



Transport Policy

Cleethorpes and District Swimming Club Ltd.

Cleethorpes and District Swimming Club (the Club) adopts all contractual policies and procedures defined by their governing body the Amateur Swimming Association (Swim England).

1. Principles.

Parents are responsible for the safe delivery and collection of their child to any training or competitive event, except when the club have organised transport in respect of the team. It is therefore not the responsibility of the coach or other poolside staff to transport or arrange transport for swimmers to and from any swimming event and arrangements made between parents to transport the children of other club members are at the sole discretion of the parents concerned.

Supported by Swim England the Club recognises that some children are capable of taking themselves home alone and therefore each situation should be assessed as they arise in an appropriate manner, and parental consent must be given. When considering if it is appropriate for a child to take themselves home on their own several factors should be considered by the parent/guardian and the organisation, for example how far they have to travel, are there any busy roads or unlit/dangerous routes.

2. Club Transport.

When transport is provided by the club in the form of a minibus or coach, the club will ensure consent is obtained by the parent of each child to be transported by the aforementioned vehicle and a Medical Consent to Emergency Treatment form obtained. If the club provides transport for swimmers, a fully trained and DBS cleared Team Manager will be present to support the Coaching Team throughout.

The club will provide parents and carers written details of:

- Where swimmers should be dropped off and met before and after the event.
- The expected time of arrival at the collection point and the expected time of arrival back.
- A contact phone number for parents to use if they are unavoidably delayed in collecting swimmers or to arrange suitable alternative plans for collection.

The Team Manager will ensure they have:

- Relevant forms completed and signed by parents.
- Details of the parents contact phone number on that evening if it differs from the numbers held by the club.
- The Club Late Collection of Swimmers Policy.

3. Criteria.

Coaches and club officer's unrelated to a swimmer under 18 years will not transport a swimmer alone in a car or other transport except where failure to do so would cause the child to be placed at risk of harm. In such an emergency situation a child has to be transported without a relative present two suitably DBS checked adults should be present and the child should always be placed in the back seat with the adults in the front. If possible, parental/carer consent should be obtained in advance.

4. Appendix : Coronavirus Restrictions

In 2020 the United Kingdom was affected by the Coronavirus outbreak and subsequently as lifestyle changes were made to protect the country, livelihoods, and ourselves the Government placed a number of restrictions upon individuals, families, and organisations such as the Club.

Therefore, to be able to operate affectively many organisations, including Cleethorpes and District Swimming Club asked members to travel further afield to access swimming venues which were open and eligible for use within Government guidelines and, needless to say this additional travel became restrictive to some members due to work life balance and finances.

Although Government Guidance states that car sharing is not permitted with someone outside a member's household or support bubble it can be deemed 'reasonably necessary' if undertaken in line with exemption reasons, one of which is 'Under 18 sport and physical activity'. Therefore, underpinned by government guidance the Club recommends that any members who need to share transport with another family create a Cohort Bubble (a small social bubble or pod with another family thus keeping interactions with others low.)

Members are asked to (where practicable) follow the points below:

- Only share with your Cohort for the purposes of travel to and from venues and sessions.
- Open windows for ventilation if able.
- Travelling side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow (facing away from each other.)
- Consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle.
- Clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products making sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch.
- Asking the driver and passengers to wear a face covering for the journey.

5. Requirements.

Although the Club requests that the policy be followed by all members, it is the personal decision of each individual if they wish to follow these guidelines and therefore, the Club cannot be held responsible for any member who decides to undertake additional car sharing with numerous families outside of the direct authority of the Clubs remit (i.e: prior to and following sessions, classes, or training.)

6. Further Support and Advice.

The Club and Swim England will provide support and guidance for anyone who requires assistance and advice. This transport advice should be read in conjunction with the NSPCC Child Protection in Sport document "safe sport events, activities and competitions"(2013) and Government Guidance "when you can leave home" (2020).

You can also speak to the clubs:

- **Head Coach** headcoach.cads@gmail.com
- **COVID Lead** chairman.cads@gmail.com