

## Risk assessment

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| Name of Section or Activity | Swimming<br>Swimming in a pool, both indoor and outdoor | Date of risk assessment | 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 | Name of who undertook this risk assessment | Stacey Weaver |
|                             |   | Date of next review     | April 2027                    |  |               |

| Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?   | Who is at risk?                  | How are the risks already controlled?<br>What extra controls are needed?   | What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?  |
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| <i>Hazard</i> – something that may cause harm or damage.<br><i>Risk</i> – the chance of it happening. | Young people, Leaders, Visitors? | <b>Controls</b> – Ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk from it. For example - you might use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way the activity is carried out.  | Keep <b>checking</b> throughout the activity in case you need to change it...or even <b>stop</b> it! This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review. |
| Slips, Trips and Falls  | All                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check floor is clear of obstacles that are likely to increase the risk of slips, trips &amp; falls</li> <li>Leader to brief all persons not to run around the edge of the pool and to beware of puddles that could be slippery</li> <li>Spectators are to wear suitable footwear that provides adequate grip.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Water – Drowning  | Swimmers                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders to brief swimmers about the depth of the pool, and dangers i.e. wave machines, rapids, slides etc.</li> <li>No diving in shallow water</li> <li>Young people are not to enter the water without permission of the leaders</li> <li>Leaders to check that swimmers have not eaten for 1 hour before entering the water</li> </ul>  |  |
| Ability - Drowning  | Swimmers                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimmers abilities to be verbally assessed prior to entering the water</li> <li>Swimmers actual ability to be assessed continuously during the swimming session</li> <li>Leader to intervene as required to provide swimming aids (floats and arm bands) and keep swimmers within their own depth</li> </ul>  |  |
| Behaviour – Drowning, water inhalation  | All                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioural expectations of all persons involved in the activity to be briefed before the activity commences.</li> <li>Warning signs and Lifeguards to be obeyed at all times.</li> <li>No Diving or jumping into shallow water</li> <li>No Pushing / Horseplay / splashing others</li> <li>Repeated contravention of the rules / instructions will result in the session being stopped and the participant withdrawn.</li> </ul> |  |

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| Diving Boards and Inflatables – Injury | Swimmers        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders to ensure that inflatables are not over-populated</li> <li>Leaders to ensure that diving boards are only used by competent swimmers and only one person at a time.</li> </ul> |   |
| Emergency Situations                   | All             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders and Swimmers to be briefed to exit the pool as quickly as safely possible should an emergency situation occurs.</li> </ul>  |   |
| First Aid                              | All             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one leader to hold a current first aid qualification and to have easy access to a first aid kit suitable for the activity.</li> </ul>  |   |
| Supervision                            | All             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision of YP to be within minimum ratios as specified in POR.</li> </ul>   |   |

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| <b>Checked by Line Manager</b> | Tris Cocks<br>GSL<br>9 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 | <b>Checked by Executive</b> | Lesley Dingle<br>Group Chair<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 |
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### Version Control

| Date                           | Version | Changed by    | Comments        |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  | 1       | Stacey Weaver | Initial Version |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023   | 1.1     | Paul Woodward | Reviewed        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 | 1.2     | Paul Woodward | Reviewed        |
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