

‘Young people are left at the pool or training facilities by parents/guardians who expect their children to be safe. This can only happen when everybody works together to put safeguards in place for everyone’s protection. Parents/guardians must understand that they have an important role in implementing safe practices for their children. Parents/guardians must be willing to help’(Swim Ireland, 2010)

Deck Duty For New Ross Swimming Club

It is compulsory for a parent/guardian to be present during each training session. You are present to ensure the safety of everyone, namely children and coaches.

When you join New Ross Swimming Club, you sign an agreement to participate in Deck Duty. **So what does this duty involve?**

A deck duty rota is distributed monthly to all members by email. It is also available on the club website www.newrossswimmingclub.com.

When it is your turn to perform deck duty, you should arrive at the pool 15 minutes before the session starts (while the swimmers are warning up).

The rota book and pen are to be collected from the reception desk of the Apex.

On the top of each page, place the Name of the session / Squad along with the date and time.

Each swimmer in attendance should have their name entered into the book. If a swimmer leaves the session early, you note their exit time. If any incident occurs during the session, you again note. For example if a swimmer has to exit the pool with a nose bleed.

If are satisfied that you have the same number of names as swimmers in the pool you sign the book and also note the name(s) of the coach(es) taking the session.

<i>Jnr A, Wed 17th of May 2016 (5.45-7.45 a.m 5.45-7.45)</i>
<i>Dippy Duck</i>
<i>Daffy Drake</i>
<i>Harry Swan (left at 7.30.am)</i>
<i>Frankie Cod</i>
<i>Parent: U. Early</i>
<i>Coach: G. Strong</i>

Deck Duty Officer Role

When you are on duty you are responsible to:

- Make sure children return to the session after going to the toilet.
- If a child becomes unwell or hurt please attend to them and call the parent if necessary.
- Please sign your name on the deck duty roster.
- If an incident occurs The Apex will also need to record this at reception(to be signed by the coach and the deck duty officer).
- You must stay on deck side throughout the session.
- **If you cannot make a session it is your responsibility to change with another parent.**

Please note the following also:

Once a swimmer leaves the pool deck they are no longer the responsibility of the coach and 10 mins after session they are no longer in the care of the deck duty officer.

Parents not present to collect their children are responsible for them during this time.

Children should not enter the water until the coaches call them for the session

On behalf of the New Ross Swimming Club Committee we would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents in the swim club. Without you bringing your children to the sessions and partaking in deck duty, the swim club could not function.