



Code of Conduct

Wear Valley A.S.C. is a competitive swimming club, training swimmers and competing in swim meets ranging from inter-club to National/International standards. Swimmers train in groups according to individual ability and age.

- Membership of training groups is conditional upon full annual club membership, and training fees paid by the due date. Rates will be set and reviewed annually by the Club Executive Committee.
- Training fees can be paid by monthly installments by standing order, which is the preferred method of payment. Fees must be paid irrespective of attendance, except in the case of prolonged injury or illness, or other exceptional circumstances, when the Committee may consider a reduction in fees.
- Any swimmer wishing to leave the training group must give 4 weeks notice, in writing, to the club secretary, and fees must be paid up to the leaving date.
- Swimmers in arrears of training or membership fees may not be permitted to enter the pool at training and will not be entered into any competition by the Club.
- Competition entries are to be made, with the guidance of the group coach, to the competition secretary, accompanied by the appropriate fee; before the published closing date. Swimmers will not be entered into any competition until the fee has been paid.
- The Club will pay entry fees for all team swims. Team Selection sheets will be displayed at least 10 days in advance of the event, in order to allow sufficient time for swimmers to agree to their inclusion. Failure to attend a team event without notice may result in disciplinary action.
- Training – swimmers will be expected to adhere to the “Rules of the Pool” as set out by the head coach and committee.
- Wear Valley A.S.C. swimmers representing the Club, or attending other events as Wear Valley swimmers, are expected to behave in a responsible and disciplined manner at all times.
- Club kit must be worn for all award presentations.
- No Wear Valley A.S.C. swimmer may drink alcohol through the duration of any competition - i.e.. National Championships.
- Teachers/Coaches should not drink alcohol so soon before teaching/coaching that their judgments maybe impaired and the smell will still be on their breath when working with the performers.

Under normal circumstances a curfew will apply - i.e. in rooms by 9pm, lights out by 10pm - unless otherwise agreed with the Coach and Team Manager.

Wear Valley A.S.C. accepts and adheres to all the principles held in the Child Protection Acts.

Swimmers under 18 should not be unaccompanied during a stay at Meets.

Chaperones, through the Club, have authority to supervise, control and discipline swimmers, together with the accompanying Coach.

On trips abroad, whether social or swimming, the laws of the country visited will apply.

Coaches

Coaches are responsible for ensuring adequate, qualified lifesaving cover is present at all their training sessions.

Coaches must ensure they have read and understand the EAP and NOP of each facility used.

In the event of absence of the Coach from a session, the facility Duty Officer must be informed. Coaches must not leave their groups prior to the end of a session, unless a suitable relief is present. Wherever possible, the Coach must hand over the facility/swimmers to the next Group.

In the case of St. John's pool, parents are responsible for ensuring their children are left in the charge of the Coach. Coaches should ensure at least 2 other adults are present; one must be of the opposite sex. This is essential to ensure Child Protection requirements are adhered to and to protect the Coach.

It is the Coaches responsibility to see that all equipment is cleared from the poolside at the end of each session.

Coaches' decision on team selection is final.

Disciplinary Procedures

ASA Laws of the Sport, Judicial Laws no. 101.1 - 135 apply to all ASA affiliated Clubs, Wear Valley A.S.C. is an ASA affiliated Club.

Coaches must use their discretion, but have authority to exclude a swimmer from a training session for reasons of, for example, misbehaviour, disobedience, and continual lack of effort. On return swimmers must be observed by parent/guardian for a stated period of time.

In consultation with the Chief Coach, a swimmer may be excluded for a period of up to 1 month, for similar reasons or, for example, failure to attend galas without notice.

Should it be felt necessary to exclude a swimmer for more than 1 month, this can only be done on request by the Chief Coach, in writing, to the Executive Committee of the Club.

Complaints or concerns by swimmers should, in the first instance, be discussed with the appropriate Coach or the Chief Coach. Complaints in writing should be forwarded to the Club Secretary, for referral to the Committee, who may refer to the Swim Partnership Group.

Any problem not resolved through internal procedures can be pursued through the ASA Complaints Procedure. A copy of this can be obtained from the Club Secretary or Chairman.



I, acknowledge receipt of
the Wear Valley ASC Code of Conduct.

I have read and understood the contents, and agree to follow the code whenever I am
taking part in any activities arranged by the club or representing the club in any way.

Swimmer:

Parent (if swimmer under 18 years of age):

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Please complete this form and hand this portion only to the Club Secretary or your
group coach.