



General Safety & Security Policy

(September 2026)

Ripley Rascals Swimming Club is committed to providing a safe, well-managed environment for all Members. Strict regulations apply during swimming sessions which Members must adhere to.

This updated policy reflects current Swim England guidance, *Wavepower v2.1 (May 2025)*, and Leisure Centre safety requirements.

1. Arrival & Warm-Up

Members must arrive in good time to change and be poolside for the start of their session. Warm-up is essential for injury prevention and safe participation.

- Members arriving late must report to their Coach.
- If significantly late, they may not be permitted to join the session for safety reasons.

2. Poolside Conduct

- No Running on Poolside at any time.
- Members must follow all instructions from Coaches, Teachers and Lifeguards.
- Behaviour that risks injury or disrupts training will be managed in line with the Club's Disciplinary Procedure.

3. Storage of Bags & Equipment

To maintain safe access routes:

- Bags must not obstruct gangways, exits or poolside areas.
- Bags must not be left in changing rooms during sessions.
- All belongings must be stored in lockers provided by the Leisure Centre.

4. Behaviour in Changing Rooms

Members must shower and change promptly after sessions. Any misbehaviour between the Members whilst showering or changing will be dealt with by the Welfare Officer.

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5. Use of Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

To protect privacy and comply with *Wavepower v2.1 (May 2025)*:

- No mobile phones, tablets or electronic devices may be used in changing rooms.
- If a Member needs to make a call, they must do so in the Leisure Centre foyer. This aligns with Swim England's strict prohibition on photography or recording in changing facilities.

6. Collection After Training

No swimmer shall leave the Leisure Centre Foyer until their Parent/Guardian is there to collect them.

- Members must wait in the foyer until collected.
- If a Parent/Guardian is delayed, the Late Collection Policy will apply.

7. Leaving a Session Early Due to Illness

If a Member feels unwell:

- They must inform a Coach/Teacher immediately.
- They must get changed promptly and wait in the foyer.
- A Coach/Teacher/Committee Member will contact the Parent/Guardian to arrange early collection.

8. Appropriate Changing Locations

Members must not get changed anywhere else other than in the changing area.

- Changing must only take place in designated changing rooms.
- Changing in foyers, spectator areas or poolside is not permitted.
- Parents may assist younger Members in changing rooms where allowed by Leisure Centre policy.

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9. Changing at Galas & Competitions

At all external events:

- Members must use designated changing rooms only.
- Changing on poolside is strictly prohibited under *Wavepower v2.1 (May 2025)*

10. Compliance with Leisure Centre Rules

Members must follow all safety instructions issued by:

- Lifeguards
- Leisure Centre staff
- Coaches and Teachers

Failure to comply may result in removal from the session for safety reasons