Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Risk Assessment for Swimming Training at Northwood College.

This risk assessment has been developed by Watford Swimming Club and Northwood College, 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, the existing risk assessment associated with Watford Swimming Club’s use of the facilities at Northwood College.

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

To ensure the rules 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 Northwood College |
| Date risk assessment carried out: | 31 July 2020 | Person: | Gareth Harper, Matt Paget and Tim Brown | 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 and how to maintain social distancing in the designated car parking areas will be sent.
* 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.
 | 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
 | High | * Swimmers will enter the pool building via the normal entrance and go direct onto poolside.
* Social distancing during entry and exit of pool building.
* Information given to parents of protocols and instructions.
* Parents will not have access to the pool building unless for medical reasons. If they are required to access the pool building, then a specific risk assessment will need to be followed.
 | Medium | Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Lead, Squad Coach.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Changing rooms | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | High | * Lockers and showers will be out of use.
* Swimmers to arrive in costume ready to swim and will depart as such.
* Parents will be asked to ensure appropriate clothing/towelling is brought with them.
* The toilet in the main entrance can be used, but swimmers will be encouraged to go to the toilet prior to arriving at swimming.
 | Medium | Watford Swimming Club Covid-19 Lead, Squad Coach.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Health screening | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | High | * Completion of registration of those swimming.
* All swimmers to have completed medical checklist form.
 | Medium | Squad Coach and Covid-19 support officer. |
| Someone becomes unwell during session | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | Low | * Contact parent guardian or next of kin and isolate individual in a changing room.
* Parents asked to remain in a nearby location, if not facility car park, maintaining social distancing protocols.
* Swim England guidance suggests that any swimmer showing symptoms of Covid-19 should be tested. If that test is positive, then those swimming in the same lane/bubble should isolate for 14 days.
 | Low | Squad Coach and Covid-19 support officer.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Poolside | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | High | * Social distancing protocols to be followed at all times.
* Parents will not be permitted to access the pool building. However, they will be required to remain nearby, whilst maintaining social distancing.
 | Medium | Squad Coach.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| During activity | * Athletes
 | High | * Swimmers will be spaced within pool (whilst swimming and stationary) to achieve social distancing protocols as recommended by Swim England.
* Pre and post pool exercise will not be undertaken poolside. Swimmers are encouraged to undertake pre and post pool activity before entering the building, provided it is safe to do so and social distancing guidelines are observed.
 | Medium | Head Coach and squad coaches.Covid-19 support officer to observe how protocols are being observed and intervening where necessary. |
| Hygiene measures not being followed | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
 | High | * Covid-19 Rules communicated to all members in advance.
 | Medium | WSC Committee Covid-19 lead.Reinforced by Coaching team and supported by Covid-19 support officers. |

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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.
 | Medium | Club Committee |
| Exit | * Athletes
* Coaches
* Volunteers
* Parents
 | High | * Swimmers to leave the pool building via the fire exit at the deep end of the pool.
* Instruction to parents for collection their children to be sent out.
 | Medium | Coaches and Covid-19 support officer.Coach to oversee shutdown of building and locking of gate. |