



Wet Side & Dry Side

Health & Safety and Best Practice

Parents / swimmers, please kindly read the following so that our safety rules are adhered to.

Swimmers - Please arrive in plenty of time so that swim sessions can start on time. It is a requirement that you are WET SIDE 15 minutes before the start of your swimming session, for activities such as flexibility or pre-session instructions.

Swimmers - When you arrive at the pool, it is IMPORTANT that you register your arrival at the top of the stairs.

Swimmers - Once you have entered the changing rooms, promptly change, shower and then go WET SIDE and stand at the end of your lane that you swim in if your swim teacher is waiting for you. If they are not at the end of the pool, please wait by the small pool and a swim teacher will send you down.

Swimmers - Please remember to go to the toilet before coming on WET SIDE and bring the following with you:

1. Kit bag – containing fins, swim board, pool buoy
(seniors may be expected to bring other swim aids)
2. Goggles – must be functional
3. Full water bottle
4. Swim hat – you may be refused entry to the water if you do not wear your hat
(hats can be purchased from a member of our club staff)

General - The disable ramp is not an authorised entry to WET SIDE, therefore you are not permitted to use it, unless you have been invited to do so by a member of club staff. Entry to WET SIDE is through the male / female changing rooms ONLY. Parents can drop off / collect their child, by gaining access to the locker waiting area, via the male / female changing rooms.

Parents (non-volunteer) – You are not permitted on WET SIDE, unless you are invited by a member of club staff. You will be guided onto WET SIDE, should your presence be required.

Parents - We remind you, if your child is under 8 years old, you are required stay on DRY SIDE at all times, unless you have been given permission otherwise. If your child is 8 years or over, please

advise a member of club staff if it is your intention to leave the DRY SIDE area – this can be done with a member of club staff at the front registration desk at the top of the stairs.

General - We remind parents / swimmers that we have no responsibility for your general safety in the DRY SIDE areas, but we request that you respect the BLC rules regarding the soft play area and wet feet and dress code. Additionally, for child safeguarding & welfare reasons, you are NOT permitted to change your child in the public DRY SIDE areas.

General – Part of the club’s commitment to our SwimMark accreditation, you will notice the presence of young volunteers on WET SIDE. This presence is authorised, supervised and is part of our succession planning / pathways beyond youth competitive swimming.

General – Photography or filming during normal training sessions is NOT permitted, unless you have been given express permission and is in strict coherence to Swim England guidelines. These guidelines are published on the download area of our website.

General – Club CODE OF CONDUCT must be adhered to at all times.

Definitions

WET SIDE

Areas that the club have a responsibility for during normal training sessions. These areas are the main pool, learner pool and all perimeter areas around the pools, up to entry point to the WET SIDE showers and locker area and the fringe of the seating gallery.

DRY SIDE

Areas that the club has no responsibility for during normal training sessions. These areas are the seating galleries, table and chair area at the top of the stairs and the soft play area. However, our CODE OF CONDUCT will be monitored in this area at all times.

CHANGING ROOMS

Areas that the club has no responsibility for. Parent intervention is required to ensure your child is behaving in accordance to the club CODE OF CONDUCT. However, any welfare issues MUST be reported to a member of club staff in the very first instance.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Is a set of rules that ALL parents / guardians, swimmers, teachers, coaches & volunteers sign up to and agree to adhere to.