



Drop Off And Collection

This policy applies to Yeovil District Swimming Club (YDSC)

OBJECTIVES:

The safety and well being of every swimmer is the club's priority. This policy aims to outline the responsibilities of parents, coaches, teachers and poolside staff before, during and after training sessions. With this in mind, the respective responsibilities are set out below and guidance provided to help keep our swimmers safe.

- Parents remain responsible for the safety and welfare of their own children when not on poolside/land training/pre-pool & post pool exercises.
- Coaches/ landtraining coaches/ poolside volunteers are responsible for swimmers safety and welfare when they are on poolside/land training/pre-pool & post-pool exercises.

DROP OFF: Until the swimmer is poolside/land training/pre-pool the responsibility for swimmers' safety and welfare lies with parents. Yeovil District Swimming Club recommends that parents (or a parent nominated responsible adult) of all swimmers aged 13 years and under should accompany their children into the facility to ensure they arrive safely and go straight into the changing rooms/land training/pre-pool. Parents of swimmers aged 13 and under that are not staying to watch the session should ensure their swimmer is on poolside/land training/pre-pool and that a coach is present before leaving.

We ask that parents with swimmers aged 13 years and under do not drop their child/children off at the roadside and recommend children be dropped off no earlier than 15 minutes before a session. Swimmers over 14 years: Parents do not need to accompany their child into the facility but until the swimmer is poolside/land training/pre-pool the responsibility for swimmers' safety and welfare lies with parents.

DURING SESSIONS: The coaches/ poolside volunteers/ land training coaches are responsible for all swimmers when they are on poolside/land training/ pre-pool & post pool exercises, where they will ensure their safety and welfare. All Parents are welcome to stay and watch their child/children and we would encourage parents to do so. Not only is this in the interest of the welfare of the children in the event that they become ill or distressed, but it also allows parents to support their swimmers as they develop their skills.

COLLECTION: When the swimmer leaves poolside/land training/post-pool exercises at the end of a session, responsibility for child/children's safety and welfare lies with parents. We ask that parents of all swimmers aged 13 and under should collect their child/children from inside the facility. Parents are expected to arrive at the time the session finishes rather than when they think their child/children will be ready so that they can assume responsibility for their child/children on leaving poolside. It is parents' responsibility to ensure that they arrive promptly to ensure their children are not left unsupervised. Also, we ask that all swimmers have left the changing room facility no later than 15 minutes after their swimming session has ended.

If a child has to get out of the session early due to illness or injury, they will be asked to remain at the poolside/land training track until their parent arrives. If a session finishes early (for whatever reason) the coaches will supervise the children until the published session finishing time. Parents that are not staying during swimming/land training/lessons should make sure they are contactable by phone. Swimmers over 14 years: Parents do not need to be inside the facility but when the swimmer leaves poolside/land training/post-pool exercises at the end of the session, responsibility for child/children's safety and welfare lies with parents.

LATE COLLECTION: It is the parent responsibility to inform the club if they are going to be late collecting their child/children from a session so that the coaches/ welfare officer are aware. This can be done via calling directly the swimming pool that your child is training at. For Oxley call on **01935 818270**, The Boys School call on **01935 810548** and for Crewkerne call on **01460 77665** and leaving a message with the reception staff with the child's/ children's name and the name of their coach and that they are a swimmer of YDSC. This is so that the message can be passed on to the relevant coach. If no contact has been made our late collection procedure is that coaches/ volunteers will try to contact the parent and listed emergency contacts. The coach alongside another trusted adult from the club will supervise the swimmer until the parent arrives, but if parents are unreachable, we may have to seek assistance from relevant authorities. Continuous late collections will be addressed by the clubs committee and welfare officer.

PLEASE NOTE: When you sign the YDSC membership form/ code of conduct policy on behalf of your son/daughter, you are agreeing to abide by the above Drop Off and Collections Policy. All Yeovil District Swimming Club policies/documents can be viewed on our clubs website. The Committee of YDSC will review this Drop Off and Collection Policy at regular intervals to ensure that it is effective and is achieving its stated objectives. If you have a problem the YDSC Welfare Officer can be contacted on: email: ydsc.welfarelead@gmail.com