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Website - <http://www.sc-torpedoes.co.uk/>

Dear Parent/Carer

The Suffolk Coastal Torpedoes Water Polo Club (SCT) welcomes you and your child(ren) to the club. We hope your child(ren) will enjoy the experience of being a club member including the training, matches and the social interaction with all our members.

How we are run?

The club is run by a committee elected annually at the club's Annual General Meeting. A full list of the committee members and coaches can be found on our website.

Below is a list of some of those key officers for your information.

SC Torpedoes Club Chairman – Sue White

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SC Torpedoes Welfare Officers

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As a club we are registered with Amateur Swimming Association (ASA). The ASA administers and governs all amateur aquatic sport in the UK, which is why it is our policy that you and your child(ren) have to be registered members of the ASA.

We have adopted and follow the ASA guidance within the Wavepower scheme for child safeguarding, the ASA Code of Ethics and Codes of Conduct.

We are proud to have been awarded the "swim 21 club mark", which is national recognition that clubs are providing a quality service for all members, which is recognised by Sport England i.e. all clubs gaining ASA accreditation will automatically receive Clubmark status.

While we hope your child(ren) will be happy and content at the club we do recognise that sometimes questions, concerns or issues may arise so the sections below outline how to raise any concerns

How we communicate with you?

Our main method of keeping you informed of the progress of the club is via our website and emails. Our website has copies of all our Codes of Conduct, Safeguarding policies, updates on training, fixtures and general information about Water Polo.

Please do ask your club Welfare Officers, or any committee member or coach, if you have other questions not covered in this letter or on our website.

Coaching Issues

If you have a question regarding coaching you should in the first instance approach your child's coach. Do so at a time convenient to you both and please do not go on poolside and interrupt training sessions. The coaches will be happy to arrange a time before or after training to discuss any training issues.

If you have a question or concern regarding child welfare the club welfare officer should be informed.

Safeguarding Issues

Within the club we accept that good safeguarding and fair play is paramount for all our young members. As a club we are committed to providing good child safeguarding practice for all our young members and we have adopted the ASA Safeguarding Policy - Wavepower a copy of which is held by the welfare officer or can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/safeguarding-children/>

If you do not feel you can approach the coaches or the club's welfare officers there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly to the ASA called Swimline – 0808 100 4001.

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Getting involved?

The water polo club are always looking for parental help to run the club. You may offer to help, or a member of the committee may approach you to see if you are able to assist. We are a club that is totally run by volunteers and appreciate any help parents can give us, however small.

So finally we hope you and your child(ren) enjoy being a member of the SC Torpedoes Water Polo Club and enjoy this fantastic sport.

Kind regards

Bryan Johnson and Sue White

Club Welfare Officers

Useful websites for parents, children and young people

Kidscape - have a helpline and downloadable leaflets on what to do if your child is being bullied.

The ASA have formed a relationship with Kidscape and can when required refer swimmers who have been bullied to attend the WIZ course in London. www.Kidscape.org.uk

NSPCC - Help for adults Worried about a child? Call the NSPCC Child Protection Helpline on 0808 800 5000.

Childline - Help for children and teenagers. Need advice or just want to talk? Call ChildLine 0800 1111. Calls are free and confidential.

www.culture.gov.uk - Help keep your child safe in sport. A child protection leaflet for parents. Downloadable or your club Welfare Officer will have a copy.

Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU) - Call 0116 234 7278. CPSU have useful downloadable documents at www.cpsu.org.uk including:

- Club safety list for parents.
- Protecting your child by listening.
- How you can help make sport safe.