

CHIPPENHAM ASC RISK ASSESSMENT ADULTS/CHILDREN SWIMMING IN THE SAME LANE

Identified Risk

- Young children swimming with children and adults who are physically bigger. An adult is defined as being 18 years and over.
- Safeguarding the welfare of both children and adults who swim together in the same lane
- ASA in Wavepower recommend that where children and adults do swim together a risk assessment is undertaken

Identified mixed age swim sessions

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| • Sunday, Corsham: | Two top lanes. | Age of youngest swimmer in both lanes is 14 |
| • Monday, Bath: | One lane. | Age of youngest swimmer is 14 |
| • Tuesday, Chippenham | Two top lanes. | Age of youngest swimmer is 14 |
| • Wednesday, Chippenham | One top lane. | Age of youngest swimmer is 14 |
| • Thursday, Corsham | Two top lanes | Age of youngest swimmer in both lanes is 14. |

Risk Assessment carried out by:

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Date of assessment: 2/3/13

Date of next review: Annually

Last reviewed: November 2015

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<p>The age and sex of the swimmers in line with ASA guidance</p>	<p>Chippenham are a small club with limited lane time and resources. It is therefore necessary for children to share a lane with adults once they are judged to have the strength and ability.</p> <p>The ASA do not consider children aged 13 and under should share a lane with an adult.</p> <p>In addition, consideration to be given to the safety of a child aged 14 and over who share a lane with an adult.</p>	<p>All swimmers</p>	<p>Adults aged 18 and over are only accepted in the club in exceptional circumstances. For example, a long standing swimmer turns 18 and continues swimming with the club or a national swimmer moves into the area and asks to join the club.</p> <p>The club does not run a masters session and therefore re-directs adult enquiries to those that do.</p> <p>In mixed aged swimming sessions, all coaches ensure appropriate behaviour is adhered to and raise any concerns with parents.</p>	<p>Include in the welcome pack to advise parents that mixed age swimming lessons may take place</p>	<p>Club Secretary to alter the wording.</p> <p>Club Secretary to monitor admissions and discuss with the chair and or welfare officer of Chippenham ASC as required.</p>	<p>2.3.13 – club secretary to change wording</p>

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Is there suitable lane supervision at club sessions involving children? (i.e. under18s)	Inadequate supervision will cause a risk to children's safety in the pool	All swimmers. Accidents etc may occur.	All lanes have trained coaches leading the sessions	All coaches to be aware of this risk assessment and ensure the practices identified are followed.	Welfare Officer to circulate this risk assessment to the coaches who lead mixed lane sessions and obtain reassurance that the measures identified are implemented.	8/3/13
The relative sizes and abilities of the swimmers	Swimmers of differing abilities and sizes swimming in the same pool will cause a risk to the health of all swimmers.	Younger and smaller swimmers.	Ability and capability are carefully assessed as swimmers progress through the club. Lanes are graduated by ability. No one is expected to swim in a lane beyond their range/ability. Coaches report on improved capability to head coach who determines if progression is appropriate.	Coaches to continue current practice of consistent monitoring of performance.	Continuous.	2/3/13

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The individual swimmers lane discipline and precision of their strokes	Undisciplined lanes will cause a risk to the safety of all swimmers	All swimmers.	Minimum of one qualified coach/teacher assigned to each lane who oversee appropriate behaviour. All coaches have attended Safeguarding courses.	Ensure continued qualified supervision through succession planning and training.	Continuous	2/3/13
Introducing a lane etiquette guide e.g. re overtaking	Swimmers not following lane etiquette will cause a risk to the safety of all swimmers	All swimmers.	Qualified coaches are assigned and oversee every lane. Lane etiquette is taught in the formative years and monitored throughout progression	Ensure regular reminders of lane etiquette are carried out by the coaches, especially when a new swimmer joins the lane.	Continuous	2/3/13

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The presence of lifeguards	Lack of a Lifeguard will cause a risk to the safety of all swimmers	All swimmers	No training session takes place unless a lifeguard is present	None, leisure centres provide a lifeguard under their own health and safety instructions.	All coaches to ensure lifeguards are present	2/3/13
The width of each training lane	Lanes which are not wide enough to accommodate swimmers to pass freely will cause a risk to the safety of all swimmers	All Swimmers	Abiding by the set up of the width of lanes set by the leisure centres. Chippenham club are satisfied that they are wide enough to accommodate the passing of swimmers	None	Coaches to monitor the lanes to ensure the width of the lanes are adequate.	2/3/13
The number of swimmers in each lane	Crowded lanes will cause a risk to the safety of all swimmers	All swimmers	Numbers of swimmers are restricted per lane to minimise danger. Effective lane discipline and stroke adaptation (e.g. single arm fly) enforced.	Coaches to ensure that this practice continues and is monitored vigilantly.	Coaches	2/3/13

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Whether the session is open to spectators	Consideration of the safety of our swimmers needs to be considered when a session is open to spectators.	All swimmers	All sessions are open to balcony spectators who may be able to identify areas of conflict and or near misses. These can then be brought to the attention of the coach.	Encourage spectators/parents to notify coaches of any perceived incidents.	Coaches	2/3/13
Ensure the club have an identified and publicised process by which concerns can be raised and an identified child Welfare Officer	If this is not in place, there will be no recognised route to raise concerns and seek resolution	All swimmers	Welfare Officer page on the club web site with a clearly identified route to raise concerns. Club Welfare officer(s) contact by email is via an email club email address that is sent ONLY to the Club Welfare officer(s) email accounts, and is not monitored or recorded within the CASC website or hosting.	Continuous review of Wavepower and the welfare web page to ensure it is up to date	Sonia Ward and Caroline Lavelle Chippenham ASC welfare officers	2/3/13