

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

Stroud Masters Swimming Club

Date of risk assessment: See version log.

* 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
4.0	30/05/2022	Richard Searle	Annual review
5.0	19/03/2023	Richard Searle	Annual review and ref to Archway pools' NOP and EAP.
5.1	26/05/2023	Richard Searle	Correction of typo.

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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
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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	April 2024	Yes
		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.	No.	Committee to ensure this takes place.	April 2024	Sean Kinsey and Richard Searle to renew NRASTAC in May 2023. Jack, Powis, Richard Percival and Wayne Radford to attend same course as part of their refresher training.
		Lifeguards provided with whistles for attached to the two outside lanes ropes (one at each end of the pool). The third rope (middle of pool) doesn't need them as adequate lane has whistle.	No.	N/a	April 2024	Need to get whistles for Jack Powis, Richard Percival and Wayne Radford.
		Ensure that prior to any swimming session the whistles detailed above are attached.	No.	Committee members at morning sessions	April 2024	Yes
		Where only one lifeguard is present they should swim in one of the two center lanes.	No.	N/a	April 2024	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	April 2024	Yes
	N/a	Advise all swimmers who attend 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	April 2024	Yes
	N/a	When <u>long</u> backstroke sets are being planned / taking place, ensure that at least one lifeguard is swimming freestyle.	Committee	April 2024	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	April 2024	Yes
		Log, in a training log, the regular (announced) drill mentioned above	Mark P	April 2024	Yes

The club will use Archway's NOP and EAP.

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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

