

## MSA Levels of Coaching Engagement

Masters Swimming Australia (MSA) is encouraging all Clubs to ensure their coaches on deck have the appropriate training and skills to deliver a safe programme to swimmers. The organisation and its insurers have the expectation that all coaches on pool deck are qualified and hold a level of accreditation **by January 2024**.

To encourage a safe swimming environment, MSA is implementing Coaching Qualification Guidelines that require coaches engaging on pool deck with a Masters Club training session, to have current qualifications which are recognised by MSA and their Insurers.

Masters Swimming Australia recognises the tremendous contribution that members undertake in holding training sessions and want to ensure they are recognised with the appropriate skills and qualifications.

The table below outlines the coaching levels that Clubs can follow to ensure their coaches meet the MSA Coaching Qualification standards and ensure they are covered by the MSA Insurance Policy.

MSA Coaching Qualification Guidelines			
Level	Status	Insurance Cover	Next step
<b>Accredited Masters Club Coach</b>	Completed one of the pathways to accreditation.	<b>Yes.</b>	Required to complete re-accreditation within 6 months of expiry every three (3) years. <a href="#">Masters Swimming Coaching</a>
<b>Masters Club Coach Trainee</b>	Commenced the process of accreditation following the applicable pathway. Is supervised by an approved person <sup>1</sup> when gaining practical experience as a coach.	<b>Yes.</b> Covered by MSA Policy as a trainee under supervision of an approved person.	Complete pathway to Club Coach Accreditation within twelve (12) months of commencement. <a href="#">Masters Swimming Coaching</a>
<b>Professional Coach engaged by a Masters Club to provide coaching services</b>	Holds current Coaching qualifications with another swimming body e.g., ASCTA, Swim Australia, Triathlon, Austswim	<b>Not</b> covered by MSA Policy as a coach. Would need to arrange own insurance.	Recommend the Club Coach Workshop as PD Certification for full Masters understanding. Can “bridge” to full Club Coach Accreditation Course via the RCC Pathway if they hold the PD Certificate. <a href="#">Masters Swimming Coaching</a>
<b>Person who steps up to lead the session program from pool deck.</b>	Person is generally leading a program written by an accredited Masters coach but is not a coach.	<b>Not</b> covered by MSA Policy as a coach.	Must complete the online Club Coach Workshop (PD) to be covered by MSA insurance by Jan 2024. <a href="#">Masters Swimming Coaching</a>
<b>Person who organises the swimmers into the pool and participates as a swimmer.</b>	Person acts as a voluntary organiser of the swimmers into the pool only, does not coach nor instruct the swimmers in any way.	<b>Yes.</b> Covered by MSA Policy as a swimmer <b>not</b> as a coach.	Keep having fun swimming!

\*1: An approved person can be a Head Coach, a mentor accredited coach, a Swim Australia coach, a club official, an aquatic centre manager, or Branch Coach Educator