

General Pool Equipment Policy (Swimming aids)

For the safety of all bathers and lifeguards the following swim training aid/general pool equipment policy will be in place.

Permitted aids but with restrictions

Front snorkel

Front snorkel will only be permitted during lane swimming times if user has a disability or makes a formal request to the Centre Manager. This can only take place in quiet times and with less than 4 in the lane.

These are permitted during ATSC private hire swim sessions

Fins / Hand Paddles

Fins / Hand Paddles are only permitted during lane swimming if:

The lane is empty. The customer must remove the fins / hand paddles should another swimmer enter the lane.

A maximum of 2 fin users per lane and the swimmers must remove the fins if another swimmer enters the lane.

Fins / Hand Paddles are permitted during ATSC private hire swim sessions and ALT swimming lessons.

Kickboards and Pull Boys

These are permitted during all swim sessions.

MP3 Players

These are permitted during all swim sessions with the exception of schools or swimming lessons.

Sinkers / Dive rings

These are permitted as long the items are not thrown around the pool and it is not too busy.



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Arm bands/Swim seats/Arm discs

These are permitted as long as the items conform to the British standard for buoyancy aids BS EN 13138:2003. Parents/carers need to ensure the arm bands are a suitable size as these can easily slip off or the child can remove these. Parents/carers must also ensure they maintain constant supervision over their child/children and these are worn correctly.

Swim seats still require constant supervision as they can tip over, or the child may wriggle out of them. Please do not leave a child unsupervised in such a seat.

Not permitted at any time

Side Snorkel

These are not permitted in the swimming pool including private hire.

Diving masks

Diving masks that cover the nose are not permitted in the swimming pool including private hire

Inflatable Toys / Balls

These are not permitted during public swim sessions