

**Dear Water Polo Player** (this is a long email and it is important that you read it, It is also attached as a 'word' document, you may find it easier to print it off and read it at a more convenient time)

Croydon Amphibians Swimming Club is registering to become a Swim 21 accredited Club and the water polo discipline is part of the accreditation.

Swim 21 is the ASA's Club Development model - a planning tool, based on the principles of Long Term Athlete Development, enabling clubs to help athletes, teachers, coaches and administrators to achieve their full potential. It focuses particularly on the needs of athletes - striving to provide them with the best possible support and environment.

Swim 21 Accreditation is a 'Quality mark'. It recognises nationally and regionally the clubs that are committed to providing safe, effective and quality services for the benefit of their members.

Clubs work steadily towards the attainment of a series of outcomes all of which are seen as essential if the right level of support is to be provided at each stage of an athlete's development.

Swim 21 Accreditation is available to ASA clubs of all aquatic disciplines that are positioned at one or more of the four levels of:

Teaching  
Skill Development  
Competitive Development  
Performance

Croydon Amphibians (water polo) is applying for accreditation for Teaching and Skill Development

### **What it means for YOU**

- \* I shall be asking all players to support Swim 21 aims, and some younger players at Teaching and Skill Development levels will need to keep records of the facilities, training and competition they receive from Croydon Amphibians and its associated providers (RTC and school). Players will need to be keeping simple 'records of involvement' and 'log books'
- \* When and if asked during an Audit you need to be positive and supportive of Swim 21
- \* Croydon Amphibians should have access to additional funding which will keep your fees down !
- \* The quality of training we provide should get better

Our initial audit is on Tuesday 31st March and i shall be asking 2 players, and 2 parents to be our representatives, who will be interviewed by the Swim 21 assessor

There is more information about Swim 21 on [www.britishswimming.org](http://www.britishswimming.org)

Please support Croydon Amphibians water polo in achieving swim 21

Regards  
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