

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Some of the issues related to the use of mobile phones at the Calligo Tigers Swimming Club are:

- They are valuable items which can be lost, stolen or damaged.
- When used inappropriately cyberbullying incidents can take place.
- Internet access can allow members to access unsuitable sites.
- Mobile devices with integrated cameras could lead to child protection, bullying and data protection issues with regards to inappropriate capture, use or distribution of images of members, volunteers or staff. Extreme instances of misuse may result in police involvement.
- Constant use has seen a lack of interaction between team members resulting in a lack of support which is detrimental to the Club's ethos.
- Pressure on swimmers to perform due to family members constantly checking in and giving feedback on PB's and qualification times required.

As a Club we do understand that a mobile device is now a swimmer's entertainment as well as a communication device, and we need to find a way of allowing the use in an appropriate way so that swimmers, parents, chaperones and staff understand how we can work as a team.

It is the decision of the Team Managers and Coaches whether they allow mobile phones to be used during a coaching session, during a competition or on a Calligo Tigers trip.

Below are the rules that swimmers will be expected to follow at competitions and on trips.

- No cameras, video or digital capturing devices (including mobile phones) may be used in the changing areas, toilets or bedrooms
- Electronic devices should not be used on pool deck and should be kept somewhere safe and secure. (Exceptions; a swimmer is not competing in that session, music is regularly listened to as part of a pre-race routine, after they have spoken to their coach before they check in)

Should a swimmer fail to abide by the rules above the adults responsible will issue a warning. If this is not respected by the swimmer, the swimmer will be asked to give the phone to the member of staff until they see fit to return it. E.g. mealtimes, will be given back after the meal. Should a swimmer continually break the rules the staff may decide that they need to keep the mobile device for a longer period of time. If mobile phones are allowed, then it is on the understanding that only appropriate sites are accessed. Video/photos are not taken of other members without their consent and any misuse of the phone will result in the phone being confiscated and being held in a secure place until the end of the session, day or on return to Jersey.

Should a phone be confiscated the TM or coach will contact the on Island Club link so that they can contact parents to ensure that they are aware that the phone has been confiscated and that their child will not be able to reply to them instantly.