



Revision - April 2021

Otter Swimming Club Safeguarding Policy Statement

The Otter Swimming Club is committed to a club environment in which all children* participation in its activities has a safe and positive experience.

To achieve this the club agrees to:

- a. Adopt and implement the ASA Wavepower 2020/2023 policy in full.
- b. Recognise that all children participating in the Otter Swimming Club (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or disability), or in the other swimming and water polo clubs when competing against Otter Swimming Club, have the right to enjoy their involvement in swimming and water polo and be protected from harm and be in a safe environment.
- c. Ensure that those individuals who work with children in the Otter Swimming Club, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
- d. Appoint a Club Welfare Officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the ASA who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the Otter Swimming Club
- e. Ensure the club Welfare Officers name and contact details are known to all staff, members and parents of members and be available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with the Wavepower 2020/2023
- f. Ensure all those persons who work with children in the Otter Swimming Club have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant CRB checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower 2020/2023.
- g. Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the Otter Swimming Club have been through the ASA safe Recruitment procedure.
- h. Ensure that all individuals who work with Children in the club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower 2020/2023.
- i. Provide all club members and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare or protection.
- j. Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower 2020/2023
- k. Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately in line with the best interests of the child.
- l. Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

*Children are referring to all persons under the age of 18, "Parent" is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child concerned.

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Signed on behalf of Otter Swimming Club

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