



TROJAN SWIMMING CLUB PARENT/MEMBER ON THE BANK GUIDELINES

Under swim Ireland rules it is a requirement that a parent is present on poolside for all swimming or gym sessions when the swimmers are under 18 years. This is designed to protect both the swimmer and the coach and needs to be adhered to at all times (Swim Ireland, 2019).

1. An adult must be on duty as Parent/Member on the bank at all club sessions swimming or gym, the training session cannot commence until the parent is present.
2. The Parent/Member on the bank should observe the session and the interactions between or among members and coaches. This means observing the child's and the coaches demeanour, if there are specific engagements between coach and swimmer or between swimmer and swimmer, they must be in a position/location to hear the conversation between swimmer and coach.
3. The Parent/Member on the bank (POB) must complete the required POB survey online.
4. The POB must sit in a location that allows them to hear the interactions between the coach and the child. In UCD the POB will wear blue overshoes and sit half way up along the pool bank to hear and see any interactions as they occur. Blue pool shoes are available at the pool entrance. Speak with the life guard about your intention to sit on the pool bank giving them Steven Davitts (Pool Managers) name if required- permission has been sought by the committee.
5. Children should only be identified by their initials or first name. In the case where two children have the same name put an initial for the surname – to comply with GDPR.
6. The Parent/Member on the bank (POB) should take note of any member who is:
 - ill,
 - injured or
 - leaves the session earlyand record this in the Parent on the Bank survey.
7. **The parent on the bank is responsible for ensuring that swimmers are reminded to wear masks, as per Covid-19 guidelines, before and after the sessions.**
8. In the event a child becomes ill the POB will contact the parent to arrange collection. The POB will stay with the child until collected.
9. Any incident of note is recorded in the Parent/Member on the Bank survey or an incident form is generated. A member of the committee must be alerted of any event of particular concern.
10. In the event of an accident or emergency the member's parents/guardians should be contacted as soon as possible. In the case of serious incidents the Pool Management and/or the emergency services should also be notified. The Club Children's Officer is informed in the event of an emergency involving the child.
11. The Parent/Member on the bank is required to be in the vicinity of the pool/changing room for a period of 15 minutes after the end of the session. They should stay until all children are collected. If underage members are not collected from the pool and are asked to be especially aware at times that the Sports Centre is very quiet or closed. A member of the committee should be notified of any underage member who is not collected from sessions on a regular basis.
12. A parent may give permission for their child to leave the pool area unaccompanied if the child is 16 or above and they have signed below to state that they are giving consent. In the event that this is the case, the rep of the group is made aware and the POBs are alerted to this detail for the early morning or evening sessions. See appendix 1 below.



Appendix 1

Consent by parent for child to leave the swim session without a parent or responsible adult

I _____ give permission for

To leave the swim session unaccompanied by an adult. I am aware that I take full responsibility for any issue that could arise.

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature of Rep _____