



Wellington Swimming Club **Child Protection Policy Statement**

Wellington Swimming Club believes that the welfare of the child is paramount. The club's policy is to ensure that every child, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation or disability, has the right to be free from abuse. This abuse covers all aspects be it neglectful, sexual, emotional or physical in nature.

Wellington operates a no-bullying policy. This includes bullying by parents, coaches or other children. Amongst other things, the policy aims to ensure that unrealistic expectations are not placed on any child.

The aim of the club is to maximise the potential of all swimmers in accordance with their own wishes.

Wellington has a named Welfare Officer. It also publishes the details of Swim Line and encourages any member who has a welfare concern, within a swimming context, to report it. All swimmers at WSC will receive a flyer called "Child Power Your Voice" which has all the relevant contact details and websites. There will also be notices for the Club noticeboard.

The club has fully incorporated ASA guidelines on child protection into this policy.

A copy of the ASA Procedures and Guidelines can be obtained from the Wellington Web Site or the Club's Welfare Officer.

TV, video and close range photography.

It is Wellington swimming club's policy to follow A.S.A. guidelines in relation to the use of video, or close range photography. These guidelines are available on the website or from the club's Welfare Officer.

From time to time your children may take part in events at which photographic, or video equipment is used. We would ask any parent who objects to the use of such equipment in the presence of their children to inform the Welfare Officer and/or committee, in writing of their views.

From time to time video equipment is used as a training aid; this is particularly true for swimmers in A squad. Again the Welfare Officer and/or committee will need to be informed of any objection to this.

Information

If you have any question about the above, or indeed any issues in relation to child protection in swimming please contact the Welfare Officer

Contact information for all other bodies involved in child protection is available on the Wellington Club Notice Board and on the web site.