



Information for Parent at the Poolside Volunteers

All our parents are required to help on a rota basis with the role of "parent at the poolside" as required by Swim Ireland. The role provides additional supervision and assistance to the coaches at the swim sessions. This cover is required across all the sessions timetabled by Alliance ASC.

What we ask our parents to help with when they are on poolside duty;

- *You are asked to assist the coaches with supervision and to assist in response to any emergency.*
- *When you are on poolside duty please help with the sign in register and check that the numbers signed in tally with the number of swimmers. Keep a note of any child leaving the pool area during a session and ensure that they return and are accounted for.*
- *You should have a full view of the pool and changing rooms and be able to see and hear what is going on poolside. If you are in any doubt as to where to place yourself during the session speak to one of the coaches.*
- *This is a safeguarding role - the responsibility for the sessions is with the coaches but sometimes things arise like minor injury or occasionally behaviour issues. Please use common sense to ensure the safety of the children.*
- *You are not required to get involved in the coaching or discipline unless to safeguard the children.*
- *You may need to assist in an emergency (general rule is to stop the session and evacuate the building). You should therefore familiarise yourself with the fire exits and keep the attendance record with you always. The coaches will have all the contact details of parents/carers for the children present.*
- *Please stay until the children are collected. Parents are required to collect children within 15 minutes of the finish of the session.*
- *Any issues with the session should be reported to a member of the committee or the Club Children's Officer as appropriate.*

Remember

- ✓ *The rota will be sent by email and reminders will be sent, please check as soon as you receive it to ensure you are aware of your slot.*
- ✓ *If there is no poolside parent in attendance the coach may have no option but to terminate the session and ask that all children be collected.*
- ✓ *If you cannot attend, in the first instance please try to arrange a swap with another parent, however if this is not possible please contact*
- ✓ *Being part of the poolside rota allows you the chance to see your child's participation in the session, their interaction with their friends and to see their progress. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and get to know others in the club.*

Thank you for your help