

Aquajets

Operating Policy

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Qualification: Trained and assessed externally by in2action

N.B. Participants must be aged 9 or over to participate in the Sea Scooter part of the session

This operating Policy must be read in conjunction with any existing onsite pool management safety policies.

Location and Site Specification

- A swimming pool, with a designated marked off area.
- A suitable area with no obstructions or hazards.
- Adequate space for the size of the group and nature of the activity.

Equipment

- Suitable equipment specific to the activity must be used (Floats, ducks, floating puzzles and numbers, sea scooters).
- Aquajets must be uniquely coded and inspections need to be logged on a monthly basis.
- Only safety checked kit must be used.
- Aquajets batteries must be fully charged
- Buoyancy aids must be available for anyone who requests them
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Pre-Activity:

- Ensure area to be used is appropriate and free of hazards.
- Ensure area for use is clearly roped off for the public to see.
- Lane ropes must be attached in a safe manner that will cause no trip hazard to the public or participants e.g. clipped inside the pool and not attached to grates or sunbeds etc.
- Session must be set up in accordance with training given.
- All equipment should be checked to ensure that it is suitable for use.
- All Aquajets must be checked that they are fully charged and the nose cones are correctly fitted and sealed in line with manufacturers recommendations

During Activity:

- Any equipment not in use must be placed in a safe area.
- A warm up must take place before the participants begin the Aquajet session.
- Long hair must be tied back and jewellery must be removed.
- All loose parts on clothing i.e. draw cords, need to be tucked in.
- A swim test must be conducted to ascertain ability and water confidence
- The Staff Member must demonstrate the correct procedure for fitting buoyancy aids.
- The Staff Member must ensure they do not push guests into the pool. They must also ensure participants/spectators do not push each other into the pool.
- The Staff Member must give a safety brief, to include:
 - Walking around the pool sides
 - No jumping or diving
 - No pushing each other into the pool from the pool side
 - How to get in and out of the water safely
 - To be careful when swimming near the pool sides
 - To keep their buoyancy aids on at all times.
- The Staff Member must explain safe practice at all times.
- The Staff Member must explain the dangers of equipment and emphasise the need to use it as directed.
- Before using the Aquajets the staff member must give a safety brief to include;
 - How to hold the Aquajet correctly
 - Where to position the body
 - To ensure all loose clothing is hidden away before use

- To keep hands safely away from the fan end of the Aquajet
- What will happen if they let go of the Aquajet at any time
- How to move the Aquajets around in the water and change direction
- To keep away from the pool sides at all times
- The Staff Member must explain and demonstrate the correct procedure for using the Aquajets.
- The Staff Member must explain the safe use of a mask if participants would like to use them.
- The Staff Member must explain each game.
- All participants must remain in the view of the Staff Member at all times.
- Competitions must be relevant to the groups/individuals age and ability.
- The Staff Member must remain vigilant and ensure participants are using the equipment in the correct manner.

Post Activity:

- All participants must be accounted for upon their return to the side of the pool.
- Buoyancy aids must be washed in clean water post activity.
- Aquajet batteries must be put on charge so that they are ready for the next session.
- The equipment must be checked and secured in a safe place, where it can dry out properly.
- Activity area must be left tidy and ready for next session.