



# CITY OF DERBY SWIMMING CLUB



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## CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

As a swimming club with a large percentage of members being children we have a duty to be aware that abuse does occur in society and that anyone within our club should at all times vigilant to the potential signs.

The City of Derby Swimming Club complies with the ASA Child Protection Policy and Procedures. National Standards have been developed by the NSPCC that aim to promote best practice so that a safe environment for children and young people is achieved. The welfare of children is everyone's responsibility, particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse. Everyone in swimming - administrator, Club official, coach, parent, friend, children themselves, everyone can help. Protecting children from abuse is not a goal it's our duty. Our prime responsibility is the welfare and well being of all children in our care, and the duty to the children to act quickly and responsibly in any instance that may come to our attention.

Children and young people have a lot to gain from swimming. Their natural sense of fun and spontaneity can blossom in positive sporting environments. Swimming provides an excellent opportunity for children to learn new skills, become more confident and maximise their own unique potential. The Club will place the needs of the child first and winning and competition second.

The underlying principles with respect to Child Protection are that:

- the child's welfare is the first consideration.
- all children, regardless of age, any disability they have, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have a right to be protected from abuse.
- children and young people must be treated with integrity and respect.
- children and young people's programmes and competitions will be relevant to their ages and stages of development.

The Club:

- aims to create an enjoyable environment, where young people have the



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- right to be safe, secure and free from threat.
- acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.
  - will aim to ensure that junior members have specific programmes designated for them, with adequate supervision.
  - is committed to ensuring that all helpers, whatever their role, complete a Club Registration Form, sign a Code of Conduct and complete the ASA criminal records disclosure application form. Anyone refusing will not be used by the club in any position.
  - provides clear, comprehensive, easily understood procedures for dealing with
    - allegations of abuse
    - requests for help and support on a confidential basis,
  - is committed to an equitable recruitment selection policy for coaches.
  - will always emphasise fair play.
  - will have a child welfare officer who will liaise both internally and externally to ensure the best practices are adopted for the protection of everyone.

Anyone wishing to video or photograph at galas or training sessions must gain permission from the promoter before the event.

Staff and volunteers in the club are required to accept and recognize their responsibility to develop awareness of the issues that cause children harm. Training in this area is provided and promoted. We emphasise the sharing of information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, staff and volunteers.

We acknowledge our responsibility towards sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately. Any incidents/complaints will be recorded in line with ASA policy. This will be undertaken in accordance with the ASA guidance on confidentiality and information sharing. The club reserves the right to exclude anyone who mistreats any younger member of the club.



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Should any swimmer or parent / carer or any other person wish to raise any issue related to child welfare please contact the Club's Welfare Officer, club coach or a member of the committee as soon as possible. No member should take matters into their own hands. It is not their responsibility to make a decision on whether abuse is occurring, but it is essential that anyone who believes a child is being abused should make a detailed note of what they have seen or heard remembering to include the date, time, place and any other persons present.

Our Child Protection Officer is: Christine Brocklehurst

and the contact telephone number is 01332 605101

Other contacts available are:

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| ASA SwimLine    | 0808-100 4001 |
| NSPCC Help Line | 0808-800 5000 |
| Childline       | 0800-1111     |