

## PARENTAL GUIDELINES FOR SWIMMER SAFETY AT SWIM MEETS POLICY

The health and safety of our Ballarat Gold Swimmers is always a top priority for the Club. With this in mind, we would like to remind parents of their Duty of Care obligations when their child attends any Swimming Competition.

Please note that Ballarat Gold Coaches and/or Team Managers are not responsible for supervising individual swimmers at swim meets. Your child's safety during all Competitions is still your responsibility.

For children under the age of 16, parents need to plan accordingly to ensure there is adequate supervision of their child whilst attending any swimming competition, whether there is a Coach or Team Manager present or not.

If you are unable to attend a swim meet with your child, please make sure there is another adult present who is happy to be responsible for them. If there is a Coach or Team Manager on deck, they must also be advised as to who that person will be in your absence. There may be another swimmer's parent who is happy to take on that role, otherwise you will need to find a family member or friend (over the age of 18) who is happy to attend on your behalf. If this is not possible, your child will unfortunately be unable to attend on that day.

If your swimmer is over the age of 16, you will need to make the judgement as to whether you are comfortable leaving them unsupervised. However if there is an emergency involving your child, we need to be able to contact you promptly. In all cases, there must be a parent contactable by phone at all times during the hours of the competition, whether you have left your child in someone else's care or not.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact either a member of the Ballarat Gold Committee or Mark Stahl. Our details are available via the Team App.