Positive Behaviour Workshops

Attitudes in Sport: Make Yours Count!

Parents and spectators play an essential role in supporting a child’s participation in sport and many have a positive influence in both club and competitive environments. However, many grassroots swimming clubs are struggling to address the increasing problem of negative parental and spectator behaviour, of which the impact on a child cannot be underestimated.

Swim England’s 90-minute **Positive Behaviour Workshop** offer support and guidance for clubs to identify and address negative behaviour.

Anyone with an involvement in aquatics can attend a Workshop including spectators, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers and club members with the overall aim of helping English swimming and aquatics clubs to improve the experience for their young members.

Olympic bronze medalist Jo Jackson has put her full support behind the initiative and said: "The more positive people we have around poolside, the better it is for our sport. I wouldn't have achieved my dreams if my parents hadn't supported me along the way. I believe if you surround yourself with positive people, you are able to achieve more."

Who can deliver a Workshop?

We recommend that the Positive Behaviour Workshop is delivered by your club's Welfare Officer, with support from young people.

The Workshop does not need to be registered, but an evaluation form must be returned upon completion.

What are the aims of the Workshop?

* To identify positive behaviour and its impact
* To understand what negative poolside behaviour is
* To identify the nature and extent of the problem of negative behaviour
* To consider the impact of negative behaviour in aquatics – especially in reference to young people
* To consider how incidents of negative behaviour can be avoided, reduced or managed.

What do I need to deliver a Workshop?

Swim England have produced a range of downloadable materials to support you in delivering the Positive Behaviour Workshop.

Head to <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/positive-behaviour-workshops/> to download PowerPoint presentation slides and delivery notes for presenters, an evaluation form to be completed on workshop completion and a CPSU ‘Magical Kit’ video.

Swim England have also created some posters to display around your pool or leisure centre as well as a Positive Behaviour Video. We recommend that you display the posters on your notice board or in your pool’s reception area to show that your club supports the ‘Attitudes in Sport: Make Yours Count’ campaign.

These are also available to download at <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/positive-behaviour-workshops/>

Please note, the Positive Behaviour Workshop is not a certificated qualification or CPD. It has been developed to support clubs to respond to negative behaviour and support the implementation of parental and club member code of conducts.

It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure children are properly safeguarded, not just one person at club, county or national level. Should you have any queries regarding a child safeguarding matter, please visit [Swim England Wavepower](http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/), or contact Swimline on 0808 100 4001.

For more information, contact the Swim England’s Volunteer Engagement Team at volunteering@swimming.org