

Terms and Conditions for Open Water Swimming

The terms and Conditions detailed below apply to all members and non-members participating in open water swimming at Cotswold Country Park and Beach. Completion of the registration form together with this document acknowledges acceptance of these Terms and Conditions by the participant.

GENERAL

1. Completion of the registration form together with a signed copy of this document, is recognised as acknowledgment of the acceptance of these Terms and Conditions by the participant.
2. The participant is fully responsible for their actions whilst attending Cotswold Country Park and Beach (CCPB). This includes entrance and exit into the site and any other unrelated swimming activities.
3. CCPB does not accept responsibility for the actions of the participant, nor the consequences of such actions.
4. Each participant upon signing the registration form agrees that they are physically and mentally capable of participating in open water swimming.
5. The participant confirms that the kit they have chosen to wear during this activity is suitable and safe to do so.
6. There will be bouys in place to mark courses. It is the decision of the participant to decide whether to continue on the course or not.
7. CCPB reserves the right to shorten or adjust the course at anytime due to safety or maintenance. Participants do not have the right to claim a refund.
8. CCPB cannot be held responsible for damage or loss of property.
9. Each participant agrees to assign and grant the right and give permission for CCPB to use and publish any photography, or video made or taken on open water swimming.
10. Fees cannot be refunded or exchanged under any circumstances. CCPB reserves the right to cancel any session due to extreme weather conditions.
11. You agree that CCPB can contact you with regards to open water swimming and related site events (GDPR compliant).

THE RULES

12. Participants must be considerate to other site users and other swimmers.
13. A bright coloured swim hat must be worn by the participant (no exceptions). Participants will be refused entrance if they are not wearing a bright coloured swim hat.
14. It is the participant's decision whether or not to wear a wetsuit. If a decision is made not to wear a wetsuit a tow float must be used instead.
15. As a participant you must sign in when you enter the water and sign out when you are out the water. Failure to sign out at the end of swimming will result in your emergency contact being called.
16. CCPB implements a wrist band system that must be worn on the participant's wrist while swimming as a means of identification.
17. Sessions do not include parking and admission to site for open water swimming participants during session times only. Any admission outside of open water swimming sessions are subject to normal site charges.

18. Swim preparation area where people can acclimatise to the water is set up between the entrance and exit slip way and the first starting bouy. Particular care for other swimmers in this area must be noted.
19. The swim course begins at the first buoy NOT the slip way.
20. All swim courses are to be swam in a direction of 'Anti-clockwise'.
21. All participants must be able to swim 250m unaided.
22. All participants must be inducted on their first session. This can be booked by calling the site on 01285 868096 or emailing info@cotswoldcountryparkandbeach.com. Participants can also just turn up but we cannot guarentee induction if not booked in advance. Induction time (5 – 10 mins).