

Poolside Duty - What You Need to Know

Swim Ireland requires a designated **Poolside Duty Parent** at every training session to help ensure the safety of swimmers and support coaches. This role is essential — if no one is present, the session may be cancelled.

Your Responsibilities

If you're scheduled for poolside duty, please:

- Arrange cover if you're unable to attend it's your responsibility to find a replacement
- Arrive early (before the session starts), collect the folder from Omagh Leisure Centre reception, and stay until the session ends
- Stay visible on poolside throughout the session
- **Record attendance** with the coach each swimmer must be ticked off the register, which will be used in case of evacuation
- Monitor movement be aware of swimmers leaving and returning to the pool (e.g. toilet breaks)
- Support coaches give them space to run the session, including one-to-one feedback (always in open view)
- Log issues in the diary (no names) and report concerns to the coach, Children's Officer, or Club Secretary
- **Redirect queries** if another parent asks a question, kindly advise them to email: struledolphins@googlemail.com
- No cash handling swim hats must be requested via email and paid for online
- Illness protocol if a swimmer feels unwell, notify the Level 2 coach who will contact their parent
- **Emergency support** assist the coach with supervision or response if needed
- Note in diary the number of swimmers, coaches, and helpers present
- **Tidy up** floats, fins, and equipment after the session
- Return the folder to reception (except for Tuesday evening Sessions 1 & 2 please follow specific instructions)

Important Reminders

- No mobile phones are permitted on poolside
- Only coaches, lane helpers, and duty parents are allowed on the pool deck
- No outdoor shoes on pool deck blue shoe covers are available if needed
- If a swimmer leaves the pool feeling unwell, please keep an eye on them until their parent arrives