# Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate



# Welcome to the Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate full specification

#### **About Swim England**

Swim England is the national governing body for swimming in England.

We help people to learn how to swim, enjoy the water, and compete in our sports of swimming, diving, water polo and artistic swimming. We support over 1,000 affiliated clubs, organise national competitions and develop and nurture the best athletes along our leading Talent Pathway towards international podium success.

Swim England provides a professional certification programme for coaches, helping to drive up the quality of the workforce who are responsible for inspiring the next generation of athletes.

This certificate delivers the latest swimming, coaching and technical expertise and will be regularly reviewed to ensure it meets industry needs.

#### **Equal opportunities**

Swim England fully supports the principles of equal opportunities and is committed to satisfying these principles in all activities and published materials. A copy of our Equality and Diversity Policy is available on the Swim England website.



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# 1 Introduction to the certificate

#### 1.1 About the certificate

Certificate title: Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate

Total certificate time: 65 hours

#### 1.2 Purpose of the certificate

This certificate builds on the knowledge, understanding and practical skills developed in the Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach Certificate.

It takes learning and practical coaching to the next level, developing the learners' competency to coach independently within a club or programme environment.

#### 1.3 Learner entry requirements

- · Learners must be at least 18 years of age on the first day of the course.
- Learners must also hold the Swim England Assistant Swimming Coach Certificate (or equivalent).



# 2 Learning programme and delivery

The Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate requires approximately 65 hours of learning time.

If a learner has significant experience in relevant aspects of the certificate then these hours may be less and conversely there may be learners who require more time. This should be determined by you as the training organisation prior to the start of the course.

Only you, as the training organisation, can deliver this certificate and have the flexibility to do so in whatever way you deem appropriate to meet the needs of the learners.

You must offer appropriate information and advice about the certificate so that the learner has realistic expectations.

It is imperative that the assessment takes place as stated in this specification to ensure accurate certification.

Learners should receive an induction to identify expectations as well as ensure understanding of any legal requirements.

The learning programme and delivery should ensure learners have the opportunity to practise their delivery skills and put the learning from the programme into practise.

During the learning programme the educator is encouraged to develop the mathematical and English skills of learners through naturally occurring opportunities. Although there is no assessment of these skills, situations are likely to arise that may challenge learners. As the certificate is designed to prepare the learner for employment or deployment in a club/programme environment, special attention should be paid to skills such as professional behaviour, appearance and language; therefore educators should encourage high standards and expectations at all times.



#### 3 Assessment

#### 3.1 Assessment summary

The purpose of assessment is to ensure that effective learning has taken place and to give learners the opportunity to achieve the stated criteria. To complete this certificate, learners must:

- · cover all key learning content
- · achieve all the stated criteria

All evidence produced by the learner must be their own, and in English or Welsh.

As the training organisation, you can assess the learners in any recognised format, as long as the above requirements are met.

#### 3.2 Authenticity

Ensuring the authenticity of learner evidence is vital. All work completed for assessment must be the learner's own original work. Learners must sign to declare that the work they have produced for assessment is their own. Assessors should not assess work where learners have not declared authenticity.

#### 3.3 Grading

There is no grading criteria for this certificate. Learners will either meet the requirements and pass or will not meet the requirements and be referred.

Where learners do not meet the requirements, they should be supported in developing an individual action plan. In this situation, further assessment opportunities will be provided to allow them to successfully meet the requirements within the registration period.

#### 3.4 Appeals

An appeals policy must be put in place to support and manage learners who wish to appeal against their assessment decisions. Appeals may relate to assessment decisions being incorrect or assessment not being conducted fairly. If learners remain dissatisfied with the outcomes, they should contact Swim England directly.



# 4 Supporting resources

#### 4.1 Learner resources

There are a number of resources available to support learning including books, online materials and forums. You should advise individual learners which resources best suit their needs.



# 5 Reasonable adjustments and special considerations

Swim England is committed to improving access for learners with disabilities and other difficulties, without compromising assessment.

Further details are provided in the Reasonable Adjustments and Special Considerations Policy which can also be found on the Swim England website.



# 6 Quality assurance

Swim England implements a series of quality assurance procedures to ensure that Swim England certificates are reliable, valid and fit for purpose. This includes internal and external verification.

The topics, criteria and content of the coaching certificates are reviewed annually and any modifications will be communicated through appropriate communication to you as the training organisation.



# 7 Centre requirements

As the training organisation you are responsible for ensuring learning takes place in a safe and effective environment, to include all on course learning and assessment materials.

#### Legal requirements

You are responsible for ensuring that:

- the learning environment is safe for all learners, that risk assessments are in place and health and safety is responsibly managed
- all aspects of GDPR are met
- learners are able to progress in a respectful environment free from bullying and harassment
- all safeguarding requirements are met.

#### Session requirements

There are sufficient swimmers, training in a Swim England SwimMark accredited club (or another suitable club endorsed by Club Development Officers or England Talent).

#### Pool and facility characteristics

The characteristics of the pool and facility must support safe and effective teaching, learning and assessment at the required level. Please refer to the Swim England Facility Requirements document.



#### 8 Workforce

In order to deliver, assess and quality assure this certificate, it is important that you have appropriately experienced and qualified staff. These include educators, assessors and internal verifiers.

The educator delivering the Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate must hold a current Swim England Educator licence. The requirements of this can be found at <a href="mailto:swimming.org/swimming.org/swimming.org">swimming.org/swimming.org/swimming.org</a> if you require further information.

Anyone wishing to become a Swim England Educator will need to contact **educatortraining@swimming.org** for further information about the process.

The role of the educator is to plan and deliver an appropriate learning programme of activities that develops the learners' skills, knowledge and understanding of being an effective Swimming Coach. The educator must allow learners to apply their knowledge through a combination of theoretical and practical application and finally prepare them appropriately for assessment.

The role of the assessor is to evaluate the learners' performance and to check if the formally assessed criteria of the certificate have been met. Assessors may only evaluate learners in their acknowledged area of technical and occupational expertise.

The same person can be both the educator and assessor as long as they meet the stated requirements.

The role of the internal verifier is to monitor the validity and reliability of assessment. The internal verifier should also provide support and guidance to assessors. Internal verifiers must have experience of conducting internal quality assurance procedures, however they cannot quality assure their own assessments.



# 9 Conflict of interest

All conflicts must be effectively managed by you as the training organisation, ensuring any direct or indirect conflict is identified with interventions if required. Swim England offers support where needed.



# 10 Dealing with malpractice and maladministration

As the training organisation you must have a policy for dealing with potential malpractice and maladministration. Where either is suspected your policies must be followed. Further information, support and guidance can be obtained from Swim England.



# 11 Certificate progression

Following completion of this certificate, learners may wish to progress to the Swim England Senior Swimming Coach Certificate to continue their development.



### 12 Certificate withdrawal

In the unlikely event that Swim England withdraws this certificate before its intended date of review, six months' notice of withdrawal will be given to training organisations. This will enable all learners to complete their certificate as part of their registration period.



# 13 Structure of the certificate

The Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate consists of the following learning outcomes. All criteria are formally assessed.

	Swim England Swimming Coach Certificate				
Learning outcomes The Learner will be able to  1. Understand the roles and responsibilities	Assessment criteria The Learner can  1.1 Explain the roles and responsibilities of a Swimming Coach	Assessment requirements The Learner has  Explained three roles and responsibilities of a Swimming Coach  Explanation to include:  why each role/ responsibility is important  ne example of how each role/ responsibility can be demonstrated in coaching practice	Key learning content The Educator ensures that  Learners know and understand the roles and responsibilities of a SwimmingCoach and how a coach can demonstrate professional conduct both in appearance and professionally.  Roles and responsibility examples include but are not limited to:  plan, deliver and evaluate pool training sessions, pre and post-pool activity sessions (RMAP)  promote long term athlete development and lifelong participation in the sport of swimming  behave and present themselves professionally  maintain order and discipline during sessions e.g. managing conflict, supporting athletes that refuse to follow coaching instructions  create a positive environment e.g. inclusive, equitable and positive behaviour management strategies;  follow the Swim England Good Practice Guidelines (e.g. Wavepower, Safe Supervision) and Code of Ethics  be aware of and follow Normal Operating and Emergency Action Procedures or equivalent in own area of responsibility  report any safeguarding, welfare and culture, health and safety (e.g. hazards), equality and		
			carry out regular self-reflection of their own coaching     mentor assistant swimming coaches and other volunteer coaching personnel		

Learning	Assessment criteria	Assessment	Key learning content The Educator ensures that
outcomes The Learner will be able to	The Learner can	requirements The Learner has	The Educator ensures that
will be able to  1. Understand the roles and responsibilities (continued)	1.2 Explain the Swimming Coach's role in deploying and managing support staff	Explain the Swimming Coach's role in deploying and managing one member of support staff  Explanation to include:  the role and responsibility of the support staff how the coach can manage/ deploy the staff to support the coaching environment	Learners understand the roles and responsibilities of colleagues who support the Swimming Coach. For example:  - Assistant Coaches - Committee/Board Members - Volunteer Helpers - Interdisciplinary Team Members  - Learners know how the above colleagues can be managed and deployed to add value to the coaching environment and support the Swimming Coach. For example:  - Assistant Coaches can be deployed to assist in the delivery of coaching sessions - Interdisciplinary Team Members can be deployed to deliver specialist areas of the training programme, such as land training  Learners understand that it is the responsibility of all club personnel to promote and uphold a safe culture and environment, ensuring the highest safeguarding standards and welfare support throughout the club provision
	1.3 Explain legal and regulatory requirements relevant to a Swimming Coach	Explained five legal and regulatory requirements relevant to a Swimming Coach from the list below:  • health and safety including NOP and EAP • safeguarding, welfare and culture • equality and diversity • data protection • personal and public liability insurance	Learners understand the current legal and regulatory requirements relevant to a Swimming Coach. This may include:  • Healthy and safety: Pool Safety Operating Procedures (PSOP), to include Normal Operating Procedures (NOP), Emergency Action Plan (EAP), risk assessment, dynamic risk assessment, personal protective equipment (PPE)  • Safeguarding, welfare and culture: Duty of Care, Wavepower, Harm Prevention, Children's Act (2004), Mental Capacity Act (2005)  • Equality, Diversity and Inclusion: Equality Act (2010), Equality and Diversity policy  • Data protection: Data Protection Act (1998), UK General Data Protection Regulation  • Insurance: types of insurance, Coach Memberships  • Employment: recruitment process, types of employment, safe recruitment

Learning outcomes The Learner will be able to	Assessment criteria The Learner can	Assessment requirements The Learner has	Key learning content The Educator ensures that
1. Understand the roles and responsibilities (continued)	1.3 Explain legal and regulatory requirements relevant to a Swimming Coach (continued)		Sector guidance in relation to the latest industry legislation and guidance:  National Governing Bodies – Wavepower/Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics Health and Safety Executive Sport England The Child Protection in Sport unit  Or in-country equivalent versions.  Learners understand the limitations of their role in respect of current legal regulatory requirements and the role and responsibilities of other people relevant to the swimming environment.
2. Understand the structure and governance in aquatics	2.1 Describe the role of internal and external organisations in the provision of coaching swimming	Described the role of two internal and two external organisations in their provision for coaching swimming  - For one selected organisation the description must include: - their vision and mission - two key stakeholders - two different products offered by the organisation - two different services offered by the organisation	<ul> <li>Learners understand the role of internal and external organisations relevant to a Swimming Coach.</li> <li>Internal Organisations (Swim England) include:         <ul> <li>Institute of Swimming: training provider for Swim England coaching certificate programmes and CPDs</li> <li>Educator Training: manages the development and review of Swim England coaching certificate programmes, recruits and trains coaching tutors</li> <li>Talent Team: identifying talented young athletes and delivering the development pathways across the aquatic disciplines</li> <li>Coaching Team: supporting coaches across the aquatic disciplines through coach development programmes, delivering the coach development pathway, coach membership package</li> <li>Development Team: focuses on priority areas of club governance, volunteering, club and operator relationships and club growth</li> <li>Safeguarding and Welfare: responsible for ensuring that Swim England has effective procedures in place for responding to safeguarding, welfare and culture concerns, ensuring concerns raised are managed through the appropriate procedures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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2. Understand the structure and governance in aquatics (continued)	2.1 Describe the role of internal and external organisations in the provision of coaching swimming (continued)		External Organisations include:  British Swimming: the national governing body for Swimming, Diving, Artistic Swimming, Water Polo and Open Water in Great Britain. It is responsible internationally for the high performance representation of the sport  Sport England: a non-departmental public body (NDPB), responsible for growing and developing grassroots sport and getting more people active across England  UK Sport: the nation's high-performance sports agency, funded by the Government and The National Lottery  UK Coaching: an active charity supporting coaches by delivering best practice, training, research and industry standards across sports, communities and national governing bodies of sport  UKAD: responsible for ensuring sports bodies in the UK are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code through implementation and management of the UK's National Anti-Doping Policy  Learners know and understand an organisation's provision for coaching swimming, their goals, stakeholders, and their products and services.  Organisation's provision and goals may include but are not limited to:  vision  mission  lines of reporting  goals  structure  Stakeholders may include but are not limited to:  athletes  coaches  clubs

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2. Understand the structure and governance in aquatics (continued)	2.1 Describe the role of internal and external organisations in the provision of coaching swimming (continued)		Organisation's products offered, may include but are not limited to:  - education and training - athlete badges and rewards - coach development programmes - athlete development camps/activities  Organisation's services offered, may include but are not limited to:  - membership - social swimming groups - national/international ranking events - safeguarding and welfare - club governance
3. Understand the Optimal Coach Development Framework (OCDF)	3.1 Explain the importance of developing the character attributes for the 'Development Pathway Coach'	Explained the importance of developing the character attributes for the 'Development Pathway Coach', covering one character attribute from each of the following areas:  Person Coach (in the training environment) Performer (in the arena)	Learners understand how the OCDF character attributes listed below can positively impact the development of the 'Development Pathway Coach':  Person: respectful and humble; patient; clear and appropriate communicator; acts consistently; engaging; organised; open minded; selfless.  Coach (in the training environment): holistic approach to planning; helps shape the environment; forward thinking; competent; promotes independence; a passionate learner; inclusive.  Performer (in the arena): process driven; engaging; self-effacing; keeps it simple.
	3.2 Produce an individual coaching philosophy	Produced an individual coaching philosophy expressing your own coaching motivations and reasons for coaching	Learners can express their own coaching motivations, reasons for coaching and what they are trying to achieve.  Learners understand the impact of self-awareness and emotional intelligence on coaching behaviour and practice.  Learners also understand the impact of effective and ineffective coaching behaviours on athletes and support staff.  Learners know how to use the OCDF as a benchmark for coaching practice.

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4. Understand the Optimal Athlete Development Framework (OADF)	4.1 Explain how to develop the character attributes for the 'Future Performance Development' athlete	Explained how the 'Development Pathway Coach' can develop the character attributes for the 'Future Performance Development' athlete, covering one character attribute from each of the following areas:  Person Athlete Performer	Learners understand how the OADF character attributes listed below can positively impact the development of the 'Future Performance Development' athlete:  Person: enjoys the journey; resilient and robust; committed; good learner.  Athlete: developmental behaviours; broad physical foundation; coachable; technically competent.  Performer: love race day; execute your race plan; delivering a performance.  Learners understand that OADF is supported by other frameworks/models that can guide the coach in managing the long term development of their athletes.  Learners understand how coaching has a wider impact on athletes and communities and by developing these character attributes they will be developing athletes physical, social and psychological well-being, alongside improved performance.  Learners know and understand how to use a range of positive behaviour strategies to support the creation of a positive coaching environment.  The positive behaviour strategies are:  assessing athletes readiness for the session develop rapport  goal setting (SMART goals)  praise  positive reinforcement  reward/incentives  recognition of achievement  exemplary customer service e.g. problem solving, discretion, suitable language  manage and influence stakeholders to create a positive coaching environment  maintain regular communication with athletes  Learners know and understand the different types of barriers to participation in swimming.

Learning outcomes The Learner	Assessment criteria The Learner	Assessment requirements The Learner has	Key learning content The Educator ensures that
will be able to  4. Understand the Optimal Athlete Development Framework (OADF) (continued)	4.1 Explain how to develop the character attributes for the 'Future Performance Development' athlete (continued)  4.2 Carry out athlete Goal Setting	Explained how the 'Development Pathway Coach' can develop the character attributes for the 'Future Performance Development' athlete, covering one character attribute from each of the following areas:  Person Athlete Performer  Set appropriate goals with the profiled athletes, to include:	Examples of barriers include the following, other appropriate examples are accepted:  - anxiety - accessibility of venues - lack of equipment - lack of swimming ability  Examples of methods to overcome barriers include the following, other appropriate examples are accepted:  - incentive/initiatives to support costs - hire of equipment - taster sessions - meet and greet open days - swimming buddy/support groups.  Learners have worked with the four profiled athletes to set process and outcome goals focused on developing some of the OADF character attributes, including biographical and demographic data.
		one goal for the person including application of one personalised learning theory one goal for the athlete one goal for the performer a review for each athlete at the end of the second microcycle	Learners know about the 'charEQter survey' and how this can be used to support goal setting.  Learners understand and know how to support personalised learning for athletes.  The following are examples of learning theories; however other appropriate examples are accepted:  • positive reinforcement, including repetition and positive feedback  • athlete involvement (e.g. problem solving)  • athlete centred approach (e.g. adapting the activity)  Learners understand the importance of reviewing and amending goals at agreed points during the season and the connectivity between goal setting and programme planning.

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4. Understand the Optimal Athlete Development Framework (OADF) (continued)	4.3 Explain how to adapt communication methods to meet the needs of athletes	Explained how to adapt communication methods to meet the needs athletes, which covered:  • one verbal communication method • one non-verbal communication method	Learners know and understand how to communicate effectively verbally and non-verbally with a range of individuals including athletes and assistant coaches.  Learners know and understand how to adapt their communication methods to meet the needs of the athletes.  Verbal communication:  volume  tone  language  terminology  coaching points  questioning  active listening  Non-verbal communication:  gestures  body language (including facial expressions)  demonstrations  visual aids
	4.4 Summarise methods to obtain athlete feedback	Summarised three different methods to obtain feedback from athletes	Learners understand the benefits of gaining feedback to support retention and progress relating to personalised goals and achievement.  Learners understand the feedback cycle:  receipt of feedback review feedback adjust actions in relation to feedback provided  Learners are aware of different methods to obtain feedback from athletes for example:  survey questionnaire verbal questioning interview

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5. Understand	5.1 Explain the	Explained the function	Learners understand how the following human body
anatomy and physiology	function of the human body	of five human body systems	systems function in relation to swimming:
	systems		<ul><li>musculoskeletal</li><li>cardiovascular</li><li>respiratory</li><li>nervous</li></ul>
			<ul><li>endocrine</li><li>lymphatic</li></ul>
			<ul><li>digestive</li><li>urinary</li><li>reproductive</li></ul>
			· integumentary
	5.2 Apply the components of fitness and	Appropriately applied the components of fitness and	Learners understand and can apply the components of fitness and principles of training to the planning process.
	principles of training to planning	principles of training to planning for the 'Future Performance Development' athlete	Components of Fitness: agility; balance; body composition; cardiovascular fitness; coordination; flexibility; muscular endurance; power; reaction time; speed; strength.
			<b>Principles of Training:</b> specificity; overload; adaptation; recovery; regression/detraining.
			Learners are aware of the relevant character attributes outlined for the Future Performance Development athlete (i.e. physically robust).
	training training intensity classifications to planning 'Future Per	Appropriately applied training intensity classifications to planning for the	Learners are aware of the physiological demands for the different competitive events and how this influences training requirements.
		'Future Performance Development' athlete	Learners know about the exercise domains:
			<ul><li>moderate</li><li>heavy</li></ul>
			<ul><li>severe</li><li>extreme</li></ul>
			Learners are aware of and know how to apply the different training intensity classification models, for example:
			Sweetenham and Atkinson     Olbrecht
			<ul><li>Urbanchek</li><li>Bowman</li><li>The Lactate Control Model</li></ul>
			USRPT     Reverse Periodisation

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will be able to	can		
5. Understand	5.4 Describe	Described three	Learners are aware of the common injuries in
anatomy and	common	common injuries in	swimming. Learners know about the factors that can
physiology	injuries, their	swimming, covering at	predispose an athlete to injury and common areas for
(continued)	causes and	least:	injury, including:
	prevention strategies	one common	· Shoulder
	Circlegioo	cause of the	Knee and Hip
		injury;	· Back
		· one suitable	
		prevention	Learners understand the effect of growth and
		strategy for the	maturation on injury risk. Learners are aware of prevention strategies for a range of common injuries
		injury	for example, problems with the knee can be avoided
			by addressing poor hip flexibility.
6. Understand	6.1 Explain the	Explained the	Learners understand how physical literacy can impact
swimming	importance	importance of	swimming performance. For example, to improve
strokes and	of physical	physical literacy for	rotation speed during a turn, an athlete would be
skills	literacy for the	the development of	required to improve agility, coordination and speed.
	development of swimming strokes and	swimming strokes and skills	Learners know the:
	skills		FUNdamental Movement Skills:
			agility, balance, co-ordination, speed (ABCS); running, jumping, throwing (RJT); kinaesthetics, gliding, buoyancy, striking with an object (KGBS); catching, passing, kicking, striking with part of the body (CPKS).
			Core Aquatic Skills:
			entries; exits; balance and buoyancy; rotation and orientation; streamlining; aquatic breathing; travel and co-ordination; water safety; health and wellbeing.
			Sport Specific Skills:
			strokes; starts; turns; underwaters; relay takeovers; finishes.
	6.2 Explain	Explained the	Learners understand how the scientific principles
	the influences	influence of scientific	impact swimming performance, for example adopting a
	of scientific principles on swimming	principles on swimming strokes and skills	high elbow position during the propulsive phase of the freestyle arm action, will generate greater propulsion.
	strokes and skills	Orano	Scientific Principles:
			· buoyancy
			· propulsion
			· resistance

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will be able to	can		
6. Understand	6.3 Analyse the	Analysed the sport	Learners know the component parts of all swimming
swimming .	sport specific	specific skills and their	strokes and skills, including:
strokes and skills	skills and their component	component parts, to include:	Strokes (BLABT): body; legs; arms; breathing; timing.
(continued)	parts	• all four strokes	Starts: take your marks, go, flight, entry.
		<ul><li>one start</li><li>one turn</li></ul>	Turns: approach; rotation; footplant and drive phase.
		· one finish	Underwaters: dolphin kick (butterfly, backstroke,
			freestyle) or pull, kick and dolphin kick (breaststroke), the pullout/transition (all strokes).
			<b>Relay Takeovers:</b> set-up position, incoming swimmer, plant and drive, committing.
			Finish: approach; touch.
			Learners are aware of the supporting resources on 'Off The Blocks' that can be used for analysing swimming strokes and skills.
7. Demonstrate the use of	7.1 Demonstrate the appropriate	Demonstrated the appropriate use of swimming equipment,	Learners are aware of the different types of swimming equipment and understand how these can be used safely.
swimming equipment	use of swimming	including:	Swimming equipment examples:
	equipment	· at least two	
		pieces of pool	Pool Equipment: lane ropes; starting blocks; flags.
		equipment;  at least one	Coaching Equipment: pace clock; stopwatch;
		piece of coaching	whiteboard; iPad/GoPro; HR Monitor.
		equipment;	
		at least two     pieces of athlete     equipment	Athlete Equipment: cap; goggles; drinks bottle; fins; paddles; snorkel; pullbuoy; kickboard; tempo trainer.
8. Understand the technical	8.1 Describe the IPC and	Described the IPC and World Para Swimming	Learners know about the International Paralympic Committee and World Para Swimming.
rules and	World Para	Rules and Regulations	Loorpara understand where to find the most us to
regulations	Swimming Rules and	for two different para athletes	Learners understand where to find the most up to date version of the rules and regulations and how the
	Regulations		following is applied to para swimming:
			<ul><li>classification (impairment groups and classes)</li><li>Codes of Exemption</li></ul>
			Learners also understand how to follow the rules to support and assist para athletes in the competitive environment.

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will be able to	can		
8. Understand the technical rules and regulations (continued)	8.2 Describe how to lodge a protest or appeal during competition	Described how to lodge a protest or appeal during competition	Learners understand the following in relation to competitive swimming events:  Protest: an allegation that Swim England laws, regulations, technical rules or promoter's conditions governing a competition have not been complied with or have been misinterpreted.  Protests are possible:  if the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed  if other conditions endanger the competitions and/or competitors against decisions of the referee; however, no protest shall be allowed against decisions of fact  Protests must be submitted to the referee:  in writing  by the team leader/coach  within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event  may require a financial deposit  If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given. All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the management body of the competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned.  Appeal: right of appeal if a protest has not been resolved or if a person, club or body is dissatisfied with a decision.
	8.3 Explain	Explained the	Jury of Appeal: the decision of the jury is final.  Learners understand the Swimming Coach's
	the Swimming Coach's	Swimming Coach's responsibilities	responsibilities regarding anti-doping. For example:
	responsibilities regarding Anti-	regarding Anti-Doping	promoting clean sport in their own coaching environment
	Doping		supporting athletes to adopt a clean sport lifestyle
			preparing athletes for testing.

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9. Carry out race analysis and modelling	9.1 Complete race analysis and modelling	Completed a race model and race process objective sheet with a 'Future Performance Development' athlete	Learners understand race modelling and its importance for competition:  Race Model: competition analysis providing feedback that can be utilised in training at a later stage to improve made up of both technical efficiency and fitness levels (aerobic conditioning/performance speed and pacing) analysis of the race highlighting strengths/weaknesses in these areas  Learners can describe the components of a race model and their purpose:  - enables the athlete to stay focused in training - allows goals to be based upon aspects of skill/efficiency practised in training - focuses on the process to produce the desired outcome  Learners understand how to work with athletes to identify a primary and secondary race objective.  Learners know how to complete a race process objective sheet.  Learners understand the data that can be collected for race modelling. Learners can demonstrate that they can collect the following:  - total race time - split times - stroke count - stroke rate - start time (reaction time and time to 15m) - turn time (5m in and 10m out) - finish time (last 5m)

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10. Plan for coaching sessions (continued)	10.2 Produce safe and inclusive coaching session plans	Produced four safe and inclusive coaching session plans, covering:  two session plans from microcycle one two session plans from microcycle two  Session plans must:  be at least 60 minutes in duration be prepared for athletes at County level or above  All session plans must include all information listed in the key learning content  Two session plans must include adaptations for a para athlete	Learners understand the importance of planning inclusive coaching sessions for different athletes, planning for, adaptation and how coaching plans build from a microcycle.  Learners understand the importance of and how to collect data and information, keeping it secure in line with organisation procedures and Data Protection/GDPR before, during and after each coaching session delivery.  The data and information collected would inform the session plans and may include but aren't limited to:  athletes with special educational needs and/or disabilities and details to inform adaptations  athletes with long-term health conditions and details to inform adaptations  athletes' names and age range and ability level  responsible adult details if athletes are under 18 years old or are vulnerable adults  new known details that may require adaptations  This information may be collected manually and/or accessed via electronic systems.  Learners are able to produce coaching session plans for a range of swimming strokes and skills.  Strokes are:  butterfly backstroke breaststroke front Crawl  Skills are:  starts turns underwaters finishes relay takeovers

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10. Plan for coaching sessions (continued)	10.2 Produce safe and inclusive coaching session plans (continued)		Coaching Session plans to include:  coach preparation (session and athlete information) including athlete needs and goals in relation to OADF, aims and objectives, equipment session brief pre-pool activity (RMAP); warm Up sets of work (i.e. prep. set, main set, kick set, pull set;) including coaching points, methods to motivate athletes, timing of activities swim down post pool activity session debrief three roles/responsibilities for the assistant coach/support staff generic and dynamic risk assessment including contingency plans  Learners understand that session plans may need to be adapted for the inclusion of para athletes.  Adaptations will be determined by the level of impairment. Impairment groups are as follows:  visual physical intellectual  Note: these coaching sessions plans will be delivered 'off-course' and will require a witness statement from an appropriate individual (i.e. Club Chair/Head Coach) to confirm that delivery has taken place.

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11. Deliver	11.1 Deliver	Deliver at least two	Learners can demonstrate:
coaching sessions	planned coaching	planned coaching sessions to the	a professional demeanour (e.g. dress
2622IOLI2	sessions	'Future Performance	appropriately, positive first impression)
	303310113	Development' athlete	facilitation of a clear session brief and debrief
			demonstrate and articulate own coaching
		Learners must	philosophy, to develop OADF character attributes
		demonstrate all	• delivery of appropriate pre pool (RMAP) and post
		coaching tasks as	pool activities
		listed in the key	engagement with each individual athlete in a safe
		learning content	and inclusive manner
		All	effective time management of session
		All sessions must:	<ul><li>appropriate motivational techniques</li><li>accurate explanations, technical coaching points</li></ul>
		• be at least	and demonstrations
		60 minutes in	coaching of a range of swimming strokes and
		duration	skills a minimum of two strokes and two skills
		· include at least	observe and analyse athlete performance and
		four athletes	provide feedback and implementation of methods
			to correct individual faults in swimming strokes
		At least one session	and skills
		must:	use of data, including feedback, to adapt activities
		<ul> <li>be delivered to</li> </ul>	<ul><li>appropriately;</li><li>teamwork when working with others across the</li></ul>
		two or more lanes	coaching environment
		· include the	leave the venue and equipment in a condition
		direction and	acceptable for future use
		supervision of an	· review of the session with athletes and Assistant
		Assistant Coach	Coach
	11.2	Demonstrated safe	Learners can demonstrate safe delivery when
	Demonstrate	delivery of planned	coaching to ensure the safety and well-being of
	safe delivery	coaching sessions	athletes for example adhering to:
	of planned	Learners must	current UK legislation
	coaching sessions	have adhered to	current UK legislation     industry guidelines
	303310113	the following during	Normal Operating Procedures (NOP) and
		the two coaching	Emergency Action Plans (EAP) where appropriate
		sessions:	safe use of equipment
			appropriate activities/practices for the athletes
		· current UK	appropriate duty of care and safeguarding
		legislation	
		· industry	Learners are able to complete dynamic risk
		guidelines	assessment when delivering coaching sessions to identify potential hazards and change their response
		Demonstrated	by changing the following:
		dynamic risk	og onoriging the following.
		assessments to	activities to meet the athlete's needs
		maintain the safety	appropriate use of safety and protective
		of self and others	equipment
		throughout the	appropriate athletes support
		sessions	appropriate duty of care to athletes
			appropriate compliance with relevant legal
			responsibilities

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will be able to	can	20011101 1100111	
11. Deliver	11.3 Use	Used three verbal	Learners are able to communicate verbally and non-
coaching	effective	and three non-verbal	verbally respecting equality and diversity with a range
sessions	communication	communication skills	of individuals including athletes.
(continued)	skills when	from the list in the	
	coaching session	key learning content with two different	Verbal communication:
	56551011	individuals	· volume
			· tone
		· one individual	· language
		is classed as an	accurate terminology
		athlete	coaching points
		the other is     classed as an	questioning     active listening
		Assistant Coach	doctive instanting
		or support staff member	Non-verbal communication:
			· gestures
			body language (including facial expressions)
			demonstrations
	11 1 1 1	I lood to up positive	visual aids
	11.4 Use positive	Used two positive behaviour strategies	Learners are able to use a range of positive behaviour strategies to support athlete's physical and emotional
	behaviour strategies	from the list in the key learning content with	needs to create a positive coaching environment.
	when coaching sessions	athletes	The positive behaviour strategies include:
			assessing athlete readiness for the session     develop rapport
			setting and agreeing goals
			· praise
			positive reinforcement
			<ul><li>recognition of achievement</li><li>exemplary customer service e.g. problem solving,</li></ul>
			discretion, suitable language
			manage and influence stakeholders to create a
			positive environment
			maintain regular communication with athletes
	11.5	Used two behaviour	Learners know how to use behaviour management
	Demonstrate behaviour	management skills from the list in the key	skills suitable to the coaching environment and athlete needs.
	management	learning content when	110003.
	skills when coaching	coaching sessions	Behaviour management skills include:
	sessions		setting rules
			· managing expectations
			· consistency of approach
			managing conflicts     athlete appetings
			athlete sanctions

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11.6 Implement adaptations and personalised learning theories to meet needs of athletes	Implemented an adaptation to meet the needs of two different athletes  Implemented a personalised learning theory to meet the needs of two different athletes	Learners apply personalised learning theories and use their professional judgement to implement suitable adaptations to meet the needs of individual athletes.  They understand the importance of adapting to meet both the physical and emotional needs of athletes to support the individuals' progress and to create an inclusive environment.  Learners know when to refer to swimming coaching colleagues when outside of own professional boundary.  The following are examples of learning theories:  positive reinforcement, including repetition and positive feedback athlete involvement (e.g. problem solving) athlete centred approach (e.g. adapting the activity)  A change in the needs of athletes, may include the following:  illness or injury lack of sleep lack of fuel fatigue overtraining/overreaching sudden or excessive stress/anxiety athlete is a higher or lower level than other athletes in the session para athletes  Adaptations may include the following: change in coaching practice/activity to meet the needs of the athlete change in session duration or frequency
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11. Deliver coaching sessions (continued)	11.7 Supervise and instruct an Assistant Coach	Supervised and instructed an Assistant Coach in a coached session, covering the following:  brief them before the session ensure they carry out their roles and responsibilities provide feedback on their performance including recommendations to support their future development	Learners understand and are able to supervise and instruct an Assistant Coach in the following ways:  ensure they have undertaken appropriate checks to work in the role (e.g. DBS)  brief them before the session  ensure they are managed appropriately to carry out their roles and responsibilities  provide feedback to positively reinforce and maintain good practice  provide developmental feedback including recommendations to opportunities to support future development  duty of care
12. Evaluate coaching sessions	12.1 Complete an evaluation of own coaching performance	Completed one evaluation of the coached sessions  The evaluation must include:  • coach performance areas as listed in the key learning content • one strength and area for development for each of the listed performance areas	Learners can undertake self-evaluation and understand the importance of how their evaluation can help to improve their future session planning and coaching delivery.  When considering strengths and areas for development, the following areas should be considered:  • programme planning considering alignment to organisation objectives  • session management (e.g. Safety, behaviour, time)  • own behaviour during the session (i.e. interaction with others and OCDF behaviours)  • deployment of assistant coach  • coaching practices and activities  • adaptations for athlete needs  • communication skills  • feedback and instruction

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12. Evaluate coaching sessions (continued)	12.2 Complete an evaluation of an athlete's performance	Completed one performance evaluation of a 'Future Performance Development' athlete  The performance evaluation must include:  • athlete performance as listed in the key learning content • strengths and areas for development • goals • opportunities for progression	Learners understand the importance of and can undertake performance evaluations of athletes that they have coached to help improve their future swimming performance.  When considering strengths and areas for development, the following areas of athlete performance should be considered:  - achievement of session aims/objectives - athlete behaviour during the session (i.e. Interaction with coaching team and OADF behaviours)  Below are examples of goals and progression opportunities for future sessions, other appropriate examples are accepted:  Goal examples:  - distance/time achievement - qualification/preparation for an event - make friends - athlete satisfaction  Progression opportunity examples:  - development camps/clinics - different club environments - other aquatic disciplines or linked sports

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13. Plan for professional development	13.1 Complete an Individual Development Plan	Completed an Individual Development Plan, which included:	Learners understand the importance of personal/ professional development and the impact this can have on the coach and athlete.  Learners know how to use OCDF to self-reflect on their knowledge, skills and abilities to identify areas for development.  Examples of personal/professional development include:  improving preparation and delivery increasing knowledge developing communication skills develop own coaching philosophy ways to influence coaching swimming stakeholders  Learners know about a range of opportunities and resources that could be accessed for example:  observing others coaches working with an experienced mentor further training and education independent research conferences and camps



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