

## **Instructions and pre-conditions for hiring of School Pools**

A lifeguard must remain on the poolside at all times whenever anyone is in the water. The lifeguard must present certification to demonstrate competence in pool supervision and lifesaving at a depth relevant to the pool hired.

Lifeguards require specialised skills to adequately supervise sub-aqua activities, therefore lifeguard duties necessary for sub-aqua undertakings should be assigned to qualified members of that user group.

Where the pool is hired by a sub-aqua group, the pool safety officer of the group must remain on the poolside and ensure adherence to the BSAC Guideline T1 (Use of pool facilities for sub-aqua activities). The pool safety officer must have a minimum qualification of BSAC Sports Diver (or equivalent PADI Rescue Diver). To demonstrate competence, the pool safety officer must undertake (and evidence) Sports Diver/Rescue Diver refresher training within any 3 year period.

The lifeguard or pool safety officer certificate holder(s) must:

1. remain in charge of the safe supervision of the session,
2. have a hard copy of the school pool NOP
3. have a hard copy of the school pool EAP and adapt it for their needs e.g. emergency contact,
4. inspect all equipment and clothing that is to be taken into the pool and ensure it's clean and will not pollute the water,
5. ensure that any equipment used in the pool does not cause any damage to the structure etc.,
6. check that the caretaker tests the pool before use and agrees that it is safe to use,
7. ensure the caretaker is available (immediately contactable) to provide cover for emergencies such as pool pump, equipment, lighting or power failure throughout the session.
8. furnish a specific risk assessment for the pool activity to Education Services at least 2 days before the hire period.
9. furnish a copy of the hirers Public & Employee Liability Insurance policy at least 2 days before the hire period.
10. Liaise with Education Services to confirm your agreement to the requirements of the NOP and EAP at least 2 days before the hire period.