



Policy for the use of mobile phones and devices by swimmers

Phones and other mobile devices must NOT be taken into in changing rooms, cubicles, toilets or showers.

If you have concerns about someone taking photos in these areas, please immediately inform a coach, poolside helper or the welfare officer. If they are not available, inform a member of the pool staff.

Phones and other mobile devices should not normally be taken poolside except in the circumstances outlined below.

Whilst taking part in Durrington Otters activities including training and competition:

1. Swimmers needing to use a phone in an emergency to contact their parents/carer, must obtain permission from the coach, team manager or poolside helper who will direct them to a suitable safe area.
2. At competitions swimmers may use their phone or mobile device to play music through an earpiece, to do school/college work or to keep themselves occupied between events, with prior permission from their coach or team manager. The coach or team manager may withdraw permission to use the device if they think it is not being used appropriately or confiscate the device until the end of the session.
3. Swimmers should never make video calls, or take videos or pictures of other swimmers while poolside
4. Swimmers must not share with other swimmers, any images on their phones or other mobile devices, during club training sessions or at competitions.
5. **Sharing of indecent images is a criminal offence and will be reported to the police and to Swim England.**

This policy should be used in conjunction with the Swim England Wavepower guidance and policies.

Swimmers not complying with this policy may be required to immediately leave the training session or competition pending further action. This will be treated as a serious breach of the club Code of Conduct.

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