

## SwimWild Covid-19 Policy

At SwimWild, one of our promises to you is that we will always put your safety and well-being first and above anything else. Safety is our highest priority and something we relentlessly strive for, no matter what.

The following document contains important information with regards to SwimWild's policies in relation to COVID-19. We politely request that you read the following document very carefully, and make contact with us should you have any questions.

### STATEMENTS on CONTROL MEASURES

#### **Assumed risk nature**

The effects and risks of COVID-19 are well documented by the Scottish Government, UK Government and World Health Organisation. It is clear that a risk to health, and potentially life, will always be present for the foreseeable future (until this document effectively becomes surplus to requirements, and the risk of the virus has been declared to be completely eliminated by the organisations listed above).

Swimming activities all carry *assumed risk*, owing to the hazards which are undeniably and consistently present in the environments where these activities take place. Dynamic risk assessments and control measures are carried out and put in place, in order to attempt to minimise these risks, but there is a clear acceptance that it is impossible to completely remove them. In essence, COVID-19 simply sits alongside these additional hazards, and adds to the assumed risk nature of the activity. And likewise, control measures will be used to attempt to mitigate the risk of COVID-19, but there is a clear acceptance that this risk can *never* be completely removed; and indeed these control measures may not always be possible.

#### **Safety of participants, staff, volunteers and members of the public will remain the top priority**

There must be a clear understanding, that whilst the control measures will be attempted to be put in place, there may be circumstances which come about which mean they cannot be put in place. This is particularly the case, for example, if the safety of any participant, or a member of the public, becomes compromised through any other means. Should there be any reason the following control measures may not be put in place due to safety being compromised in some other way; SwimWild staff and volunteers are not duty bound to abide by these control measures and are free to choose not to employ them.

Subsequently, should this occur, and any health issues result for a participant, SwimWild or associated staff and volunteers cannot be held responsible or be liable for this.

#### **Shared responsibility**

It is a shared responsibility of all participants (not just SwimWild staff and volunteers) to ensure these control measures are attempted to be followed, along with the most up to date government guidance on the day of the event. SwimWild and associated staff & volunteers will make every effort to employ appropriate control measures, but there is an acceptance by all participants that they must also follow them, along with the approved government guidance on the day of the event. Should any participants choose not to follow the aforementioned guidance, choose not to employ any of the control measures, or

choose not to accept this shared responsibility at any point; SwimWilds' staff & volunteers cannot be held responsible for any health issues which may result.

Similarly, throughout the event, should any participant interact/come into contact with a member of the public who is symptomatic, or choosing not to follow this or the government's guidance, and health issues result, SwimWilds' staff & volunteers cannot be held responsible for this.

**Every attempt will be made to put in place appropriate control measures, but there is no guarantee they can always be put in place and maintained.**

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## **PARTICIPANT DECLARATION – COVID-19**

By entering this event, you are confirming that you have read and agree with the following statements below, AND all the information outlined within the "SwimWild COVID-19 Policy" Document.

- Taking part in the event carries assumed risk with respect to COVID-19. Whilst every effort will be made to reduce this risk, there is an acceptance that this risk can never be completely removed.
- SwimWild staff & volunteers cannot be held responsible for any COVID-19 related health issues, and subsequent personal effects of these health issues, which result from your participation in this event.
- There is an acceptance that it is the shared responsibility of participants, staff & volunteers to minimise the risk posed by COVID-19 through the use of appropriate control measures.

Upon entering the event you agree to:

- Abide by all government guidance aimed at preventing the transmission of the virus. Details of which can be accessed via the following links - <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Follow all directions provided by event staff & volunteers and set out in the signage within the venue.

You must not enter the venue if you believe that you may have been infected with Covid-19. Failure to comply with these measures shall entitle the event organisers to eject you from the event.