



## **Knutsford Tri Club Safety Statement**

### **Risk Management**

Risk management is an essential factor in Knutsford Tri Club (KTC) 's ability to fulfil the duty of care to all members.

Every time we participate in an activity, we are exposing ourselves to various risks and effective risk management (Guidelines, Risk Assessment, Incident Reporting, Emergency Plans) helps us to consider these risks and reduce as far as is reasonably practicable.

Much of this is common sense and the actions detailed in our assessments, guidelines and plans are ones we are already familiar with; the key word here is reasonable. As an activity leader or participant, it is not reasonable to guarantee the safety of others, merely to act reasonably.

### **KTC Accountabilities**

KTC will aim to ensure that where appropriate the following will apply to club activities:

- There are risk assessments conducted including consideration given to first aid cover
- There are qualified coaches appropriate for the ability and size of the group, at all sessions where formal coaching is taking place
- There is a visual check within a formal coaching area (within reason) for unsafe objects/conditions
- There is access to a telephone to call for emergency assistance
- That accident/incident report forms are used to report all incidents and accidents
- Support training and coaching of members to be able to participate safely in club activities
- Formal review of KTC risk assessments following an incident/accident or at least every 3 years

### **KTC members accountabilities**

- When arranging any non-coached group training all participants must be made aware that the session is not coached and each club member is responsible for both their own safety and fitness to take part.
- Be aware of and adhere to KTC's session policies and rules (swim, bike and run)
- Inform the Club Membership Officer of any changes in health status or ability to participate
- Ensure all incident/accidents are reported that occur during sessions.
- Engage positively with safe delivery of club activities and suggest improvements where relevant

All members are reminded that they are responsible for their own safety and that they have a duty of care not only to themselves but to members of the public and to the persons they are training with. i.e. the duty of care requires you to consider the consequences of your acts or omissions and to ensure that those acts and/or omissions do not give rise to a foreseeable risk of injury to another person.

Part of fulfilling this responsibility is to read and understand the club policies, guidelines, risk assessments, listen to briefings, focus on the activity and contribute to supporting effective risk management.

## **Individual Insurance**

All members take part in activities at their own risk, we strongly urge all members to obtain appropriate 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance as a minimum. It should be noted that no liability shall be attached to Knutsford Triathlon Club (including its officers and members) for any injury, loss or damage suffered.

[Insurance can be obtained from many sources including via BTF membership  
https://www.britishtriathlon.org/join#discover](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/join#discover)

## **Club Insurance**

KTC's insurance covers club events attended by club members, a non-member may attend as a potential new member, but this limited to 3 occasions and thereafter membership must be obtained to maintain a valid cover.

As an affiliated club of British Triathlon (including home nations) the insurance in place will protect the club and its committee members if you are deemed negligent in injuring another person or causing damage to another person's property.

- Public liability - Accidental bodily injury to third parties and / or damage to third party property arising out of the insured activities
- Employer liability - Protection for damages and legal costs arising out of death or bodily injury caused to employees or volunteers in the course of their engagement with the club
- Professional Indemnity - cover for negligent acts, errors or omissions in respect of a professional opinion, including injury following tuition, advice, coaching or instruction, against claims made during the period of insurance
- Directors and Officers - Protects an individual's personal liability arising from actions in their capacity as a director, officer or trustee, against claims made during the period of insurance for a wrongful act.

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