

Poolside Accreditations – Coaches, Team Managers and Chaperones

Swim England East Midland Region and the Midland Regions use the national Poolside Accreditation service available via: https://www.swimmingresults.org/member_options/ for most Championship events.

There are minimum requirements in place to be able to order an Accreditation which are as follows:

- Head shot photo uploaded to the member options area.
- Minimum qualification requirements:

Role	DBS	Safeguarding	Minimum qualification
Coach	In date as of the last day of the event		Assistant Coach*
Team Manager			Level 1 Coach
Chaperone			Team Manager 1
			Approval by club for a specific event for the support of an individual athlete

*While the minimum qualification is Assistant Coach (Level 1) it is recommended a minimum of one of the coaches are qualified to the level of Coach (Level 2)

Role and ratio guidance

It is up to each individual club to risk assess their poolside cover at events, clubs should consider factors such as but not limited to, gender, age, experience of swimmers and team staff along with the number of areas used during the event.

Swim England give the following guidance regarding ratios:

Role	10 years old and under	11 to 17 years old
Coach	1:8	1:10
Team Manager	1:16	1:20
Chaperone	1:1 athlete requiring additional support <i>This role does not contribute to the supervision ratios or replace the need for team coaches and team managers</i>	

To ensure an organisation is delivering safe practice, it is essential to note that one individual cannot Coach and act as Team Manager at the same time, and the Chaperone sits outside of the direct supervision with it being a one to one role.

Should any team be mixed across two age bands it is recommended to use the lower age band ratio.

Gender and ratio guidance

It is not necessary to appoint Team Managers of both genders on all occasions as the ratio is defined by the gender of the athletes attending the event taking into account the whole supervising team of Coaches and Team Managers.

Guidance gender ratios:

Age Group	Ratio
10 years old and under	1:8 i.e. for every 8 female athletes there must be one female who is a Coach or Team Manager

11 to 17 year olds	1:10 i.e. for every 10 male athletes there must be one male who is a Coach or Team Manager
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Chaperone: as this role is one to one support this will be agreed in advance with the guardians of the athlete.

NSPCC: Safe Sport Events, Activities and Competitions Guide: 'Regardless of the overall supervision ratio agreed, at least two adults should be supervising children/young people at all times.'