



BNSC Lane sharing between adults and children policy

Bristol North Swimming Club (BNSC) is committed to providing a nurturing, friendly and safe environment for all our members, parents/carers, and volunteers who wish to participate in swimming.

To achieve this, we have established a set of policies and procedures which include this document. Our full set of policies and procedures with which all our members, parents/carers, and volunteers are expected to comply, are available on our website.

Our policies and procedures are founded on Swim England's Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, known as **Wavepower v2.1**. Links to Wavepower can also be found on our website.

It is recognised that at times adults and children of a similar standard may swim in the same lane. To avoid incidents including accusations of sexual and physical assault both intentional and accidental, we will consider it only where it can be done safely and is absolutely necessary. BNSC recognises its duty of care to safeguard members under the age of 18.

BNSC will abide by the following

1. Lane sharing between adults and children will only occur out of necessity focusing on developing needs of older children to train alongside adults
2. Risk assessment will be done considering the following
 - a. Age and sex of swimmers
 - b. The relative size and abilities of swimmers
 - c. The swimmer's lane discipline and precision of strokes
 - d. Lane etiquette guides e.g. overtaking
 - e. The presence of lifeguards
 - f. The width of each lane
 - g. The number of swimmers in each lane
 - h. Whether the session is open to spectators

Any concerns raised should be directed at the Welfare officer or coach at the earliest opportunity.

Other related policies:

BNSC Welfare and safeguarding policy 2025

BNSC Code of conduct

BNSC Changing room policy 2025

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