## **Acceptable use of Social Media statement**

Ballymena Amateur Swimming Club understands the importance of new technology for children and young people's development. However we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place by sports clubs to ensure children and young people remain safe whilst online or using social media.

We ask that all parents / carers spend a few minutes to read through and discuss this statement with their child/children and if there any issues please contact Susan Crawford (*Children's Officer*) at the Ballymena Amateur Swimming Club

- I will be responsible for my behaviour when using the internet and social media at the sports club, including the content I access and how I conduct myself.
- I will not deliberately create, browse or access material that could be considered offensive or illegal. If I accidentally come across any such material, I will report this to a member of staff.
- I will not use social media or the internet to send anyone material that could be considered threatening, offensive, upsetting, bullying or illegal.
- I understand that all my use of internet and social media is potentially visible to everyone in the online world and that any issues involving my behaviour may be addressed by my coach or other staff members at the club.
- I will not give out any of my personal information such as name, age, address or telephone number online.
- I will not share my passwords with anyone else.
- I will not arrange to meet someone that I have met online unless accompanied by a member of staff or parent/carer.
- I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe and if they are not followed my parents/carers may be contacted.