

Club Head Coach (Volunteer)



Chapeltown & District ASC is a friendly, community-based Swim England–affiliated club based in North Sheffield. Our swimmers range from those just starting out on their competitive journey to those who compete at county, regional, national and international level, and include age-group and Masters swimmers. We are seeking a positive, supportive Head Coach to lead our swimming programme.

The Head Coach of the Club is responsible for planning and delivering the Club's swimming programme for all squads, including coaching some training sessions, and for supporting swimmers in their (swimming) aims at all levels. They will support/mentor other coaches / poolside volunteers in their development as coaches.

Who we are looking for?

- You will be enthusiastic about swimming, and willing to help others enjoy the sport and achieve their ambitions – whether that be to become a national champion, improve their personal best time, or simply to keep fit.
- You will be reliable, approachable and friendly.
- You will be able to coach at all levels within the Club.
- You will have an appropriate level of technical knowledge (Ideally, you will hold a Swim England Level 2 coaching qualification or be working towards this),
- You will either hold a DBS and Swim England Safeguarding Certificate, or will be willing to undertake a DBS check and/or Swim England Safeguarding course.

What do we expect from you?

- To be responsible for the preparation and delivery of appropriate training sessions plan for all (eight) squads and/or delegate to other appropriate coaches/poolside volunteers when necessary.
- Support all swimmers to reach their full potential, offering individual feedback.
- Oversee and/or conduct regular appraisals of swimmers' progress and co-ordinate swimmer movements between squads in conjunction with other coaches.
- Provide leadership and support/guide/mentor less experienced coaches / poolside volunteers to grow in confidence to deliver sessions.
- Organised but relaxed — able to guide without micromanaging.
- Assist with the construction of the annual competition programme.
- Attend competitions and training sessions to support swimmers.
- Interact and communicate with Club Officers and Committee Members when required.

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- Produce monthly Head Coach report for committee and attend meetings when so required.
- Be comfortable working in a volunteer-run club.

What support can you expect from the Club?

- A friendly, welcoming club environment.
- A supportive committee, organising Admin, Membership, Finances, Parent and Club Communication, Competition Entries, Volunteer Recruitment and Welfare.
- Flexibility around training hours and commitments:
 - Training sessions are 1.5 – 2 hours in duration, and take place in the evening only (No early mornings!)
 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday.
- Located at Thorncliffe Leisure Centre or Hoyland Leisure Centre on Sundays.
- A team of volunteer Assistant Coaches and poolside helpers support session delivery across 6 lanes.
- Access to appropriate training, coaching development and CPD courses funded by the club.
- Travel expenses paid to training sessions and galas.

Level of commitment required:

This will vary depending on the size of the club, but will include:

- Preparation of all (eight) squads training sets
- Attendance at least 3 of 5 of weekly training sessions
- Attendance at some Open Meets (Monthly), shared with other coaches
- Attendance at internal progression galas (Quarterly)

What will you gain from the experience?

This is a pivotal and highly engaging role, in which success and impact on the Club will be determined by your own motivations and enthusiasms. As well as your ability to organise and manage the day-to-day coaching, this is an opportunity to take on a new challenge and support the development of your Club.

For more information, please contact Club Chair: Lynne Dawson

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You do not need a formal CV — we welcome informal conversations first.