



POLICY – SPECTATOR

Our commitment

SynchroWA is committed to providing a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other personnel while attending a competition or event will not be tolerated.

These behaviours are outlined in our Behaviour Policy and specifically include:

1. Using bad language.
2. Harassing or ridiculing swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers or other spectators.
3. Making racist, culturally offensive, sexist or other inappropriate comments to swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers or other spectators.
4. Any threatening behaviour or physical altercation between spectators and swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers or other spectators.
5. Putting undue pressure on children, berating them or putting down their performance.
6. Consuming alcohol or being drunk at a SynchroWA event.

What SynchroWA will do

1. Provide members, their parents and other official personnel with our Behaviour Policy and make clear what is expected and the consequences of non-compliance.
2. Where necessary, bind non-members by prominently displaying conditions of entry to pools and facilities and by requiring spectators to abide by SynchroWA rules (e.g. by making spectators associate members sign our Behaviour Policy).
3. Reinforce messages of fair and respectful behaviour by providing information on our website, in our newsletter and through club communication.
4. Encourage our coaches and officials to complete training to develop their skills and confidence.
5. Ban bringing alcohol to any SynchroWA training, competitive or promotional event.
6. Encourage the reporting of incidents and investigate inappropriate behaviours as outlined in this policy.
7. Take disciplinary or other actions that are deemed necessary (eg. appoint an official to monitor behaviour).

What SynchroWA asks their members to do

1. Help create a positive atmosphere for swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers and other spectators by showing respect for swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers and other spectators.
2. Abide by SynchroWA's Behaviour Policy and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.

3. Speak with the offender and ask them to stop (if you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and feel confident to do so). If there is a pool official or committee member present, ask for their assistance.
4. Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to the event manager or someone in a position of authority.
5. Call a club official if you are concerned for your safety or the safety of others.

Non-compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our Behaviour Policy and this policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in SynchroWA's Member Protection Policy.