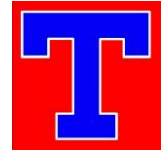




# Tiverton Swimming Club

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We have a duty of care to safeguard children. This means providing appropriate adult supervision when training at home and at away events. Members can attend galas and meets, which may be for a few hours, or other events requiring overnight stays.

Tiverton swimming club follows the Swim England safe recruitment policy for its' volunteers and coaches. [Club Codes of Conduct](#) and our club [Transport policy](#) can be found on Swim Manager documents section or on our website in the 'About TSC tab' in the policy section.

### Team Managers and Coaches on poolside at meets.

Tiverton Swimming Club will arrange for appropriately trained club Team Managers (TM1) and Swim coaches (Level 2) to supervise swimmers on the poolside at swimming events that have been **organised centrally** by the Competition Secretary at our club. Swim England offer Team Manager training, and we have a group of volunteers at the club (usually parents) who can perform this role to TM level 1 with appropriate DBS checks, safeguarding training, and club T-shirts in place.

Club Team Managers will

- arrange to be at the club designated meeting point 30 minutes before the start of an event.
- complete a Risk Assessment of the event.
- complete a register on poolside of swimmers joining and leaving the event.
- supervise the children during the event and support the coach on poolside.

**It is vital that whilst at the event should a child wish to leave poolside for any reason (e.g. to go to the toilet or visit their parents in the gallery) the child MUST tell the club Team Manager or poolside Lead Coach, so they know their whereabouts.**

### General guidance around supervised ratios for children at club single day events

TSC will undertake a risk assessment for swimming competitions held away from our usual training pool at Active Tiverton Leisure Centre. The risk assessment provides factors to consider when organising an event. Children are athletes under the age of 18 years on the day of supervision.

**The minimum supervised requirement for local single day activities for athletes under 18 years of age is TWO qualified supporting roles. Of which one is a swimming coach (minimum of L2) and one being a Team Manager (minimum of TM1) for up to 10 athletes\*. Thereafter a ratio of 1:10 must be applied.**

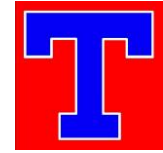
\*For teams of up to 10 athletes there must be a minimum of TWO support roles in place, however with fewer than three swimmers, we can risk assess the situation to enable appropriate support for one or two athletes at a meet, either a coach or TM1.

\*\*For Low level local development meets e.g. Sprint meets in Exeter, we can risk assess the coaching staff and an experienced L1 assistant coach and/or L2 swim teacher may lead the event with an experienced TM1.



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Note: these are the minimum supervision standards based on a team being in a single supervision area and may wish to increase the number of coaches to ensure quality feedback is possible in larger groups

### Day Trips away (without an overnight stay) for parents

Parents/guardians are expected to attend events such as club organised open meets, junior galas, relay galas, Wiveliscombe or Blundells outdoor pool, County, Regional, and National Championships, to transport and support their children at the event. The one exception to this is the National Arena League gala's which usually take place in October, November, and December each year, where TSC will organise a team bus for transport to the venue and this event will be led by Team Managers and coaches to support children for each Arena League round. If space allows on the bus, parents may also be invited to join in the transport for a nominal fee. Trips away without an overnight stay will be managed by TSC trained Level 1 Team Managers who hold appropriate DBS clearance and up-to-date safeguarding training.

**Parents/guardians who do attend events may choose to leave the venue, so it is important that they should.**

- Inform the club Team Manager or poolside Lead Coach if they are leaving the venue.
- Ensure they return to the venue at an agreed time when their child's participation is over.
- Ensure that if their child needs to leave an event before it ends, the club Team Manager or poolside Lead Coach is informed.
- Ensure their child knows that if they leave poolside for any reason (e.g. to go to the toilet) they **MUST** tell the club Team Manager or poolside Lead Coach, so they know their whereabouts.

**At large poolside venues with mixed village changing rooms and unrestricted access to members of the public during events (e.g., Plymouth Life Centre, Hengrove Park LC) club Team Managers and poolside coaches will ask swimmers to visit the venue public toilets in same-sex child-pairs for additional security.**

### Chaperone

A club chaperone will take a role of responsibility for a member under the age of 18 years of age who requires one-to-one support. This chaperone role is in addition to the supervision of coaches and team managers and is not considered when applying the essential ratio's. **Parents of children who require reasonable adjustments and support at training and competitions are encouraged to become chaperones and will require DBS checks and safeguarding training plus a club t-shirt for the role.**

### Trips away with an overnight stay- where TM2 and Coach supervision is essential.

At this point Tiverton Swimming Club does not organise events away with an overnight stay for any children. All children attending multiple day championship meets must be transported and supervised by their own parent/guardians at a hotel or other venue for the duration of the event. **Parents of children entering Regional and National Championship meets are encouraged to become Team Managers or chaperones so they can support their own child at such high-level meets.**



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