



## MLC School Aquatic Centre Junior Sport Policy

### MLC SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION POLICY

The MLC School Aquatic Centre strives to provide physical activities and programs for children that adhere to the guidelines established by the Australian Sports Commission, Swimming Australia's Junior Sport Policy and Gymnastics Australia's guiding principles. These policies are designed to cover children involved in sport between the ages of 4–17 years of age. Junior Sports provide the foundation for a unique life skill and sporting experience through to a variety of programs and experiences within the comprehensive swimming and gymnastics structure offered at MLC School.

Physical activity is essential for the normal growth and development of the child. However, there can be potentially harmful effects for young children through poorly managed training and programs and training. This can adversely affect the dynamics and timing of growth and physical maturation.

As such, health and welfare of junior participants is central to all of our objectives, which include providing:

- Fun experiences
- Safe and supportive environments
- Skill development, challenge and the joy of achieving
- Access for all to participate
- A clear pathway for improvement
- Equal opportunities for all young people

### RISK WARNING

**Swimming:** The potential risks to an individual who swims at MLC School Aquatic Centre include death by drowning or brain damage due to a loss of consciousness and lack of oxygen while submerged in the pool. An individual is also at risk of compact injuries, including bruises, cuts and broken bones, from entering the pool or slipping around the pool area. Although MLC School seeks to maintain a high level of cleanliness, an individual may also be at risk of having an increased risk of illness from any contaminants in the water. Please note that any child aged 10 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older while attending aquatic activities.

**Gymnastics:** The potential risks to an individual who is involved in gymnastic activities at MLC School Aquatic Centre include compact injuries such as bruises, cuts, broken bones and head injuries from falling during the activities, whether such a fall is off gymnastic equipment or not. An individual is also at risk of soft tissue injuries incurred through gymnastic activities, including tearing or straining muscles, ligaments or tendons. Please note that any child aged 10 and under must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older whilst in the Aquatic Centre outside of their gymnastics class.



## Terms and Conditions

All participants must abide by the general terms and conditions of the MLC School Aquatic Centre. Management reserves the right to refuse entry or cancel a class without refund or request any person to leave the premises if that person does not behave in a responsible manner, uses abusive language, is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol or does not adhere to the general conditions of entry. Every effort will be made to adhere to the published timetable however, MLC School Aquatic Centre reserves the right to change and alter classes as necessary.

### PAYMENT OF FEES

Direct debits are conducted either fortnightly/monthly /term basis depending on which program you are a member of. All Swim School direct debits are monthly, recreation gymnastics direct debits are term based and competitive gymnastics are fortnightly. Please refer to the Direct Debit terms and conditions regarding direct debit payments upon entry of direct debit details in the portal. MLC School Aquatic Centre reserves the right to cancel bookings of:

- Aquatic: customers with two or more consecutive direct debit rejections
- Gymnastics competitive: customers with two or more consecutive direct debit rejections
- Gymnastics recreation: any outstanding amount/direct debit rejection

### PRIVACY

We acknowledge that MLC School may from time to time collect personal information about parents and students, which may be necessary for the Swim School/Gymnastics Club's function or activities. We authorise the Swim School/Gymnastics Club to use and disclose information in such a manner as the Manager/Gymnastics Program Manager may deem appropriate. Reasons can include, but are not limited to; student's health, care, welfare, development and the associated registration for athletes with Gymnastics NSW/Gymnastics Australia. We give permission for photographs of the student to be used for promotional and other marketing material. We acknowledge having read the School's Privacy Policy.

### RECEPTION AND ACCESS

Wheelchair/pram access can be arranged. Customers that wish to be issued with a pram access swipe pass must provide a signed copy of the pram access contract prior to a pass being issued, a \$5.00 refundable deposit is required prior to issue of these passes. MLC School Aquatic Centre cannot guarantee the availability of pram access passes. A replacement fee of \$10.00 applies to lost pram access passes.

### ASSESSMENTS

Students that have not attended Swim School Aquatic activities at MLC School Aquatic Centre will need to undertake an assessment to determine their appropriate level. For lapsed gymnastics enrolments, please contact the gymnastics department. Current students enrolled into programs are assessed formally and informally on an ongoing basis, for both Aquatic and Gymnastics programs. For feedback and updates on progression, please speak with:

- Aquatic: The Instructor in Charge on duty
- Gymnastics: Gymnastics Department via email [gymnastics@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gymnastics@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au)

### MAKE UP LESSONS

***Learn to Swim and Learn to Swim Squad bookings only. No make-up lessons for Competitive Swimming Squads/Gymnastics program.***

Regular attendance to classes is always recommended, however there may be occasions where this is not possible. Where a student is unable to attend their regular class, parents may cancel their child's attendance via the MLC School Aquatic Centre online portal. Customers will only be eligible for make-up lessons where advance notice has been provided. Make-up lessons for missed classes can only be booked via the MLC School Aquatic Centre online portal. Customers are allocated ten make-up lesson per calendar year. Each is only valid for one month following a cancelled class.

Make-up lessons are subject to availability. **NO credit or refund can be issued in lieu of make-ups.** When booking a make-up lesson please ensure that the time is suitable. Once booked, a make-up lesson cannot be changed or amended. **Once a booking has been cancelled, all remaining make-up lessons**



**become void. Make-up lessons are non-transferable.** Exceptions will not be made so we kindly ask that you adhere to the policy in order to avoid disappointment or refusal of a make-up lesson.

### **ACTIVE AND CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

ACTIVE KIDS vouchers can be utilised at MLC School Aquatic Centre for swimming and gymnastics programs. CREATIVE KIDS vouchers can be utilised at the aquatic centre ONLY for gymnastics programs. To be eligible, students **must participate in a minimum of eight weeks** in their chosen program Refunds for any unused portion of the Active Kids vouchers cannot be provided.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

To cancel enrolment in the Learn to Swim Program, please advise the Aquatic Centre Office staff member **at least two days before the start of a month**, preferably during office hours. This allows management to cancel your booking before the direct debit is charged for the new month. If the cancellation is left later, the enrolment may not be cancelled before the next direct debit occurs. Cancellations can be completed via email [swim@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:swim@mlcsyd.nsw.edu.au), call 02 8741 3154 or speak to a member of the Aquatic Centre office staff.

There are **NO** refunds or credits provided for gymnastic cancellations. Cancellations for gymnastics bookings take place during a withdrawal period of the preceding term (Week 7-8). Following this period, there will be no refunds or credits provided for cancellations.

### **SUPERVISION – AQUATIC CENTRE**

Parents are not permitted to leave children under the age of 10 unaccompanied at any time whilst in the Aquatic Centre. Children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older at all times.

This applies to all activities within the Aquatic Centre inclusive of Gymnastics programs. Gymnastics students under the age of 12 must be collected in person at the conclusion of class at the pool deck exit of the aquatic centre. MLC School After school care students can be returned to MLC by a member of staff if they have registered through the parent portal. A LATE PICK UP FEE of \$25 will apply for any gymnast aged 12 and under left unattended after the conclusion of classes.

### **HEALTH ISSUES**

For learn to swim, appropriate and suitable clean swimming attire is required for entry to the pool. We request that children under four years of age wear two (2) layers bathers with elastic waist and leg bands or aqua nappies. Disposable or cloth nappies are not permitted. Children that present to a lesson without two layers will not be permitted to enter the class. All programs are subject to change based on COVID-19 guidelines provided by governing bodies, inclusive of access to the centre.

### **DISCOUNTED CLASSES**

Students that currently attend MLC School receive a discount on all Learn to Swim and swimming squad activities. A smaller discount applied for MLC School students for gymnastics classes. Additionally, discounts can be applied for swimming families who have multiple family members or if students swim multiple times throughout a week.

### **MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Please inform the MLC School Aquatic Centre office of any medical considerations relating to your child. This information is important to the staff for the safety of your child and other children. In the case of an extended illness or injury please contact the MLC School Aquatic Centre office with an appropriate medical certificate and we will discuss any options available to you. Medicare card numbers for gymnastics are asked to be placed onto the account in case of emergency during classes.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO**

Photography and video are not permitted within MLC School Aquatic Centre by visitors and customers. Please respect the privacy of other users during your visit to the centre. Repeat offenders may be refused entry to the centre.