR PLANS for teaching and skill development level.

There are five factors involved in the overall performance of a swimmer and each can be specifically though not exclusively trained for. There will always be an overlap at the very least between adjacent areas if not on a wider basis on occasions. These areas are also interdependent on one another to some extent and must be utilized together to produce good racing performance. They all need gradually and progressively to be built up to provide the swimmer with the optimum chance to reach as high a standard of performance as they can.

1. Technique (Skill) [REC, EN1, EN2]

The ability to perform the strokes/starts/turns in a mechanically sound and efficient manner, with as little waste of energy as possible, on a continuing basis while fatigued. The maximum proportion of energy should be directed to propelling the swimmer forward. Achieved by specific coaching (and lots of reminders!!!) and by working with drills during swimming fitness work. This is a long process and can only be achieved with the active help of the swimmer, they must accept the need to change the stroke, do the drills or change consciously for some weeks/months before the change will become embedded as the preferred movement pattern.

2. Basic Swimming Endurance (Endurance) [EN1, EN2, EN3]

The bottom line!!! The speed a swimmer can maintain over continuous swimming or short rest repetitions is directly decided by this level of fitness. This factor is most susceptible to improvement and has to be worked on to a major extent throughout the year. Improvement is achieved by swimming at and above threshold pace. Basically this is what we test in T20s and use to grade our lanes. It is not effective to break these types of set with extra rest or going to the toilet etc., as this will almost certainly negate any positive effect from the set.

3. Basic Swimming Speed (Maximum Speed) [RP + weights/land training]

The swimmer's ability to swim as fast as possible over a short distance. It is in proportion to strength and how good the swimmer's stroke mechanics are. Improved by skill work, weight training and sprints at maximum effort. The stroke used in these sets should be the one that we wish the swimmer to use, long, good stroke mechanics and keeping hold of the water, beware the thrash when instructing on these sets! i.e. Lots of energy expenditure, but hardly any of it propelling the swimmer forward.

4. Swim Speed Endurance (Lactate tolerance/production) [SP1, SP2, SP3]

The ability of the swimmer's muscles (and some would say brain) to withstand the accumulated acidosis that results from swimming above threshold pace. Training for this area makes heavy demands on the swimmer and is not done in any quantity until they are maturing and have a good volume of basic swimming endurance "under their belt". Achieved by repetition training; high intensity, medium recovery. Got to do it and it hurts, encourage all the time, use sets that reduce in distance or kid the swimmer another way that the set is getting easier. Time the swims if the same length and feedback to swimmer to hold the pace.

5. Pace Judgement (Correct speed) [SP2, RP]

This area is enhanced by using the pace clock and by the use of decreasing sets, timed by the coach, with feedback to the swimmer allowing them to gauge how accurate their own pace is becoming. Define the pace you want and feedback to the swimmer, too fast is a problem as well as too slow, we want the swimmer able to control and know their pace.

The above factors need to be combined at the correct time and in the correct proportions to ensure that they have the optimum effect on each swimmer's performance as they progress through our squads and lanes.

Factors for maximum effect of training sessions

Warm up should be 10 minutes long and virtually or actually continuous swimming, normally allow 5 minutes at end of the session for swim down or spare time to complete the session if running behind. Combine this with stress on the basic push & glide, underwater kick, streamlining essential to all good strokes. Standard warm up to be used.

In every session and at all levels there should be one set that aims to markedly improve basic swimming endurance (EN3), this must be done above threshold pace and last at least 25 minutes. It will normally consist of a set of swims between 50 (+20) and 200 (+1:00).

In every senior/intermediate session there should be a lactate set (with only four sessions a week and less than 100% attendance, there is no problem of recovery). It will normally be race distance or close to it with rests at 1x or 2x swim time, eg 5x100 on 3mins from a dive flat out.

Where possible, in sessions of more than 1 hour, recovery REC or EN1 sets should follow an EN3 or lactate SP set before any more hard work. All other sets should be at endurance levels EN1 or EN2 and incorporate some skill development, except for the odd sprint set RP.

Skill development should not be done individually. If it really is necessary to improve a skill with one swimmer at a time; set the others a practice to do in the lane. Eg If doing tumble turns one at a time, tell other swimmers to do breast stroke turns to deep end, change the one swimmer once done. If diving find a way to have a continuous return and retry, by using outer lanes for instance.

Planning the swimming year

Year is broken up into five, ten week cycles (cycle 5 is longer to allow for Xmas break & club champs)

For year	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4	Cycle 5
2017	02 January	27 March	29 May	31 July	09 October
2018	01 January	12 March	21 May	06 August	15 October
2019	01 January	11 March	20 May	05 August	14 October
2020	06 January	16 March	25 May	03 August	12 October
2021	04 January	15 March	24 May	02 August	11 October
2022	03 January	14 March	23 May	01 August	10 October
2023	02 January	13 March	22 May	31 July	09 October
2024	01 January	11 March	20 May	29 August	17 October

Inside each 10 week cycle is the same cycle of skill improvement and fitness load increasing gradually over the 10 weeks. Eg:

Week	1&2	3&4	5&6	7&8	9&10
2017 Date	31.07.17	14.08.17	28.08.17	11.09.17	25.09.17
Emphasis	IM	Butterfly	Backstroke	Breast	FC

The starts and turns should be completed inside the part of the cycle dealing with that stroke. Cycle to increase in effort over the ten week cycle, this is done by increasing distance swum, reducing rest, increasing swimming speed and increasing repetitions. All the above skills should be incorporated into fitness sets wherever possible, be inventive about this! And don't forget to keep reinforcing what you've taught all the time!

Attached please find a training table initially prepared for the candidates for the club coach award. The different types of session and the parameters of that session are defined here, please utilize in accordance with the guidance given above.

Name of type	A1	A2	T	VO2	Lac Tol	S+P	Lac P	HVO
Description	Recovery and warm-up REC	Basic Endurance EN1	Threshold Endurance EN2	Overload Endurance EN3	Lactate Tolerance SP1	Race Practice SP2	Lactate Production SP3	Max Speed ATP-CP RP
RATIOS Work/Rest	>8:1	>6:1	Varies 2:1 or 3:1 @ 100 7:1 or 10:1 @ 400	2:1 or 3:1	1:2 or 1:3	Variable	1:4 or 1:5	>1:12
% of max speed	>70%	70 - 80% 2 - 4 seconds per 100 slower than threshold	80 - 85% at threshold pace	85 - 90% 1 - 2 seconds faster than threshold	95%	Variable	98%	100%
Heart rate average	120+	130 - 150	150 - 180	180 - 200	190 - 200	190 - 200	180 - 200	160 - 180
Beats below max	60	50	15-20	10-15				
Total set distance	Variable	2000 - 8000	2000 - 4000	1500 - 2000	300 -1000	Race dist x ?	200 - 500	200 - 300
Total set time	Variable	20-120 minutes	30 minutes	20 minutes				
Work element duration	20 - 120 mins				1-3 minutes	Race time	40-90 seconds	10 - 15 seconds
Repeat Distance	Virtually continuous	Any	25 - 3000	50 - 2000	25 - 200	Race distance or less	25 - 100	10 - 50
Rest Interval	Very short	5 - 30 seconds	10 - 45 seconds	30 - 90 seconds	50s 30-60secs 100s 1-3 mins 150s 3 - 5 minutes 200s 4 - 6 minutes	+5 - +20 at splits 2 - 5 mins between sets Active recovery	50s 1 - 3 minutes 100s 2 - 5 minutes Active recovery	10-30 secs 15s-1 min 20s-1½ mins 50s- 3 mins Active recovery
Number of reps	Variable	Many	Any	Any	Multiple sets of 6-8 for 25 or 50s One set of 4-8 for over 75s	3 - 6	3 - 6	10s 20-30 20s 6-10 50s 3-6
Swimmer exertion! Scale of 1 - 20	<14 very comfortable	14/15 Comfortable	16/17 Working hard	18/20 Very hard	19/20 Very, very hard!!	18/20 Very Hard	18/20 Very Hard	Plenty of recovery
Stroke	Any	Mainly FC & BC using stroke & stroke drills	FC IM 1 st stroke	FC IM 1 st stroke	All	Race stroke	All	All
Example sets	1500 mix swim, pull, kick	8 x 400 +30	24 x 100 +30	6 x 200 +60	5 x 100 on 4 mins	3 x 100 +5@ 25 No 1 stroke On 4 mins	8 x 50 on 3 mins	10 x 25 dive on 3 mins

Training Schedule 2018

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	26	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50										
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Club Championships



Notes