



Child and Youth Protection Risk Management Framework Policy Document

PURPOSE:

Swimming Gold Coast is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children & young people who are both members and non-members of our region who swim at any event convened and managed by Swimming Gold Coast, or at any event our region exclusively manages or is overseeing via contractual agreement with the venue management, either via our Region Committee members or via our regions registered technical officials.

Our committee members, technical officials and related volunteers will treat children and young people with respect and understanding and take all steps in our control to ensure they are kept from harm.

REFERENCES & RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Swimming Gold Coast through its affiliation with Swimming Queensland and Australian Swimming adopts these organizations frameworks as part of their own. The Australian Swimming '[Child Welfare Policy](#)' and '[Child Welfare Procedure](#)' form the main part of our Child Protection Risk Management Policy.

The following documents form the Child and Youth Risk Management Framework for Swimming Gold Coast:

- Statement of Commitment
- Codes of Conduct (adopted from SAL)
- A Blue Card Register (not for distribution)
- Risk Management Analyses (not for distribution)
- Risk Register & Treatment Plan (not for distribution)
- Incident Report Form

All public framework documents can be found on the Swimming Gold Coast website as well as the Swimming Gold Coast Management Committee online file facility.

WHO DOES THIS POLICY APPLY TO?

This policy applies to all Swimming Gold Coast committee members, volunteers, officials, parents/carers, children & young people and contractors. (all referred to within this framework as "Swimming Gold Coast Responsible Parties")

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

All Swimming Gold Coast Responsible Parties will be asked to read this policy before commencing any engagement with Swimming Gold Coast and confirm they have read and understand the framework with a signature. Roles and responsibilities in relation to their position will also be given to Swimming Gold Coast Responsible Parties as part of their engagement agreement.

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All Swimming Gold Coast Responsible Parties must have a Blue Card and the details of their blue card will be recorded in the Swimming Gold Coast blue card register. If they do not have a blue card one can be obtained by completing an [application here](#). The secretary of the Swimming Gold Coast region can assist with this process.

Exception Card:

Registered teachers and police officers remain exempt from requiring a blue card or exemption card when providing regulated child-related services as part of their professional duties (e.g. teaching at a school or boarding facility or providing a function as a serving member of the Queensland Police Service).

However, when providing regulated child-related services which fall outside of their professional duties i.e. A Swimming Event, registered teachers and police officers must now apply for an exemption card. Examples of this include where a police officer is volunteering at a local sporting club or community group and / or a registered teacher is working in a childcare center or private tutoring business.

For detailed information relating to an exemption card please [click here](#)

Code of Conduct

Codes of Conduct shall be distributed to all of the above persons on the commencement of our summer season – (October) and again on the commencement of our Winter season (June)

Register of review:

This policy is reviewed periodically by the management committee of Swimming Gold Coast in line with Swimming Australia and Swimming Queensland. The last review details of this policy are detailed below:

Last Reviewed: 30th July 2020

Last Accepted in minutes: Swimming Gold Coast General Meeting 10th August 2020

Last Adopted by the Management committee in AGM: 10th August 2020