

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

As you know the HERTFORDSHIRE SWIMMING LEAGUE is an association of swimming clubs and the Hosts are the promoters' representatives at the Galas.



The Gala Secretary is responsible for the implementation of the safety rules either in person or by appointing and supervising a Safety Officer for the Gala.

The text following is extracted from the ASA Swimming Officials Prompt Card of 2018.

IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE PROMOTER TO ARRIVE AT THE VENUE WELL BEFORE OFFICIALS, COMPETITORS OR SPECTATORS.

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY	204 Promoters Responsibilities. The promoter of a competition has the overall responsibility for the observance and enforcement of the safety requirements. The promoter shall: -	League Comments You are the promoter.
RESPONSIBILITY FOR AREAS	204.1 Agree with the Owner / Operator the areas for which the Promoter, as hirer, is responsible.	The league has hired the pool, gallery and changing rooms.
OBTAIN POOL SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES	204.2 Obtain a copy of the Pool Safety Operating Procedures from the Owner / Operator and have it available for reference during the period of hire.	Keep it on the recorder desk.
IMPLEMENT POOL SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES	204.3 Make arrangements for the implementation of relevant sections of the Pool Safety Operating Procedures (as required by the pool hire agreement) during the period of hire.	Ask the pool staff to advise you of any requirements.
BRIEF REFEREE	204.4 Brief the referee(s) on the relevant sections of the Pool Safety Operating Procedures and the Promoter's Conditions prior to the competition.	Offer to do so and make sure the Ref. knows of anything 'odd'.
SUPERVISION OF WARM - UP	204.5 Appoint sufficient competent persons (each of whom shall be members of an affiliated club) to organise and supervise warm-up and swim-down sessions during period of hire and brief them on the safety aspects of their duties.	Clubs participating are responsible for ensuring that both ends of their lanes are supervised during warm-up. Hint sheet for Announcer.
FIRST AID AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT	204.6 Ensure before a competition is permitted to start that first aid and safety equipment to be provided by the Pool Owner / Operator is in place and ready and available for immediate use and that the pool staff who are qualified to operate it are on duty.	Check location of first aid equipment.
STAFF IN POSITION	204.7 Ensure that all stewards, lifeguards and other safety staff are in place before any participants are permitted on the poolside, and that adequate numbers are maintained throughout the period of hire.	The League has asked you to provide two stewards for the changing rooms. The pool is covered by other notes.

PREVENTING START	204.8 Prevent a competition starting if any of the required facilities and arrangements are absent or deficient.	By agreement with the Referee.
BE PRESENT / APPOINT DEPUTY	204.9 Be present throughout the period of hire of the pool for the competition or, for any period(s) in which he is not present, appoint a deputy to exercise the full powers of the Promoter.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	204.10 Ensure, before the start of each warm-up and competitive session, that announcements concerning safety arrangements are made in accordance with the recommendations of Swim England and indicating where a copy of the Pool operating Procedures can be seen.	The Gala is one session. Hint sheets for Announcer.