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Teaching & Skill Development

Birkenhead Swimming Club

Welcome Pack & Members Information Guide



Affiliated to ASA 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	16.30 – 18.00	Leasowe
	Sunday	15.30 – 17:00	Leasowe

Senior Squad

50m Training	Monday	19:00 – 21.00	Liverpool Aquatic Centre
	Thursday	20:00 – 21.00	Leasowe
	Friday	19.00 – 21.00	Leasowe
	Saturday	16.30 – 18.00	Leasowe
	Sunday	15.30 – 17.00	Leasowe

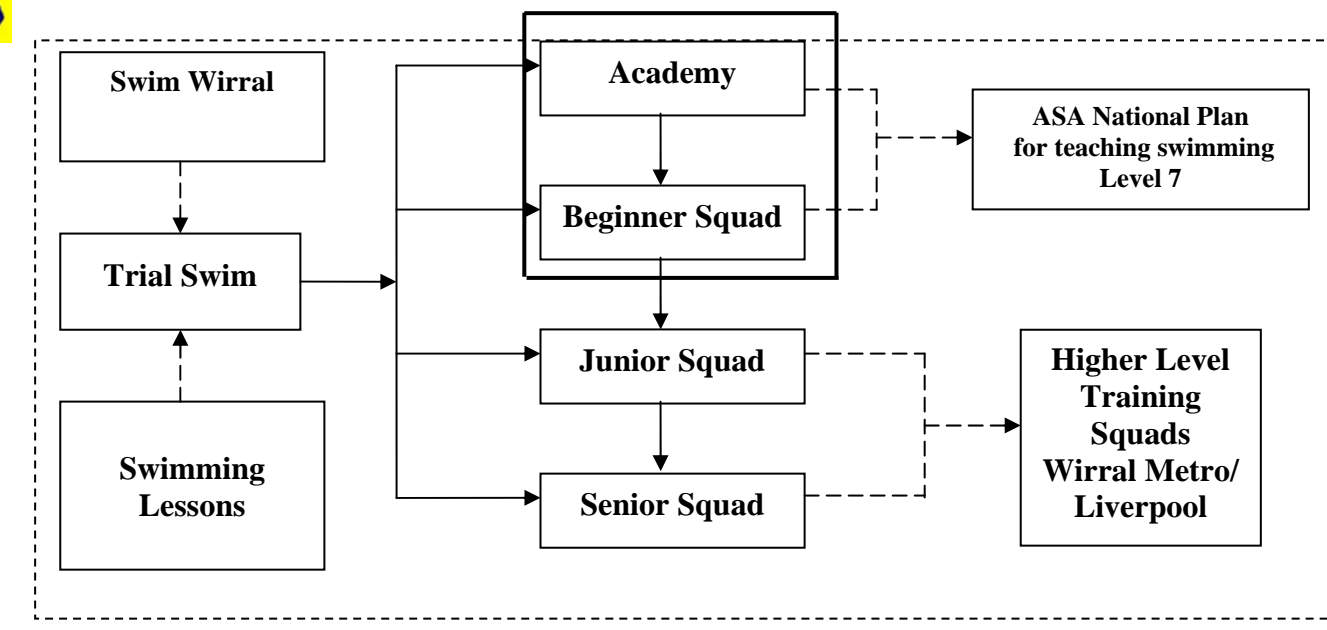
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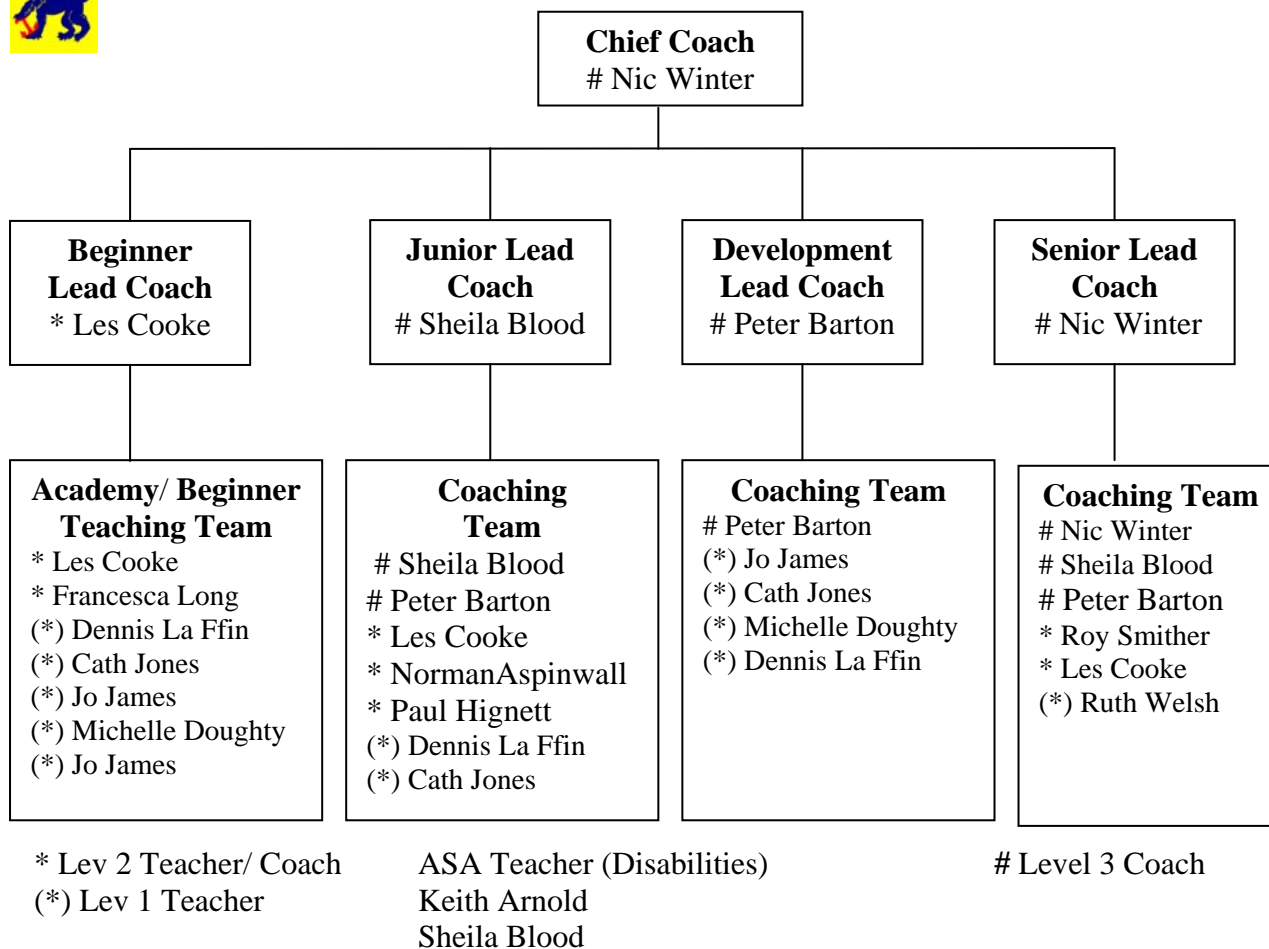


Club Structure - Training

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Club Structure - Coaching





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.

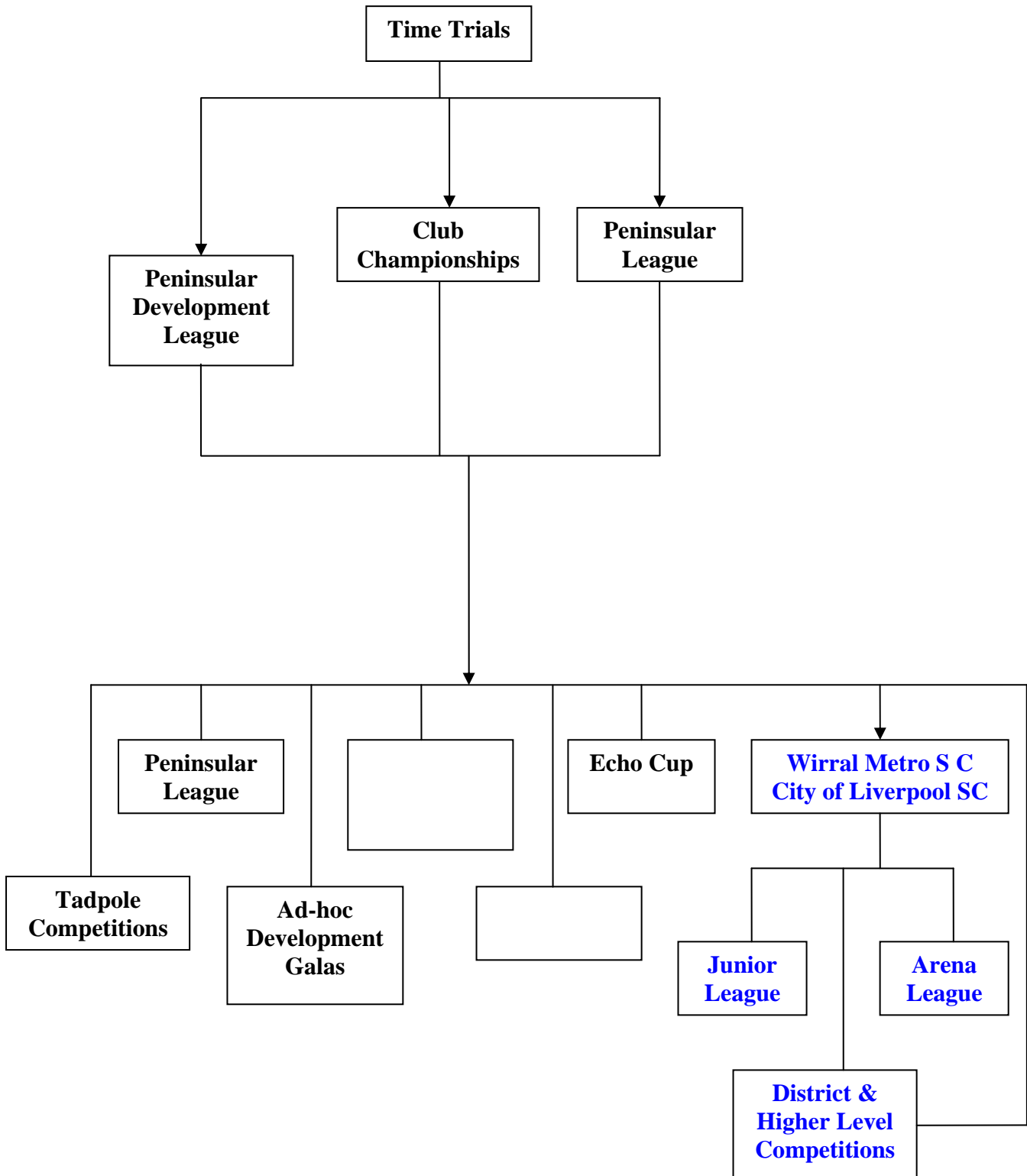
Level 2 stroke development continues to improve on stroke efficiency and kicking, introduces more advanced drills, makes further progress on starts, turns and finishes, and introduces short repetitive swimming sets.

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	Jan Howard	
Ass. Treasurer		
Chief Coach	Nic Winter	0151-645 3698
Competition Sec.	Peter Barton	
Gala Secretary	Chrissie Kirby	
Polo Secretary	Alan Murray	

Committee Members:

Denis Laffin	
Keith Arnold	Disability Liaison 0151-342 5648
Abi Barton	
Peter Barton	
Paul Hignett	
Cath Jones	
Michelle Doughty	
Jo James	
Francesca Long	Ladies Swim Captain
Sarah Robson	Ladies Vice Captain
Thomas Barton	Men's Swim Captain
Josh Hall	Men's Vice Captain

Club Representatives:

Peninsular League	Nic Winter	Peter Blood	Sara Wylde
L&D	Alan Murray	Peter Blood	Roy Smither
NCASA	Alan Murray	Nic Winter	
Cheshire	Alan Murray	Jan Howard	
Peninsular Schools			

Publicity:

Fund raising:

Swim Shop: Cath Long, Peter Barton

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 2015/16

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 Tom Ward.

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 Protection 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

Birkenhead Swimming Club is committed to treat everyone equally within the context of their activity, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or political persuasion.

The Club will ensure that equity as stated in the club rules is incorporated in all aspects of it's activities and also recognises and adopts the Sport England definition of Sports Equity:

Sports Equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All Club members have a responsibility to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to the club disciplinary procedures.

Code of Ethics and Conduct

All children and young people who are members of the club must:

- Put the well-being, health and safety of other members above all considerations.
- Not become involved with any bullying of other people.
- Abide with the codes and rules set out by the club
- Not discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, language, religion, birth or social status as set out in the equal opportunities policy.
- Respect other peoples rights, and dignity.
- Not encourage other members to violate the rules of the club or the sport.
- Observe the requests and decisions of all teachers, coaches and officials.
- Abide by the spirit of the rules and laws both in and out of the pool.
- Treat other competitors and teams with respect, in victory and defeat.
- Treat all personal information about individual members as confidential except in exceptional circumstances regarding health and safety or medical requirements.



Code of Conduct for parents/carers

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

Code of conduct for club officials and volunteers

The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All volunteers must:

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance.
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect.
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances

Internal Disputes

The 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 Jo Gilbert the Club Secretary 0151 645 7441

A copy of the Birkenhead SC Insurance Certificate is on display on the 1st floor notice board at Leasowe Recreation Centre.



Before the Gala:

1. Remember to check the notice board for your name on team sheets
2. Always indicate on the team sheet if you are available to swim. (tick or cross)
3. If a coach is being provided, decide if you will be travelling on it – if not tell your team manager.
4. Speak to your coach or team manager if you have any questions.

Things you will need to take to the Gala:

1. Swimming costume
2. Goggles (if you wear them)
3. Swimming cap
4. Towel
5. Pool shoes
6. T-shirt/ shorts
7. Drink/ snack

What to do when you arrive at the Gala:

- 1 Get changed and if you are not using a secure locker bring you belongings with you onto the poolside.
- 2 Report to your team manager on the poolside. The team will usually have an allocated area on the poolside.
- 3 Check the team sheet to for the events you are competing in.
- 4 Take part in the warm-up.
- 5 Never leave the poolside without speaking to your team manager.
- 6 Remember to take your goggles and hat (if you use them) for the start of your events.

After the Gala:

- 1 Get changed and make sure you have everything with you when you leave the changing area.
- 2 If you arrived on a coach but have different arrangements for returning, let your team manager know.
- 3 Check the notice board or website for the gala results.
- 4 Check the notice board again for any other team sheets.



Applicant's Details

Surname:

First Name(s):

Date of Birth:

Address: :.....

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Parents Details

Mother

Father

Surname:.....

Surname:.....

First Name(s):

First Name(s):

Address (If different from above): Address (If different from above):

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Contact Details

Name.....

Name.....

Phone number:

Phone number:

Mobile number:

Mobile number:

Email:

Please also complete the following forms attached.

1. The medical information form
2. The club confirmation of commitment form and additional emergency information form
3. Photography consent/ refusal form
4. The swimmers' Code of Conduct
5. Parents' Code of Conduct

Signed:

Dated:

Please return the form to: your teacher or coach



Birkenhead Swimming Club Medical Information Form

Swimmer Name	Date of Birth

To be completed by members 18 years or over, or by parents/carers of swimmers under 18 years. Please delete Yes or No as appropriate and complete further details as necessary.

Do you or does your child have any specific medical conditions requiring medical treatment and/or medication? Yes/No	If yes, please give details
Do you or does your child have any allergies? Yes/No	If yes, please give details
Do you or does your child take any regular medication? Yes/No	If yes, please give details
Any other relevant information	

I understand that, in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, all efforts will be made to ensure that this information is accurate, kept up to date and secure and that it is used only in connection with the purpose and activities of the club. Information will not be kept once a person is no longer a member of the club. The information will be disclosed only to those members of the club for whom it is appropriate and relevant officers of the Amateur Swimming Association or British Swimming.

Signed (Swimmer): Date:

Signature of Parent/Carer (if the swimmer is under 18 years):

For Parents/Carers of swimmers under 18 years

It may be essential at some time for the Club Coach or Team Manager accompanying your son/daughter to have the necessary authority to obtain any urgent treatment which may be required whilst at a competition with Birkenhead Swimming Club. Would you therefore please complete the details on this form and sign below to give your consent.

I, being the parent/carers of the above named child hereby give permission for the Coach or Team Manager to give the immediately necessary authority on my behalf for any medical or surgical treatment recommended by competent medical authorities, where it would be contrary to my son/daughter's interest, in the doctors medical opinion, for any delay to be incurred by seeking my personal consent.

Signature of Consent by Parent/ Carer

Print Full Name:

Date:

Please return this form to: your teacher or coach



Birkenhead Swimming Club Confirmation of Commitment Form

Swimmer Name	Date of Birth

The members of the Birkenhead Swimming Club who are under the age of 18 years have no voting rights at any general meetings of the club, Parents / carers of swimmers under the age of 18 may themselves join the Birkenhead Swimming Club as associate non swimming members and in doing so that parent / carer will be eligible to vote. Such membership may require a fee payable to the club and the ASA, the cost of which will met by the parent / carer concerned. Further information can be obtained from the clubs Membership Secretary.

The declaration at the bottom of this form should be signed by the swimmer or the parent / carer if the swimmer is under 18 years of age.

Name of Parent / Carer	Address (if different from swimmer)

Additional Emergency Contact Information

This information should be completed together with the ASA membership Forms described above. In case of any emergency, please complete below an alternative name, address and telephone contact details (not those included on the ASA Registration Form) i.e. another family member or a friend, who can be contacted should parents / carers not be available.

Contact Name(s), Address and Telephone Number(s) please include any mobile numbers which may be used in an emergency.	Relationship to member

I acknowledge receipt of the rules of Birkenhead Swimming Club and confirm my understanding and acceptance that such rules (as amended from time to time) shall govern my membership of the club. I further acknowledge and accept the responsibilities of membership upon members as set out in these rules.

I understand that, in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998, all efforts will be made to ensure that this information is accurate, kept up to date and secure and that it is used only in connection with the purpose and activities of the club. Information will not be kept once a person is no longer a member of the club. The information will be disclosed only to those members of the club for whom it is appropriate and relevant officers of the Amateur Swimming Association or British Swimming.

Swimmer Signature **Date.....**

Parent / Carer Signature

Please return this form to: your teacher or coach



Birkenhead Swimming Club Code of Conduct for swimmers.

Code of Conduct for Swimmers from all disciplines

General behaviour

1. Treat all members of and persons associated with the ASA with due dignity and respect.
2. Treat everyone equally and never discriminate against another person associated with the ASA on any grounds including that of age, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or nationality.
3. 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 club disciplinary or child welfare policy.
4. Display a high standard of behaviour at all times. Always report any poor behaviour by others to an appropriate club officer.
5. Recognise and celebrate the good performance and success of fellow club and team members.

Swimming training

1. Treat your coach and fellow swimmers with respect.
2. Make your coach aware if you have difficulties in attending training sessions as laid down for your squad.
3. Arrive in good time on poolside before the training session starts to complete poolside warm up as directed by your coach.
4. If you arrive late report to your coach before entering the pool.
5. Ensure you have all your equipment with you, i.e. paddles; kick boards, hats, goggles etc.
6. If you need to leave the pool for any reason during training inform your coach before doing so.
7. Listen to what your coach is telling you at all times and obey instructions given.
8. Always swim to the wall as you do in a race, and practice turns as instructed.
9. Do not stop and stand in the lane, or obstruct others from completing their training.
10. Do not pull on the ropes as this may injure other swimmers.
11. Do not skip lengths or sets - you are only cheating yourself.
12. Think about what you are doing during training and if you have any problems discuss them with your coach at an appropriate time.
13. If you have any problems with the behaviour of fellow club members report them at the time to an appropriate adult.

Competition

1. At competitions whether they be open meets, national events or club galas always behave in a manner that shows respect to both your club coach, officers and team mates and the members of all competing clubs.
2. You will be required to attend events and galas that the Chief Coach has entered / selected you for unless previously agreed otherwise with the relevant club official and coach.
3. You must wear appropriate swimwear, tracksuits, T shirts/shorts and hats as laid down by the club.
4. Report to your club coach and / or Team manager on arrival on poolside.
5. Warm-up before the event as directed by the coach in charge on that day and ensure you fully prepare yourself for the race.
6. Be Part of the Team. Stay with the Team on poolside. If you have to leave poolside for any reason inform and in some cases get the consent of the Team manager / coach before doing so.
7. After your race report to your coach for feedback.
8. Support your team mates. Everyone likes to be supported and they will be supporting you.
9. Swim down after the race, if possible again as advised by your coach. Your behaviour in the swim down facility must be appropriate and respectful to other users at all times.
10. Never leave an event until either the gala is complete or you have the explicit agreement of the club coach or team manager.

Signed:

Date:



Birkenhead swimming Club Code of Conduct for parents

Parents are expected to:

1. Complete and return the Health and Consent form as requested by the club and detail any health concerns relevant to the child on the consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions. And ensure the club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative person.
2. Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/swim meets. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the club changes your child's lane and changing times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should be facilitated and encouraged at all times.
3. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles etc.
4. Inform the coach/WO before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and if so by whom.
5. Encourage their child to obey rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
6. Behave responsibly as a spectator at training/meets and treat swimmers, coaches, committee members and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect meeting the ASA commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
7. Ensure they do not use inappropriate language within the club environment.
8. Show appreciation and support your child and all the team members.
9. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutritional needs and listen to advice given from the club coach/ nutritionist.
10. Support the club coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the club W/O can be found the Club notice board, website birkenheadsc.org.uk and club handbook
11. Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency. If you wish to have a discussion with the coach check with the club Welfare Officer how this can be arranged.
12. Most of all help your child enjoy the sport and achieve to the best of their ability.

The club will undertake to:

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

The parent has a right to:

- a. Make a complaint to the club if they feel the club or a member of the club is not acting appropriate to ASA/club laws and rules. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the club Welfare Officer.
- b. Make a complaint on behalf of their child to the ASA.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with by the club.

Signed:

Date:



ASA/ Birkenhead Swimming Club Photography and photographing swimmers policy

Why Have a Policy?

This Policy applies to all photographs taken on film or digital camera (including mobile phones) and all sorts of moving pictures including video recordings (and video streaming). The terms “child” or “children” include anyone under the age of 18 years.

There has been much talk about whether it is safe to have images taken of children participating in sport. Whilst the great majority of images are appropriate and are taken in good faith, it is a fact that images can be misused and children can be put at risk if common-sense procedures are not observed. To set out such procedures, this Policy has been prepared by the ASA. The ASA acknowledges the assistance of the Premier League and is grateful for their consent to the reproduction of elements of the Premier League Code of Practice “Images of Children’s participating in Activities at Premier League Clubs” within this Policy.

Aims of this policy

First, as in all matters concerned with the safeguarding of children, the ASA aims to help clubs establish and develop good practice. Second, the ASA aims to help clubs avoid three potential sources of child abuse:

- a. The use, adaptation, or copying of images for child abuse, either on the Internet or in print.
- b. The possible identification of a child when an image is accompanied by significant personal information, which can lead to the child being ‘groomed’.
- c. The identification and locating of children where there are safeguarding children concerns. Such cases would include, for example, children who could be compromised by an image because:
 - They are removed from their family for their own safety.
 - There are restrictions on their contact with one parent following a parental separation.
 - They are a witness in criminal proceedings.

The ASA have been aware of cases where the photographing of swimmers has been used for illicit purposes. Such illicit photos are taken by persons purporting to be official photographers, hence the ruling that no one unconnected with an event, i.e. Not a parent/carer who takes photos unless they are a suitably approved photographer and have the consent of the meet manager.

Recommended best practice

1. The publishing of a photograph of swimmer under 18 either on a notice board or in a published article or video recording (including video streaming) of swimming competitions (“Publication”) should only be done with parents’ consent and in line with ASA guidelines. An issue has arisen in the past where a child’s photo was published and led to a parent under court order only to have supervised contact with that child, discovering their whereabouts and making direct contact.
2. A parent or guardian has a right to refuse to have children photographed. The exercise of this right of refusal should not be used as grounds for refusing entry into a swimming competition. Therefore any photo that may go to press or on a notice board, be it through a member of the club or official photographer, should have received parental consent before publishing/displaying the photo, preferably in writing. A suggested form allowing parents to indicate refusal of consent is to follow.
3. Under ASA guidance on the taking of photos, once a parent has signed the club’s Photography Book Register we are happy for them to take photos on the belief that their swimmer is the main subject of the photograph. Other competitors nearby may be included in the shot but should not be the main subject of the photo. However, another person can object to a parent/carer taking a photo if they believe their child, not the child of the photographer, to be the main subject of the photo, but in practice this seldom happens.
4. In the case of open meets and other competitions where the host club has an official photographer present, all parents attending should be made aware of this in your meet details. If photos are to be published anywhere, the individual parent should be given the opportunity to withhold their consent. Their right to do so should be specifically drawn to their attention.

The ASA guidelines on photos for publication are as follows.

All photographs must observe generally accepted standards of decency in particular:

- Action shots should be a celebration of the sporting activity and not a sexualised image in a sporting context.
- Action shots should not be taken or retained where the photograph reveals a torn or displaced swimming costume.
- Poolside shots of children should normally be above the waist only in a swimming costume, though full length tracksuit shots are approved.
- Photographs should not be taken behind swimming blocks at the start of a race or exhibit young swimmers climbing out of the swimming pool.



Birkenhead Swimming Club Parents Photography Consent Form

Note: this form must be read and completed after reading the ASA/ Birkenhead Swimming Club photography policy.

The club may wish to take photographs, (individual and in groups) of swimmers under the age of 18 that may include you child during their membership of the club.
All photos will be taken and published in line with ASA policy. The Birkenhead Swimming Club requires parental consent to take and use photographs.

Parents have a right to refuse agreement to their child being photographed.

As the parent or carer ofplease complete the form below in respect of your child(ren).

Please note you can withdraw your consent in writing to the club Welfare Officer at any time should you wish to.

- Take photographs to use on the club's secure website

Consent given/Consent refused*

- Take photographs to include with newspaper articles

Consent given/Consent refused*

- Take photographs to use on club notice boards

Consent given/Consent refused*

- Video for training purposes only

Consent given/Consent refused*

- Employ a professional photographer (suitably approved) who will take photos in competitions attended

Consent given/Consent refused*

*Delete as appropriate

Signed:

Dated:

Please return this form to: The Club Welfare officer directly or via your teacher or coach.



Birkenhead Swimming Club Child Photography Refusal of Consent Form

Name of Child:

Date of Birth:

I refuse permission for the taking and/or publication of images of my child by the club's Official Photographer(s) in respect of any activity.

Signed (Parent/Carer):

Print Name:

Date:



Birkenhead Swimming Club - Training Log Sheet

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Name	DOB	Squad
		B J S

Tick applicable boxes and enter total distance swum

Teacher/ Coach	Date	Cert'd	Strokes				Start s	Turn s	Distance
			Free	Back	Brst	Fly			
Comments/ Awards									

Teacher/ Coach	Date	Cert'd	Strokes				Starts	Turns	Distance
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Birkenhead Swimming Club - Progress Record

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Squad	Beginner	Junior	Senior	Fast	Metro	COL
Name	DOB					
Coach						

Stroke	Comments
Free	
Back	
Breast	
Fly	

Start/Turn	Comments
Free	
Back	
Breast	
Fly	

Pre Competitive Start Award

YES

NO

Sprint Awards			
	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Free			
Back			
Breast			
Fly			
IM			

Attends Time Trials YES NO

Attends Galas YES NO



Notes