



MEDIA STATEMENT

Is your Child Swimming with a SSA Accredited Swim School/Centre?

Johannesburg, Thursday, 6th June 2013 – Swimming South Africa is running a new national campaign to educate parents, communities, affiliates and the media on swim schools accreditation with the federation. Keeping in line with our vision ‘to make every South African a swimmer’ the federation wants to emphasize the importance for parents to only register their kids with accredited SSA swim schools /centre and by having only qualified instructors teaching them. As the national governing body of aquatics, the safety of all our athletes is a big priority for the federation.

Parents I am sure you are aware that swimming is a life skill. When you register your child for swimming lessons do you make certain that the swim school is registered? Just like when you enrol your child to start grade 1 you make sure that the school is registered with the Department of Education. Same thinking it is your responsibility as a parent to make sure that the swim school of your choice is registered with Swimming South Africa. An accredited swim school will clearly display the certificate of accreditation which will have the physical address of the school or a plaque with details of the school. Teachers at schools are qualified and registered with a professional education body same for swimming instructors they must be registered with their Provincial body and Swimming South Africa. Every Province will have a list of registered swim schools and registered instructors that are recognised by the federation.

Remember: Only register your child with a SSA accredited Swim School

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Swimming South Africa is the governing body of aquatics in South Africa.

Its objective is to encourage the practice of aquatic disciplines for all in South Africa with the purpose of promoting swimming as a life skill through Learn To Swim programmes; providing healthy exercise to South Africans of all ages and races; recruiting recreational swimmers to compete in the various competitions; and promoting competition and athlete development to the highest level.

Please visit www.swimsa.org for further information and news regarding Swimming South Africa.