Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Swimming Training at Active Luton.

This risk assessment has been developed by and agreed between Watford Swimming Club and Active Luton, following the guidelines and template at set out by Swim England.

It is to be seen as an addition to, and not a replacement for, any existing risk assessments associated with Watford Swimming Club’s training sessions.

The purpose of this risk assessment is to focus on the specific risks of Covid-19 spreading during swimming training.

To ensure the rules and guidance as referred to in this document are being followed by coaches, volunteers, swimmers and parents, as recommended by Swim England, Watford Swimming Club has appointed a Covid-19 lead to co-ordinate this activity. The Covid-19 lead is Gareth Harper (Club Chairman).

Supporting the Covid -19 lead will be a team of Covid-19 support officers – these will be adult club volunteers, and will have the role of observing the running of the training sessions, supporting where needed by primarily reporting back to the Covid-19 Lead and issues, concerns or blatant transgressions of the rules and the actions set out in this risk assessment. At least one Covid-19 support officer will be in attendance for each squad session.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment for aquatic clubs

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| Name of Club: | Watford Swimming Club for Swimming Training at Active Luton |
| Date risk assessment carried out: | 31 July 2020 | Person: | Gareth Harper (Chair WSC), Matt Paget (Head Coach WSC)  | Review date: | Reviewed on a weekly basis |

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| What is the Hazard? | Who might be harmed | Risk rating before controls | Controls considered | Risk rating after controls | Actioned by  |
| Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus in the following areas: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carpark | * Athletes
* Parents
* Guardians
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | High | * Instructions to all members and parents regarding where to park – i.e. swimmers will be dropped off in the side car park.
* Social distancing to be maintained in the designated car parking areas.
* Clear signage and controls for car parking at Active Luton.
* Recommendation for wearing of facial covering.
* Covid-19 support officer to ensure protocols are followed. Any issues/ transgressions to be reported to WSC Committee Covid-19 lead.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers, and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Facility entrance and reception area | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Parents
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Swimmers to enter building via rear fire exit entrance
* Social distancing during entry and exit of pool building to be maintained.
* Information given to parents and swimmers of protocols and instructions prior to sessions.
* Parents will not have access to the pool building.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Lead, Squad Coach and Active Luton representativeCovid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary..Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session. |
| Changing rooms | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Swimmers to arrive ‘beach ready in costumes ready to swim.
* Swimmers will use the designated changing areas after swimming. This area will be made clear to the Covid-19 lead by Active Luton staff.
* Parents will be asked to ensure appropriate clothing/towelling is brought with them.
* Toilets will be available, but these are to be used only when necessary, and in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Lead, Squad Coach and Active Luton representative.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session. |
| Health screening | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Completion of registration of those swimming and screening club health checklist.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Squad Coach and Covid-19 support officer. |
| Someone becomes unwell during session | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Active Luton Staff
 | Low | * If WSC member, contact parent guardian or next of kin and isolate individual in first aid room or other suitable area. (**This is the Swim England guidance. Is there a suitable area/room?**)
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Low | Covid-19 Support Officer to support with contacting parents if needed. Covid-19 officer to have contact details of all registered swimmers at the session.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Poolside | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Swim England guidance to be sent to all swimmers reminding them of social distancing guidance.
* Social distancing protocols to be followed at all times by swimmers.
* Parents will not be permitted to access the pool building.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Squad Coach.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session. |
| During activity | * Athletes
 | High | * Appropriate training to achieve social distancing protocols as set out by Swim England. Bather load to reflect Swim England guidance of 6m2 gap. This is reflected in the lane set up, and the maximum number of swimmers per lane. (**Can we have clarification on the total number of lanes, and the max number of swimmers per lane)**
* Pre and post pool exercise will not be undertaken poolside. Swimmers are encouraged to undertake pre and post pool exercise away from the leisure centre, whilst abiding by social distancing guidelines.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Head Coach and squad coaches.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session. |
| Hygiene measures not being followed | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Covid-19 Rules, as produced by Swim England, communicated to all members and swimmers in advance of sessions.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | WSC Committee Covid-19 lead.Reinforced by Coaching team and supported by Covid-19 support officers.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session. |

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| Equipment | * Athletes
 | High | * Communication regarding use and sharing is prohibited.
* Recommendation of cleaning protocols after each training session to be circulated.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Club Committee and Lead CoachesCovid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session |
| Exit | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Parents
* Active Luton Staff
 | High | * Swimmers will exit by the main entrance/exit to the building.
* Clear instructions to parents for collection their children for all age groups will be distributed.
* Covid-19 Lead to react to any issues raised by Covid-19 support team. This could involve:
* Reinforcing guidance with coaching team, swimmers and parents.
* Banning swimmers/parents from training in the case of repeated or egregious breaches of guidance.
 | Medium | Lead Coaches, Facility OperatorCovid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary.Covid-19 support officer to report back to Covid-19 lead after every session |