WNSC Friday night swim

Policy to Comply with COVID-19 Restrictions

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# Background

The UK Government recently announced that indoor swimming pools in England would be allowed to re-open from Saturday 25th July 2020. Following this announcement, Everyone Active and WNSC will agree how the WNSC Friday night swim will resume under the COVID-19 restrictions.

Initially, the swimming pool at Watford Leisure Centre Central will re-open to the public for pre-booked lane swimming, swimming lessons and for existing swimming club bookings.

# The WNSC Friday night swim will re-start on Friday 14th August at 21:00

# WNSC Policy (Issue v1)

To comply with guidelines issued by the UK Government, Swim England, and Everyone Active, WNSC will put the following measures in place:

* Initially, WNSC members will be encouraged to indicate by email to the Secretary that they intend to come to the swim.
* Parking will be available in the car park to the rear of the Leisure Centre as usual. Tickets must be displayed which are obtainable free from the machine. A code will not be required to exit the car park, the barrier will be in the up position.
* The WNSC Friday night swim will start at 21:00 instead of 20:45 to allow for cleaning after the previous session. The swim will finish at 22:00 as usual.
* Any WNSC members arriving early should wait outside and not enter the leisure centre before 20:55.
* There will be a member of the Everyone Active team outside to assist and direct people.
* There will be a member of WNSC inside to assist and direct members.
* WNSC members are not required to wear face masks at this time.
* There will be a one-way system in and out of the leisure centre.
* WNSC members will enter the leisure centre from the front, turn left at reception, go through the left turnstile, and access the main pool through the door by the learning pool.
* WNSC members should remove shoes before entering poolside providing this does not cause a bottleneck. There will be benches available after the turnstile where members can remove their shoes. Members must take their shoes with them when entering the poolside.
* WNSC will have a table and 2 chairs poolside to avoid a bottleneck in reception and will keep a register of attendees as usual.
* Face masks should be worn by the 2 officers on duty. Gloves are optional as there will be hand sanitizer available.
* Members will be required to use the hand sanitiser provided on entry or at the table.
* WNSC members must display their membership cards clearly to the officers on duty.
* WNSC members should bring a pre-printed membership renewal form where required.
* WNSC members should bring the exact amount of money for entry (£5) and for membership renewals (£5). Only £5 notes, £2 and £1 coins will be accepted. No change will be given on the night.
* The one-way system in the main pool area will be clockwise around the pool at all times.
* Members should bring a bag with them to store their towels, clothing, and footwear whilst swimming. Bags should be left on the benches at the end of the pool or on the ledge in front of the windows on the side of the pool.
* WNSC members should avoid bringing valuables to the swim. Neither WNSC nor Everyone Active will be responsible for any loss of items during the session. Lockers will be available for valuables only.
* WNSC members should shower at home, pre and post swimming. The showers cubicles should only be used in exceptional circumstances.
* The Sauna and Steam rooms will NOT be available until the Government guidelines change.
* The toilets at the poolside will be open as usual.
* A maximum of 30 swimmers will be allowed in the pool at any one time but additional people may wait on the poolside. WNSC will operate a ‘one out, one in’ policy.
* There will be 3 lanes (Fast, Medium, and Slow) with a maximum of 10 people per lane. There should not be any overtaking or butterfly stroke. WNSC members should use the slow lane if they do not wish to swim continuously. Anyone in a lane who is not swimming should respect social distancing of 2 metres.
* After the swim, WNSC members should leave by the fire exit in the far corner of the swimming pool. Respect the one-way system around the main pool, follow the signs through the changing village, along the dividing blue wall, past the Steam Room and Sauna. Use the left door at the fire exit which leads directly out to the car park. At this point there will be no re-entry into the leisure centre.

# Track and Trace / Data protection

Should anyone who was in Watford Leisure Centre Central test positive for COVID-19 following the Friday night swim, WNSC may be asked to provide the contact details of attendees to NHS Track and Trace who would then contact the members and advise them to self-isolate (refer to UK Government guidelines). Only the names and contact numbers would be forwarded to NHS Track and Trace. The attendance register and membership renewal forms will remain in the possession of WNSC to comply with data protection.

# Membership renewals

The Secretary will email renewal forms to the membership and ask members to bring a completed form to the swim.

The WNSC Board has agreed that 5 months will be added to the expiry date for each membership renewal affected by the lockdown period since March 2020. Annual membership will remain at £5 for adults.

# Notes

* Under the COVID-19 restrictions, Everyone Active are not able to allow children under 16 into the swim.
* The WNSC Officers on door duty will be able to enter the premises at 8.50pm to set up the table and collect the WNSC folder from reception.
* WNSC will be able to access the WNSC letter box when the folder is returned to reception at the end of the evening

# In addition to the above Policy

The appointed WNSC COVID-19 club officers are Allan Kidney and Adrian Skelton.

The WNSC Friday night officers on door duty should also be responsible for ensuring that the above measures are carried out as far as possible.

WNSC members should not come to the swim if they, or any members of their household, or people that they have knowingly come into contact with, are COVID-19 symptomatic.

Trial visits will be suspended temporarily. Anyone with an existing visitor’s letter is welcome to attend the swim. Members of BN or other naturist clubs are also welcome to attend the swim.

WNSC will update their website prior to resuming the Friday night swim.

WNSC will renew their adverts with BN and other naturist publications after the Friday night swim has resumed.

# Debit card readers – Cashless

It has been agreed by the Officers of the WNSC Board that the use of debit card readers is not viable for WNSC at this time and therefore we will continue with cash payments for entry and membership renewals. This will be reviewed prior to the AGM 2021.