

South Croydon Swimming Club understands the importance of new technology for children and young people's development. However, we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place by sports clubs to ensure children and young people remain safe whilst online or using social media.

The E-Safety Policy is part of SCSC's Codes of Conduct for Coaches, Swimmers and Volunteers

- Members should not deliberately browse, download or access material that could be considered offensive or illegal.
- If members accidentally come across any such material they should report this to an adult
- Members should not use social networking or the internet to send anyone material that could be considered threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or illegal
- Members should not share my passwords with anyone else
- Members should not arrange to meet someone unless accompanied by a member of staff or parent/carer

While social media can be a great way to celebrate team achievements or promote a Club to potential new members, it is important to ensure access to images and personal information is restricted to minimise the risk of their inappropriate use.

Facebook

If your Facebook page is aimed at Club members only:

- Set privacy levels so that only members of the Club can post and view information.
- Ensure you have informed permission from the parents or carers of a young person before images are uploaded, so parents fully understand where images will be publicised and who can view them.
- Remember that any information posted on the site can be viewed by other members of the Facebook group.

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If your Facebook page is being used to promote the Club:

- Ensure there is a dedicated person to regularly monitor the site, including posts and comments.
- Disable the automatic photo/video/YouTube upload link to ensure private content from Club members is not accidentally shared on the site.
- Unless in water, all images of Club members should be of them covered rather than in swim wear see exact guidance as given in Wavepower Section 2.
- Ensure you have informed permission from the parents or carers of a young person before images are uploaded, so parents fully understand where images will be publicised and who can view them.
- Remember that any information posted on the site can be viewed by any member of the public and included in Google searches (including Google Images). No personal information such as contact details or school addresses should be included.

The above applies to all social media platforms including Twitter and Instagram.

We would encourage Clubs to share this message with all parents and guardians and to ask them to think about where they are posting images of their children or other Club members.

We would also encourage Clubs to regularly review their social media pages to ensure all members are adhering to <u>Wavepower</u>, which is currently being updated on this topic.

For further information or advice about online safety please visit the <u>Child Protection in Sport Unit</u> (CPSU), <u>www.ceop.police.uk</u>, or <u>www.childnet.com</u>.

To contact the ASA Safeguarding Team email legal@swimming.org or telephone 01509 640270.

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