

City of Chester Swimming Club



Equity Policy Statement

City of Chester Swimming Club [COCSC] is committed to treat everyone equally regardless of gender, ethnic origin, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation or political persuasion.

COCSC will ensure that equity as stated in the club rules is incorporated in all aspects of it's activities and also recognises and adopts the Sport England definition of Sports Equity:

Sports Equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognizing inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

COCSC is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of discrimination, intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All Club members have a responsibility to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to the club disciplinary procedures.

Addressing Equal Opportunities

COCSC in addressing equal opportunities, will respond to issues of equity by:

Recognising that the Club as an organisation – our staff, swimmers, coaches, teachers, officials and administrators need to adapt and work flexibly in order to respond to the needs of a wide and diverse range of people.

Take positive action to increase the involvement from under represented groups in all aspects of our organisation, participation, coaching, teaching, officialdom etc.

In doing so COCSC supports four key principals as being fundamental to ensuring that everyone can participate in our sport and the achievement of equality of opportunity:

Entitlement: People have a right to participate in and access quality and appropriate experiences within swimming.

Accessibility: It is the responsibility of the Club – our teachers, coaches, officials and administrators – to adapt provision to fit the needs of the many.

Inclusion: Wherever and whenever possible, all to access the same quality of provision, and if necessary to use positive action to ensure this.

Integrity: Whatever we do as a Club to change or adopt provision, it must be of equal worth, challenging, relevant and in no way patronising.

Lines of responsibility

COCSC will strive to become an organisation that values diversity and in order to achieve this we recognise that there must be clear lines of responsibility between all segments of the organisation.

City of Chester Swimming Club its staff coaches and helpers

COCSC aspires to provide a diverse workforce, a composition of which reflects that of the broader community in terms of gender, ethnicity and disability. In order to bring about this diversity we undertake to:

- Provide full and fair considerations for all role and appointments.
- Assist all our coaches and helpers to realise their full potential by ensuring that they receive fair consideration of their training and development needs.
- Wherever possible modify practices and procedures to reduce barriers experienced by members of disadvantaged social groups in seeking and during work with the Association.
- Maintain full records in recruitment, training and employment and use this information as a means of identifying areas of inequality.

City of Chester Swimming Club as a Membership Organisation.

COCSC are committed to encouraging membership from all sectors of the community. To achieve this we undertake to:

- Promote an open and honest culture that values diversity.
- Communicate widely, ensuring that our messages can be understood and appreciated by all.
- Positively encourage the involvement of all people, regardless of their gender, race, disability, age and social background.
- Work to redress the effects of discrimination.
- Promote attitudes and working practices to ensure that everyone can feel a valued member of the Club and that recognises different needs.

Teachers and Coaches.

In our training and development of Teachers and Coaches, we will strive to ensure that they:

Establish and implement professional and ethical values and practice.

Promote and apply the principals and practices of equal opportunities

Promote positive images of people with Special or different needs.

Ensure appropriate training / development opportunities are available to all our teachers / coaches.

Encourage high expectations and standards of achievement from all they teach.

Involve everyone in meaningful and appropriate activity to ensure a quality experience.

Help everyone to achieve their full potential.

Officials and Administrators

In our involvement of officials and administrators we will expect them to:

Adopt, promote and practice the values of the Club.

Ensure that participation can be enjoyed by all.

Provide meaningful and appropriate experiences, which recognise and value the diversity of the participants.

Actively encourage the participation and involvement of people from disadvantaged groups of the community.