

Risk assessment - Risk of Downing at Archway School Pool Sessions*

##Stroud Masters Swimming Club

Date of risk assessment: 27/06/2018

* Morning sessions only. All other activities at Archway School swimming pool must be in accordance with the pools Normal Operating Procedures.

Version Log

Version	Date	Amended by	Comments
1.0	27/06/2018	Created by Richard Searle	New document
2.0	08/03/2020	Richard Searle	Action log added. Hyperlinks added Typographical edit (no change of risk or risk ratings)
3.0	30/04/2021	Richard Searle	Annual review.

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing? (Risk of Drowning)	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Action by who?	Action / Review by?	Done
Risk of Drowning	Swimmers and spectators at morning swim sessions.	A number of swimmers have been independently trained and assessed against the Royal Life Saving Society's Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualification. These swimmers also take part in the swimming session (otherwise the session would not be viable to run on the grounds of numbers attending, which on average is six per session).	Ensure that at least one swimmer who holds the Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualification is present at morning sessions.	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
		N/a	Ensure that at least every 12 months a lifesaving refresher session takes place to ensure Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualified lifeguards remain competent.	Committee	1 st June 2022	No This was raised (April 2021) with the lifeguards as not action. It is paramount for 2021, and should include 'official' training of at least 6 hours over a rolling two-year period
		Although SMSC has a policy that no lone swimming takes place at the morning sessions, some swimmers (those who are also key holders) occasionally get in early if others are a few minutes late	Ensure that no lone swimming takes place (including that of those holding Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualification).	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
		Lifeguards have been issued whistles by SMSC, although these are generally located in kit bags and not immediately to hand.	Provide four whistles, that function when wet, with non-ferrous karabiner. The whistles must be clipped onto the two outside rope securing eye bolts (shallow and deep end). In the event of an emergency whistles are to be used as a means of raising the alarm.	Committee	1 st March 2022	Yes
		N/a	Ensure that prior to any swimming session the whistles detailed above are attached.	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
		N/a	Where only one lifeguard is present they should swim in one of the two centre lanes.	Committee	1 st June 2022	No

	Swimmers who attend morning sessions at Archway School pool are aware that lifeguarding is provided by fellow club members who are also be taking part in the swimming session (i.e. in most cases there will be no poolside observer). This is also documented in the Club Rules (Member Rules & Conducts).	All swimmers who attend morning sessions at Archway School pool are to be informed that lifeguarding is proved by fellow club members who i) hold the Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualification and ii) will also be taking part in the swimming session (i.e. in most cases there will be no poolside observer).	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
	N/a	Advise all swimmers who use Archway School pool i) that safety is everyone's responsibility and that they too are the eyes and ears of the pool and should help to ensure the safety of others, and ii) how to raise the alarm.	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
	N/a	When long backstroke sets are being planned / taking place, ensure that at least one lifeguard is swimming freestyle.	Committee	1 st June 2022	No
	N/a	Carry out regular (unannounced) drills to ensure all swimmers; including those who hold the Rescue Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches qualification remain vigilant and a 'casualty' is not left in the water longer than would otherwise be expected if a poolside observer was present.	Committee	1 st June 2022	Yes
		Log, in a training log, the regular (announced) drill mentioned above	Mark P	1 st June 2022	Yes

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This risk assessment to be reviewed which every comes sooner i) annually from date above, ii) if it is thought it may no longer be valid (e.g. following a near miss, or iii) if there are any revised guidance on lifeguarding from British Swimming or SMSC's insurer).

Evaluation of Risk

Risk (Existing) with Single Swimming Lifeguard			
<u>LIKELIHOOD OF HARM</u>	<u>SEVERITY OF HARM</u>		
	Slight 1	Serious 2	Major 3
Low 1	Low 1	Low 2	Medium 3
Medium 2	Low 2	Medium 4	High 6
High 3	Medium 3	High 6	High 9

Risk if Above Risk Assessment Adopted			
<u>LIKELIHOOD OF HARM</u>	<u>SEVERITY OF HARM</u>		
	Slight 1	Serious 2	Major 3
Low 1	Low 1	Low 2	Medium 3
Medium 2	Low 2	Medium 4	High 6
High 3	Medium 3	High 6	High 9

Risk if Poolside Lifeguard Provided (as a comparison)			
<u>LIKELIHOOD OF HARM</u>	<u>SEVERITY OF HARM</u>		
	Slight 1	Serious 2	Major 3
Low 1	Low 1	Low 2	Medium 3
Medium 2	Low 2	Medium 4	High 6
High 3	Medium 3	High 6	High 9

Key

Likelihood of Harm

Harm is certain to occur if swimmer gets into difficulty – High 3

Harm will often occur if swimmer gets into difficulty – Medium 2

Harm will seldom occur if swimmer gets into difficulty – Low 1

Severity of Harm

Death or Major Injury# - Major 3

3-day injury – Serious 2

All other injuries – Slight 1

Risk Rating

6 -9 = High Risk

3 -4 = Medium Risk

1- 2 = Low Risk

As per RIDDOR

