

STRUCTURES TO INCLUDE DISABLED SWIMMERS AT TIVERTON SWIMMING CLUB

Policy

TSC is a fully inclusive Club that welcomes all athletes. If a swimmer needs more water time, encouragement or special treatment due to a disability it will be provided.

If a swimmer wanted to participate in a gala they would be encouraged.

Our Coach has already attended a course in “How to Coach Disabled People in Sport” and Tiverton Swimming Club is encouraging their teachers to also attend.

We like to think of ourselves as a progressive club and should the need arise Tiverton Swimming Club would put into place the procedure that would help any swimmer obtain his or her goal.

Recruitment

The Club actively seeks swimmers with disability. It has a flyer on the Active Devon website, seeks contacts with local disability organisations and invites disabled swimmers on the Club website

Assessment

When a swimmer with a disability wishes to join the Club they are invited to the normal assessment session with any other prospective new members. The Head Coach and Assistant Coach discuss with the swimmer and/or their parent / carer any particular needs or difficulties, as well as their previous swimming experience, prior to the assessment session. If the swimmer is known to have a particular need in order to swim an assessment session [for example verbal assistance for a sight impaired swimmer] this is provided.

Training Structure

From the assessment session and further discussions with the swimmer and/or their carer an individual plan is made to meet the particular needs of the disabled swimmer. A risk assessment is carried out. The Club will supply any extra poolside personnel and any specific equipment required to enable the swimmer to be safe and able to learn. If the Club is not immediately able to provide extra help or equipment it will make every endeavour to do so.

Inclusion

Disabled swimmers are included in normal training sessions. If it is not possible to provide for their needs in a normal session, or they wish to have extra help, the Club has a dedicated lane and coach available during the Tuesday evening training session for disability swimmers.