

Broomfield Park Swimming Club

Supervision of swimmers including away events

Broomfield Park Swimming Club has a duty of care to safeguard children in their club. This means appropriate supervision when both training and at away events and galas. The ASA and NSPC have produced Safe Sport Away, which outlines what actions the club is required to take in the planning stages as well as at the event to ensure that appropriate safeguarding levels are met at all times

Supervision of children and young people in swimming

Club swimmers are supervised by trained/ CRB checked coaches and teachers..

The ASA supervision ratios for children whilst swimming are adhered to.

Over 8 is 10:1.but with a minimum of 2 adults at all times

In events away from the home club whether for an evening or overnight, clubs should follow ASA guidance in safe sport away, together with the ASA transport policy in this document.

In all events where supervision of junior swimmers is required the organiser must: ensure that the supervision ratios are strictly adhered to. Note, coaches and teachers should not be counted as a supervisor or chaperone.

Ensure that all supervisors know what to do in an emergency and that there will be sufficient staff to cope ensure the needs of the swimmers can be/are met at all times.

Taking children away for competitions and training camps

The ASA and the CPSU produced “safe sport away” to give guidance to all clubs to safeguard children when they take them away from the club base to train or compete. This document should be followed by clubs whether going away for a day or for several days and is relevant if this is to be in the UK or abroad.

Additionally the ASA have developed an international permit and clearance form which will be of assistance to club training and competing abroad.

Transport policy

This advice should be read in conjunction with the ASA/NSPCC document “Safe Sport Away”. The Club policy relates to transporting children in connection with all ASA activities.

The Parents and Carers are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child to any training or competitive event, except when the club have organised transport in respect of the team.

It is not the responsibility of the coach or other poolside staff to transport, or arrange transport for swimmers to and from any swimming event. Arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other club members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.

When transport is provided by the club in the form of a mini bus or coach, the club should ensure consent is obtained by the parent or carer for the child to be transported by coach and a

Medical Consent to Emergency Treatment form obtained

The Team Manager/ Lead Person will provide parents and carers written details of:

- Where swimmers should be dropped off and met before and after the event.

- The expected time of arrival at the collection point and the expected time of arrival back.
- A contact phone number for parents to use if they are unavoidably delayed in collecting swimmers or to arrange suitable alternative plans for collection.

The Team Manager/ Lead Person will ensure they have:

- Relevant forms completed and signed by parents.
- Details of the parents contact phone number on that evening if it differs from the numbers held by the club.

Late Collection.

Coaches and club officers unrelated to a swimmer under 18 years should not transport swimmers alone in a car or other transport except where to fail to do so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm. If in such an emergency situation a child has to be transported without a relative present two suitably CRB checked adults should be present and the child should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front. If possible, parental/carer consent should be obtained in advance.