



## **Coaching Protocols at All Swim Meets. (Incorporating Swimming NZ's Member Protection Policy)**

### **Member Safety:**

All Coaches must be aware of and adhere to all facets of the Swimming NZ Member Protection Policy. Coaches, who fail to do so, may be restricted from pool deck at any meet being conducted under the authorisation of Swimming Auckland.

- This document includes how and when to handle / touch swimmer's, various forms of unacceptable and acceptable behaviour.
- How to communicate with swimmers – verbally, electronically or written communication. Be aware that any posting on social media can be viewed by many not just the person it was sent to. Be clear and consistent in your posting and ensure they only relate to swimming. (It is recommended you communicate a copy to the parents of the swimmer)
- Ensure the safety of swimmers and coaches at all times – be aware that your actions / conversations may be seen or overheard by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. How could your actions be perceived by others?
- Ensure safe practices are upheld by only permitting authorised personnel on pool deck, e.g.: working officials, the official club Team Manager/s and Registered NZSCAT Coaches.
- Never be left in a one on one situation with any swimmer.

**It is essential to understand that any form of abuse will  
NOT BE TOLERATED.**