



Dear Parent/ Carer/ Member

### Swim England: Swim Mark and Code of Conduct

Askern Spa ASC is affiliated to Swim England (formerly known as the Amateur Swimming Association)

As part of our affiliation to the Swim England, we have the opportunity to try and qualify for SwimMark. SwimMark accreditation is Swim England's quality standard for clubs like ours. It recognises high standards of governance, sustainability and effectiveness. I am currently assisting the Club Committee in their efforts to gain this accreditation.

What is SwimMark about?

- Creating the best possible swimming experience for all
- Raising the quality of aquatics provision across all areas
- National Sport England Clubmark recognition for great quality clubs

To qualify for SwimMark, the club have to demonstrate that the Club is run efficiently and effectively both behind the scenes and also with regards to training and coaching. Part of this includes all members, supporters, coaches etc agreeing to abide by the Swim England Code of Conduct, which the club must adopt.

With that in mind, we are asking you to review the code of conduct applicable to your role in the club (Attached) and sign and return it to indicate your willingness to accept it.

**I am very mindful that the code of conduct for members is very formal, so parents/ carers are encouraged to discuss this with young people. Although it seems quite formal, generally it is exactly what happens now at the club but written in a more structured way.**

The Committee would be much obliged if you could complete and return the relevant codes of conduct as soon as possible, not least because Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust, who run Askern Pool, have advised all Swimming Clubs in Doncaster that they would like them to achieve SwimMark Status in the within the next few months. Thankfully, as we were already working on our accreditation before this announcement I think we are well placed to achieve this, but timely return of the completed forms would be much appreciated.

More information on SwimMark can be found on the Swim England Website: <http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/swim21-accreditation-for-clubs/>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of the Askern Spa ASC Committee, or have a word with me, and I will happily try and help.

Kind Regards and thank you,

John Rayner.