



**KWAZULU-NATAL AQUATICS
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USE OF ACCREDITED SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS & COACHES

Teaching children to swim is a high risk profession, both from the athlete and the teacher's point of view. We have recently had reports of child abuse, a drowning in Durban and a near drowning in Johannesburg during swim lessons. Many stakeholders are not aware of the risks or legislation associated with dealing with children. In many cases the instructors are not carrying any personal liability risk insurance and the owner of the pool or school could be putting themselves at great risk.

The purpose of this notice is to inform all Schools, Swimming Instructors, Swim Coaches, Swim School Owners, Parents and Clubs of the need to employ professionally qualified instructors and coaches who have been trained and vetted by Swimming South Africa.

Swimming Instructors and Coaches need to register with Swimming South Africa, via, the District or Provincial Federation. Instructors and Coaches also need to keep their coaching and **First Aid/CPR** qualifications updated as well as to ensure that their **Police Clearances** are still valid. The registration requirements are a requirement in terms of the Children's Act (as amended March 2015) as well the latest regulations being promulgated under national Sports and Recreation Act, 1998. This act is primarily promulgated to protect children's rights and affects all persons who are working with children. Swimming Instructors and Coaches are required to follow the process below:

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

- Register Annually with KZNA & Swimming South Africa by producing a SSA LTS/ Coaching Certificate, Level 1 **First Aid** Certificate, **Police Clearance** and proof of CDP points. Upon registration the coach or Instructor will receive a registration card that will expire at the end of the season.
- Attend Workshops (CPD) organised by the federation, to keep qualification updated.

SWIM SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

- All centres offering swimming lessons/ training are required to register/ affiliate with KZN Aquatics. This will ensure that all centres meet the safety standard as set by the National Federation (Swimming South Africa)
- All schools and Clubs need to ensure that the employees are accredited by Swimming SA; also that they are not included on the Sexual Offenders Register by ensuring that all their instructors/ coaches have the required police clearance. No person managing a facility, school or club may allow a person whose name appears in the sexual offenders register to work with or have access to children at the facility.

REGISTRATION OF SWIMMERS

Schools and Clubs are requested to register children they are teaching/coaching with KZN Aquatics. This will be done at no charge to the school or club. KZN Aquatics will supply the schools with registration forms that will require basic information only. The purposes for the registration of swimmers are:

- To keep track of all children who have received swimming lessons in the province
- To monitor the proficiency of the swim teachers/coaches to assist in their further training and development

Inter Schools Fun/ Recreational Galas are held annually and swim schools are encouraged to participate at these events. Should the school/ club require information regarding the latest courses and gala, please contact the office.

KZN Aquatics has an online fingerprint link to the SA Police Database to obtain **Police** Clearances.

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