

POOL ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Make your swim safe, enjoyable and satisfying while always showing consideration for other swimmers.

In general

1. At all times be aware of what is going on in your lane.
2. Wait your turn to enter the lane. If others are resting at the end, warn them that you are coming in.
3. Swim on the left of the central black line on the floor of the pool, close to the lane ropes, just as in the rules of the road.
4. When turning, look to see if anyone is close on your heels (take a backward glance when breathing) and when you reach the black 'T' move to the centre at a 45° angle. Touch at the black line on the wall and push off into the left-hand side of the lane.
5. Push off underwater to avoid making waves for oncoming swimmers.
6. Always keep the centre of the lane free at the ends of the pool. If stopping, squeeze into the corner of the lane so that other swimmers have ample room to turn. If there is insufficient space, then line up along the lane rope.
7. Observe the following when overtaking:
 - The faster swimmer has the right of way.
 - If the swimmers in your lane are moving at a reasonable pace, overtake only at the turn. About 10 metres from the end. Indicate to the swimmer in front by a gentle touch to one foot. At the turn, the first swimmer pulls to the left to allow the other to turn first.
 - If you wish to overtake a much slower swimmer in the middle of the pool, first look to see if the coast is clear. If another swimmer is approaching then wait. Then make sure you have the speed and distance to overtake safely. Once past, ease back to the left. Do not cut off the other swimmer or kick water in his or her face.
 - If you are being overtaken, do not speed up or attempt to race. This will cause confusion and may cause injury.

In training

In addition to the above, you should also

1. Make an effort to be on time for every training session.
2. If unavoidably late, complete your warm-up in another lane and then join the program at the point the other swimmers have reached.
3. Respect the coach and the other swimmers by listening carefully to instructions so that time is not wasted in repetition.